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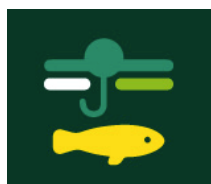
Welcome to Issue 48 of AGRINFO Update. The European Commission has issued a proposal to amend hygiene rules for tuna products, which is open for public feedback. Comments on these rules, and on proposed changes to EU maximum residue levels (MRLs) for benthiavalicarb and benfluralin, can also be made to the World Trade Organization. New EU Regulations include the lifting of restrictions on imports of poultry products from Bosnia and Herzegovina, and restrictions on these products from North Macedonia. The EU has also recently approved the use of certain glazing agents, sweeteners, and biocidal products.

This issue includes our latest quarterly review of recent developments in EU trade policy (January–March), and a summary of March RASSF notifications.

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## LATEST

### *New Regulations or policies under development*



#### Hygiene rules

EU proposes to amend hygiene rules for tuna frozen in brine, and for certain highly refined products. Feedback to EU by **23 April**; to WTO by **24 May**

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### *Changes notified to World Trade Organization*

Send feedback via your [National SPS/TBT notification authority](#) within the 60-day time limit



#### Pesticide MRLs

EU proposes to:

- set **benthiavalicarb** MRLs to LOD for all products, with impacts on grapes and tomatoes
- lower MRLs for **benfluralin**, with potential impact on salsifies

Feedback on both by **24 May**

## New Regulations coming into force and application dates



### Animal health

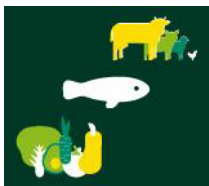
EU restricts imports of poultry products from North Macedonia, and lifts restrictions on poultry meat and products from Bosnia and Herzegovina. Applies from **26 March 2025**

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### Food additives

- EU approves use of [glazing agents](#) (E 471, E 903) and carriers (E 322, E 570). Applies from **22 April 2025**
- EU authorises [steviol glycosides](#) produced by fermentation using *Yarrowia lipolytica* as food additives (sweeteners). Applies from **23 April 2025**



### Biocides

EU approves use of sodium hypochlorite (bleach) as a biocidal product. Applies from **13 April 2025**

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## Explainers



### Official controls

38 AGRINFO partner countries received RASFF notifications in March 2025

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### Trade

Quarterly review of recent developments in EU trade policy

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