



Welcome to Issue 10 of AGRINFO UPDATE – a regular information service keeping you up-to-date on evolving EU policies, regulations and standards that have potential impacts on agricultural value chains in low- and middle-income countries.

Find links below to our website at www.agrininfo.eu, where we give clear summaries about recent and upcoming changes, and actions that companies or authorities need to take to meet the new rules.

In this issue we highlight new World Trade Organization notifications, indicating where and when exporting countries have an opportunity to comment on proposed changes to MRLs and use of food additives. There are also new regulations that concern exports of some vegetables and cereals, including plant health rules to manage fall armyworm. Finally, our explanatory document on the EU organic regulations has been updated with links to FAQs recently published by the European Commission – these clarify some important concerns and definitions in the new rules.

If you need more information, eligible stakeholders can contact us via the [Ask AGRINFO](#) service*.

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Explainer



Organic production

Update on the EU Organic Regulation, highlighting the publication of FAQs that give important clarifications

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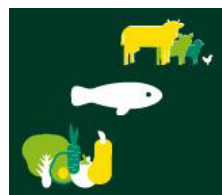
New Regulations or policies under development



Biotechnologies

EU proposes new rules on crops produced by new genomic techniques
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Organic production

European Parliament rejects Commission's proposed rules on organic sea salt

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Changes notified to World Trade Organization

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Pesticide MRLs

[WTO SPS consultations](#)

EU proposes to reduce MRLs for:

- [oxamyl](#) – deadline **27 August**
- [flutriafol](#) – deadline **28 August**
- [haloxyfop](#) – deadline **4 September**
- [thiacloprid](#) – deadline **4 September**
- [indoxacarb](#) – deadline **5 September**



Food additives

EU proposes to lower maximum levels of nitrites and nitrates as food additives in cheese and meat products. [WTO SPS consultation](#) – deadline **19 September 2023**

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Veterinary medicinal products

EU proposes adapted model health certificates to cover antimicrobials. [WTO SPS consultation](#) – deadline **16 September 2023**

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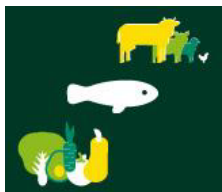
New Regulations coming into force and application dates



Priority pests

Extended measures against introduction of fall armyworm into the EU. Applies from **12 June 2023**

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Food additives

EU introduces stricter specifications for mono- and diglycerides of fatty acids (E 471). Applies from **30 July 2023**

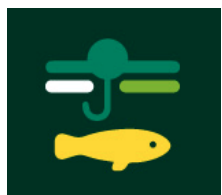
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Biocides

Chrysanthemum cinerariaefolium extract from pyrethrum flowers approved as active substance. Applies from **30 July 2023**

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Common Fisheries Policy

Signing and provisional application of EU–Madagascar Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement. Applies from **1 July 2023**

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