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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.

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In this issue we report on the continuation of preferential trade for GSP countries, and the European Parliament's vision for a new EU protein strategy. We highlight two proposals on food flavourings that are open for comments to the WTO SPS Committee. There are also new Regulations on pesticide MRLs, food additives, organic and animal health controls, and Ukraine import restrictions.

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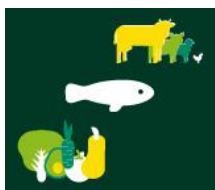
Common Agricultural Policy

European Parliament presents its vision for a new EU protein strategy

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Changes notified to World Trade Organization

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Food additives

[WTO SPS consultations](#) – deadline **26 November 2023**

- Proposal to limit the use of flavouring substances [2-phenyl-2-butenal, 5-methyl-2-phenyl-2-hexenal, and 4-methyl-2-phenyl-2-pentenal](#)
- Proposal to withdraw [eight flavouring substances](#)

New Regulations coming into force and application dates



Pesticide maximum residue levels

Changes apply from **2 and 13 April 2024**:

- [pyriproxyfen](#) (pome fruits, cranberries, okra, cucumbers, gherkins)

Changes apply from **8 April 2024**:

- [methomyl](#) (peppers, melons, watermelons, pumpkins, lettuces, beans, peas, soyabeans, cotton seeds)
- [teflubenzuron](#) (apples, pears, quinces, medlars, peppers, aubergines, okra, courgettes, Brussels sprouts, cabbages)
- [etoxazole](#) (citrus, pome & stone fruits, bananas, fruiting vegetables, herbs, teas, hops)

Changes apply from **25 April 2024**:

- [triflumuron](#) (apples, pears, apricots, peaches, plums)
- [carbetamide](#) (lettuces, broad-leaved endives)



Food additives

EU bans use of stearyl tartrate (E 483) in foods. Applies from **23 April 2024**

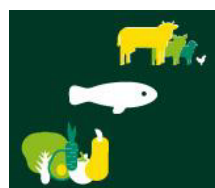
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Food additives

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