



Welcome to Issue 14 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.agrinfo.eu](http://www.agrinfo.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.

This issue highlights proposed changes where feedback to the EU and the World Trade Organization (WTO) is currently open. In particular, the public consultation on the effectiveness of current EU Regulations on unfair trading practices is an important opportunity for exporters who sell direct to EU buyers to share their experience and views.

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

## LATEST

### *New Regulations or policies under development*



#### **Unfair trading practices**

European Commission evaluates effectiveness of current rules on unfair trading practices in food supply chain. EU consultation – feedback by **29 November 2023**

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#### **Plant health certification**

European Commission proposes improvements to plant health-related import procedures. EU consultation – feedback by **26 December 2023**

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#### **Pesticides**

EU divided on approval of glyphosate

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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



### Feed safety

EU proposes maximum levels of cross-contamination of antimicrobial active substances in non-target feed, and methods of analysis. EU and WTO consultations – deadlines EU: **9 November 2023**, SPS: **5 December 2023**

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### Food additives

Commission to include iron milk caseinate as a source of iron for use in certain foods and food supplements. TBT consultation – deadline **19 December 2023**

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## New Regulations coming into force and application dates



### Organic production

EU adds new substances for use in organic production. Applies from **14 November 2023**

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### Food additives

EU reduces maximum levels of nitrites and nitrates as food additives in cheese, meat, and fishery products. Applies from **29 April 2024**

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### New pesticide MRLs

EU to raise MRLs for nicotine on spices. Applies from **early 2024**

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### Common Fisheries Policy

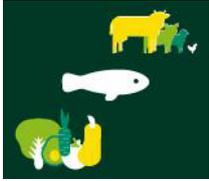
Signing and provisional application of EU–Kiribati Fisheries Partnership Agreement. Applies provisionally from **2 October 2023**

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### Veterinary residues

- MRL for [ketoprofen](#) set in poultry but not eggs. Applies from **9 November 2023**
- Introduction of MRL for [rafoxanide](#) in milk from cattle and sheep. Applies from **12 November 2023**



### Novel foods

- EU updates specifications for [partially defatted chia seed](#) (*Salvia hispanica*) powders
- EU authorises [3-Fucosyllactose produced from \*E. coli\* K-12 DH1](#) as a novel food



### Biotechnologies

EU approves imports of various GM maize varieties

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