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Welcome to Issue 53 of AGRINFO UPDATE. This issue highlights upcoming changes on animal welfare, a review of synergists and safeners in pesticides, and public consultation on the EU–Mauritania Fisheries Partnership Agreement. New Regulations coming into force include the authorisation of sodium ascorbate (E 301) in infant formula, and MRL changes for ethephon and chlorpropham, among others.

This issue also includes the latest reports from the EU on food safety and plant health non-compliances, with significant numbers of AGRINFO partner countries receiving notifications. Non-compliances can lead to the application of increased controls by EU authorities, and we summarise the latest official changes, expected to apply from August. AGRINFO recently completed a study to understand the effect that increased controls have on exporting countries, and the long-term impacts on trade. The findings have been used to develop a new [Guidance document](#).

AGRINFO has also recently published a Guide on exporting [aquaculture products](#) to the EU.

Finally, in response to increased interest and requests for information on expected changes to rules concerning mineral oil hydrocarbons (MOH), AGRINFO has updated its [Guidance on MOH](#), and recordings of our recent [MOH webinar series](#) are now available.

AGRINFO provides 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, where we give clear summaries about recent and upcoming changes, and actions that companies or authorities need to take to meet the new rules. If you need more information, eligible stakeholders can contact us via the [Ask AGRINFO](#) service*.

LATEST

New Regulations or policies under development



Animal welfare

EU to review on-farm animal welfare rules, including for imports – call for evidence for impact assessment. Feedback to EU by **16 July**

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Pesticides

European Commission proposes list of safeners and synergists in pesticides for review. Feedback to EU by **8 July**

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Pesticide MRLs

EU proposes to amend MRLs for ethephon – corrigendum

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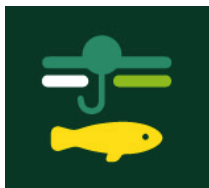


Common Fisheries Policy

EU and Mauritania Fisheries Partnership Agreement – EU public consultation. Feedback to EU by **10 July**

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Private standards



New standard

Aquaculture Stewardship Council releases its Farm Standard. Mandatory for ASC certified farms from **1 May 2027**

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New Regulations coming into force and application dates



Official controls

EU increases official controls on certain foods from specific non-EU countries (expected **August 2025**)

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Pesticide MRLs

EU lowers MRL for chlorpropham on potatoes. Applies from **6 January 2026**

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Animal health

Foot and mouth disease: EU removes Eswatini from list of countries that meet EU animal health requirements. Applies from **14 June 2025**

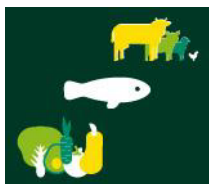
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Tariffs & quotas

EU increases 2025 quotas for fish from Cabo Verde. Applies from **1 January to 31 December 2025**

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Food additives

EU authorises use of sodium ascorbate (E 301) in vitamin A preparations for infant formula. Applies from **2 July 2025**

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Reports on non-compliance



Official controls

37 AGRINFO partner countries received RASFF notifications in May 2025

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Plant health

March 2025 saw 74 interceptions due to harmful organisms involving 26 AGRINFO partner countries, and 485 interceptions due to other non-conformities involving 41 partner countries

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AGRINFO Publications



Exporting aquaculture products to the EU

AGRINFO has published [new guidance](#) introducing current and upcoming changes **introducing current and upcoming EU regulations**. Available in English, French, and Spanish



Mineral oil hydrocarbons

- Now updated – the [AGRINFO guide to MOH](#): EU regulatory changes coming in 2027, the sectors most affected, and how to prepare for the new rules (in English, French, and Spanish)
- New EU rules on MOH were discussed in our June webinars. [View the videos](#) (English, French, Portuguese)



Temporary increase of official controls – An introduction

This new AGRINFO guide to Regulation 2019/1793 is available in [English](#), [French](#), and [Spanish](#). It describes why and how increased official controls are established, the implications they have for operators and competent authorities, and their short- and long-term impacts on trade.

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