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Welcome to Issue 54 of AGRINFO UPDATE. Latest changes to EU legislation reported here include increased maximum residue levels (MRLs) for a number of pesticides, affecting imports of melons, watermelons, blackberries, raspberries, dried peas and beans, radishes, Roman rocket, and certain roots and tubers. New EU pesticide approvals, renewals, and extensions are also covered.

We highlight new legislation under development where there are opportunities to give feedback. This includes the proposed EU methodology to calculate recycled plastic content in single-use plastic beverage bottles. Our latest overview of the EU consultations expected in the coming months gives advance warning, allowing time to prepare your feedback and collect any data or evidence that will help support your position.

Also, see the latest report on non-compliances with EU food law and agri-food fraud. Informing the authorities, producers, and export companies concerned as soon as possible is critical so they can take action and prevent a recurrence.

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# **LATEST**

# New Regulations or policies under development



## **Food contact materials**

EU proposes method to calculate recycled plastic content in single-use plastic beverage bottles – feedback by **19 August** 

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### Planned consultations: Future opportunities for feedback

Overview of EU policies and regulations under development where non-EU countries can provide feedback: **mid-2025** 

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### **Geographical indications**

EU Register of PDOs and PGIs for non-EU products so far in 2025:

- Applications
- Updates



# New Regulations coming into force and application dates



#### **Pesticide MRLs**

EU increases maximum residue levels from 23 July 2025 for:

- azoxystrobin on melons and watermelons
- hexythiazox on blackberries and raspberries
- <u>isoxaben</u> on dried beans and peas
- propamocarb on radishes and Roman rocket/rucola
- <u>tefluthrin</u> on certain roots and tubers



# **High-risk plants**

Stricter EU import conditions for Egyptian ware potatoes to prevent entry of potato brown rot. Applies **from 23 July 2025** 

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### Tariffs & quotas

EU re-establishes tariff rate quotas for agri-food products from Ukraine. Applies from 6 June to 31 December 2025

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# **Biotechnologies**

EU authorises three genetically modified soybeans: MON 87705, MON 87708, MON 89788. Applies **until 6 July 2035** 

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# **Novel/traditional foods**

EU authorises sale of roasted baru (*Dipteryx alata*) nuts. Applies **from 21**July 2025

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#### **Pesticides**

EU pesticide approvals, renewals, and extensions so far in 2025

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# Reports on non-compliance



#### Official controls

Latest EU overview of food found not to comply with EU law

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