



Welcome to Issue 15 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, where we give clear summaries about recent and upcoming changes, and actions that companies or authorities need to take to meet the new rules.

As always, we give information on proposed changes that have just been notified to the World Trade Organization (WTO) where there is an opportunity for exporting countries to give feedback. We also highlight the new Regulations coming into force, including MRL changes related to two insecticides – oxamyl and indoxacarb – that are extensively used worldwide on fruit and vegetables.

If you need more information, eligible stakeholders can contact us via the Ask AGRINFO service*.

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New Regulations or policies under development



Pesticides

EU to renew approval of glyphosate

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Common Fisheries Policy

Commission proposes fishing opportunities in EU- and non-EU waters for 2024–2026

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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



Health claims

EU to reject health claims for:

- monacolin K in red yeast rice
- isomaltulose

WTO TBT consultations – feedback by 26 December 2023







Biotechnologies

EU proposes new rules on crops produced by new genomic techniques. WTO TBT consultation – feedback by 13 January 2024

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Veterinary residues

EU proposes MRLs for sodium salicylate in chicken and poultry (other than turkey). WTO SPS consultation – feedback by 15 January 2024

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New Regulations coming into force and application dates



Product marketing standards

EU publishes revised marketing standards for eggs – applies from 28 November 2023 and 8 November 2024

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Common Fisheries Policy

EU strengthens control and inspection of its Indian Ocean tropical tuna fisheries – applies from **5 October 2023**

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Pesticides

EU decides not to renew approval of:

- metiram applies from 11 November 2023
- clofentezine applies from 28 November 2023



Pesticide MRLs

EU to reduce MRLs for:

- oxamyl on all products from March 2024
- indoxacarb on all products from June 2024
- <u>dithianon</u> on apples and pears from early 2025

Explainers



Food safety

Background information on the rules on food irradiation

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