



Welcome to Issue 16 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.

The European Parliament's November meetings resulted in the surprise rejection of the Commission's proposal for a revised Sustainable Use of Pesticides Regulation, and agreed negotiating positions on two major Green Deal initiatives: the ban of products made with forced labour, and sustainable packaging. The European Commission has notified the World Trade Organization of MRL reductions on widely used pesticides including carbendazil and deltamethrin.

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New Regulations or policies under development



Pesticides

European Parliament rejects proposed Commission strategy for the sustainable use of pesticides

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Forced labour

European Parliament agrees its position on ban on products made with forced labour

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Packaging

European Parliament adopts its proposals for new packaging rules

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Changes notified to World Trade Organization

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Pesticide MRLs

EU proposes to set MRLs for [benomyl](#) on all products at 0.01–0.05 mg/kg – **deadline 22 January 2024**

EU proposes to reduce MRLs for:

- [carbendazim](#) on all products except for lemons, limes, mandarins, and okra – **deadline 22 January 2024**
- [thiophanate-methyl](#) on all products except limes and okra – **deadline 22 January 2024**

EU proposes to amend MRLs for:

- [thiabendazole](#) on avocados and papayas – **deadline 22 January 2024**
- [metalaxyl](#) with impact on lemons, apples, pears, onions, globe artichokes, and soyabeans – **deadline 22 January 2024**
- [deltamethrin](#) with impact on fruits, vegetables, oil seeds, and spices – **deadline 22 January 2024**
- [fosetyl-AI](#) with impacts on sweetcorn and certain herbal infusions/spices – **deadline 23 January 2024**
- [trifloxystrobin](#) with impacts on passionfruit and Chinese cabbage – **deadline 22 January 2024**

New Regulations coming into force and application dates



Trade policy

EU extends current GSP rules as negotiations continue on new rules – entered into force **28 November 2023**

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Animal health

Identification of ungulates for export; and amended veterinary disease control zones in Botswana – applies from **14 December 2023**

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Feed additives

EU authorises certain feed additives – applies from **18 & 19 December 2023**

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Pesticides

EU renews approval of [glyphosate](#) – applies from **6 December 2023**

EU has not renewed approval of [triflusalufuron-methyl](#) – applies from **21 November 2023**

EU has not renewed approval of [benthiavalicarb](#) – applies from **11 December 2023**

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