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Welcome to Issue 60 of AGRINFO UPDATE. We report on a new public consultation – an important opportunity for stakeholders to give their views on aspects of the organic rules that could be simplified. The European Commission has also proposed a simplification to the EU Deforestation Regulation; and discussions are under way on reducing the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for a number of pesticides. Recently published Regulations include the approval of four additional organic control bodies, and the authorisation of food additives.

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Upcoming EU rules on two substances of concern – bisphenol A (BPA) and PFAS: 25 November, 3 and 4 December, select your preferred language/time zone

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Organic production

EU to propose limited simplification of organic production rules – send feedback by **18 November**

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Deforestation

European Commission proposes simplifications to EU Deforestation Regulation to reduce burden on operators

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Pesticide MRLs

EU discusses reducing maximum residue levels to the limit of determination, with particular impacts on products listed here:

- [azocyclotin and cyhexatin](#) – apples, oranges, grapes
- [chlorfenapyr](#) – tea
- [diazinon](#) – cranberries, pineapples, radishes, kohlrabies, hops, spices, sugar beet roots, animal products
- [dicofol](#) – melons, cotton seeds, teas, hops, poultry products
- [endosulfan](#) – tea, soybeans, cotton seeds, spices
- [fenarimol](#) – certain fruits and vegetables, and hops
- [fenpropathrin](#) – citrus fruits, strawberries, melons, tea
- [profenofos](#) – mangoes, tomatoes, cotton seeds, spices, animal products

New Regulations coming into force and application dates



Organic production

EU approves four additional organic control authorities/bodies. Applies from **25 October 2025**

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Food additives

- EU approves combined use of [E 200 and E 202 in non-heat-treated plant-based mousses](#). Applies from **4 November 2025**
- EU extends approved use of [guillaia extract \(E 999\) to include food supplements](#). Applies from **9 November 2025**

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