



Welcome to Issue 17 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.agrininfo.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.

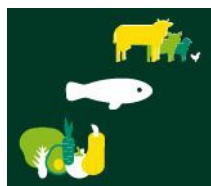
This issue reports on additional EU controls on imports of certain foods from Bangladesh, Egypt, India, Madagascar, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Türkiye, and Vietnam due to concerns about potential health risks. The EU's new [Observatory on deforestation and forest degradation](#) provides public access to satellite maps to support operators in demonstrating that commodities are “deforestation free”. And the European Commission has notified the World Trade Organization of changes to MRLs on cypermethrin, an insecticide widely used on many crops.

If you need more information, eligible stakeholders can contact us via the [Ask AGRINFO](#) service*.

AGRINFO UPDATE will return in the new year with all the latest news on EU agri-food policies, plus improved translation facilities, and enhanced reporting on private standards. We wish you a good holiday season.

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New Regulations or policies under development



Official controls

EU increases official controls on imports of certain foods from Bangladesh, Egypt, India, Madagascar, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Türkiye, and Vietnam

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Opportunities for feedback

Overview of new and upcoming EU policies and regulations where there are opportunities for stakeholders to have a voice and send in their comments on proposed changes

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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



Pesticide MRLs

EU proposes to amend the following maximum residue levels (MRLs).

[WTO SPS consultations](#) – deadline **10 February 2024**

- [cypermethrins](#)
- [difluoroacetic acid](#)
- [1,4-dimethylnaphthalene](#)
- [fluopyram](#)
- [flupyradifurone](#)

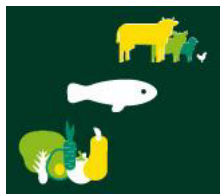


Contaminants

EU proposes rejection of various active substances for use in biocidal products. [WTO TBT consultation](#) – deadline **30 January 2024**

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New Regulations coming into force and application dates



Official controls

Non-EU countries will be required to list all establishments exporting honey to the EU; some clarifications are made to facilitate trade in products of animal origin. Applies from 18 December 2023, with a transitional period to **29 November 2024** for the listing of establishments that export honey

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Explainers



Deforestation

EU deforestation observatory with global forest satellite maps is now online

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Sustainability

EU Green Deal and Farm to Fork Strategy: Updated overview of the content and timelines of main initiatives affecting agri-food exports

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