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Welcome to Issue 62 of AGRINFO UPDATE. We report on new rules under development on pesticides, and on official certificates for horse products. Recently published Regulations include updated rules on fisheries inspections, an extension of transitional rules for certain types of plastic food packaging, and recent decisions regarding health claims on novel foods. Also included is the European Union (EU)'s published programme of countries where food audits will be conducted in 2026.

Don't miss our webinar on substances of concern in packaging – there's still time to register for **4 December**.

## LATEST

### Events



#### AGRINFO Webinar: Packaging

Upcoming EU rules on two substances of concern – bisphenol A (BPA) and PFAS: final webinar of this series on **4 December**, in English, Spanish, and Portuguese

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### New Regulations or policies under development



#### Pesticide MRLs

- EU to establish five [pesticides not requiring MRLs](#)
- EU discusses reducing MRLs for [metribuzin](#) on all products, and establishing separate MRLs for metribuzin-DADK

### Changes notified to World Trade Organization

Send feedback via your [National SPS/TBT notification authority](#) within the 60-day time limit

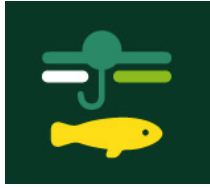


#### Official health certification

EU proposes revised official health certificates for food-producing horses and horse products. Feedback by **30 December 2025**

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## New Regulations coming into force and application dates



### Common Fisheries Policy

EU simplifies and updates rules for control, surveillance, and inspection of fisheries. Applies from **10 January 2026**

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### Food contact materials

EU extends transitional rules regarding plastic food packaging materials that contain salicylic acid and untreated wood flour or fibres

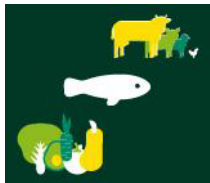
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### Pesticides

European Commission adopts list of safeners and synergists in pesticides for review. Applies from **3 December 2025**

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### Health claims

EU refuses health claim for citicoline in support of memory function. Applies from **25 November 2025**

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### Novel/traditional foods

EU authorises new conditions of use for *Schizochytrium* oil in food supplements. Applies from **30 November 2025**

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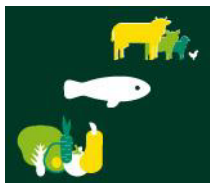
## Reports



### Official controls audits

EU presents food audit programme for 2026

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### Food safety controls

39 AGRINFO partner countries received RASFF notifications in October 2025

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### Plant health interceptions

September 2025 saw 45 interceptions due to harmful organisms involving 14 AGRINFO partner countries, and 380 interceptions due to other non-conformities involving 41 partner countries

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