



Welcome to Issue 18 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](http://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.

This edition includes our latest trade policy digest, highlighting the most significant developments in EU trade negotiations and policy. Also covered are the first in a series of new EU Regulations on animal welfare. For the first time, these rules will address the conditions in which live animals are transported from the exporting country. The EU has also proposed changes to maximum permitted levels for various mycotoxins, which could require significant additional monitoring and control by countries exporting cereals/cereal-based foods. We give links to the World Trade Organization where countries can comment on these new mycotoxin levels, as well as on the non-renewal of certain pesticides, among others.

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

## LATEST

### *New Regulations or policies under development*



#### **Animal welfare**

EU proposes new rules on protecting animals during transport including imports – opportunity for [feedback to EU](#) until **13 March 2024**

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#### **Common Fisheries Policy**

EU–São Tomé e Príncipe Fisheries Agreement: Call for evidence – opportunity for [feedback to EU](#) until **5 February 2024**

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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



### Contaminants

EU proposals on maximum levels – opportunities for feedback to [WTO SPS](#) by **4 March 2024**:

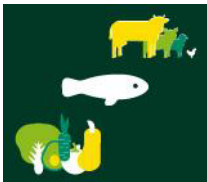
- establishing maximum levels for [T-2 and HT-2 toxins](#) in cereal-based foods
- reducing maximum levels of [deoxynivalenol](#) in cereals/cereal-based foods
- reducing [3-MCPD](#) maximum levels in infant formula



### Pesticides

EU proposes not to renew approval of active substances – [WTO SPS consultations](#):

- [mepanipyrim](#) – feedback by **16 February 2024**
- [dimethomorph](#) – feedback by **21 February 2024**

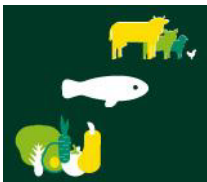


### Product marketing standards

EU proposes amendments to  $\Delta$ -7-stigmastenol limits in olive oil – feedback to [EU](#) by **15 January 2024**; to [WTO TBT](#) by **19 February 2024**

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## New Regulations coming into force and application dates



### Animal health

EU updates model animal/official health certificates for consistent wording: animal products and live fish/aquatic animals – applies from **15 June 2024**

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### Fisheries controls

EU adopts revised rules for fisheries control and integrates digital catch certification – applies from **9 January 2024**

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### Tariffs & quotas

EU changes to tariffs and quotas on certain agricultural products to meet domestic needs – apply from **1 January 2024**:

- [suspension of duties](#)
- [opening of quotas](#)



### Trade

EU consolidates rules for imports of rice, cereals, sugar, and hops – applies from **28 December 2023**

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### Trade policy

New EU–ACP Partnership Agreement – applies from **1 January 2024**

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## Explainers



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