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Welcome to Issue 63 of AGRINFO UPDATE. We report on further delays in the application of the Deforestation Regulation (EUDR), upcoming rules on crops produced using new genomic techniques, and revisions to the generalised scheme of tariff preferences (GSP) that provide enhanced market access for certain developing countries. There are also opportunities to provide feedback on the revision of the EU Unfair Trading Practices Directive; and on proposed stricter plant health rules on imports of ginger/turmeric rhizomes and citrus.

For those who missed this year's AGRINFO webinars, you can access FAQs, video recordings, and other resources below.

With best wishes from the AGRINFO team for the holiday season and for the new year.

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New Regulations or policies under development



Deforestation

EU to delay application of EU Deforestation Regulation until **30 December 2026**

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Trade policy

EU reaches agreement on revised generalised scheme of tariff preferences (GSP)

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Biotechnologies

EU reaches agreement on regulating new genomic techniques (NGTs)

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Trade

Call for stakeholder feedback on review of the Unfair Trading Practices Directive. Feeback to EU by **27 February 2026**

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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



Plant health certification

New stricter rules for ginger/turmeric rhizomes and citrus exported to the EU, plus updated CN codes. Feedback to EU by **31 December 2025**; to WTO by **6 February 2026**

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Feed additives

EU to update and simplify the application form for feed additive authorisations. Feedback by **24 January 2026**

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New Regulations coming into force and application dates



Pesticides

- EU pesticide approvals, renewals, and extensions in 2025
- EU pesticide <u>non-renewals</u>, <u>withdrawals</u>, <u>restrictions</u>, <u>and non-approvals</u> in 2025
- EU withdraws extension of approval period for the active substance penthiopyrad. Applies from 31 October 2025
- EU decides no MRLs are required for <u>Betabaculovirus phoperculellae</u>, <u>elemental iron</u>, <u>and rape seed oil</u>. Applies from 28 December 2025



Organic production

EU authorises pea/potato protein and delays review of disinfectants. Applies from **1 January 2026**

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Tariffs & quotas

EU changes procedures for setting standard import values and additional duties on certain fruits and vegetables. Applies from **24 December 2025**

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Reports on non-compliance



Official controls

Latest EU overview of food found not to comply with EU law

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