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Welcome to Issue 65 of AGRINFO UPDATE. This issue highlights further European Union (EU) proposals to simplify existing rules, including on organic production, where feedback can be provided to the World Trade Organization. There are also opportunities to provide feedback on experience of implementing the Single-Use Plastics Directive, on proposals related to import tariffs on certain animal products, and on the list of animal products that must be checked on import at border control posts. We provide overviews on non-EU geographical indications adopted in 2025, recent feed additive amendments, and the latest report on non-compliant imports.

A summary of questions and answers arising from the recent AGRINFO webinar series on substances of concern in food packaging – bisphenol A and PFAS – is now available.

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New Regulations or policies under development

Organic production

European Commission proposes to simplify organic rules, including on certification of operator groups. Feedback to World Trade Organization by **22 March**

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Tariffs & quotas

EU proposes to simplify representative prices for poultrymeat and eggs, and corrects water/protein ratio for frozen beef. Feedback by **19 January**
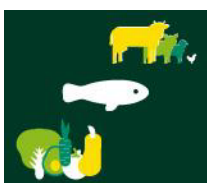
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Food safety controls

EU to update lists of animal products, by-products, and composite products subject to official controls at border control posts. Feedback by **3 February**

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Plastics

Implementation of the Single-Use Plastics Directive – public consultation. Feedback by **17 March**

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Animal diseases/food safety

European Commission proposes simpler procedure for rule changes on transmissible spongiform encephalopathy (TSE, "mad cow disease")
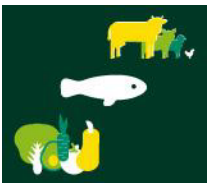
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Organic production

EU clarifies criteria for placing organic products on a high-risk list. Applies from **26 December 2025**

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Tariffs & quotas

- EU amends **molasses** representative prices and introduces import duties for sugar beet molasses – applies from **23 December 2025**

- Additional quota for ***Auricularia polytricha* mushrooms** in 2026 to meet domestic needs – applies from **1 January 2026**

Food supplements/dietetic foods

EU amends specifications for protein hydrolysates in infant and follow-on formula. Applies from **1 January 2026**

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Feed safety

Feed additives authorised, reauthorised, amended, and withdrawn in October–December 2025

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Geographical indications

EU Register of PDOs and PGIs for non-EU products in 2025:

- **Applications**

- **Updates**

Reports on non-compliance

Official controls

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

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Substances of concern in food packaging

A recent AGRINFO webinar highlighted the upcoming EU rules on bisphenol A and PFAS – **FAQs now published**

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