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Welcome to Issue 66 of AGRINFO UPDATE. This issue highlights the temporary increase in official controls on specific products from certain countries that will be introduced from February and a new proposal on copper maximum residue levels (MRLs). Published regulations include reduced MRLs on benfluralin and benthiavalicarb on certain products, and import duties for sugar beet molasses. We also give overviews of recent developments in trade policy; and of upcoming consultations in which stakeholders can provide their input into EU policy.

AGRINFO will be hosting webinars on new EU rules on packaging and packaging waste in February – sign up now.

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#### AGRINFO Webinar

New EU packaging and packaging waste rules will apply from August 2026 – webinars on **25 and 26 February**

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### *New Regulations or policies under development*



#### Planned consultations: Future opportunities for feedback

Overview of EU policies and regulations under development where opportunities to provide feedback are expected soon: early 2026

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#### Official controls

EU increases official controls on certain foods from specific non-EU countries (January 2026)

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#### Pesticide MRLs

EU to raise maximum residue levels for copper compounds on certain foods

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EU amends molasses representative prices and removes import duties for sugar beet molasses – applies from **13 January 2026**

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EU reduces MRLs for:

- [benfluralin](#) – impacting salsifies
- [benthiavalicarb](#) – impacting table/wine grapes and tomatoes

Apply from **12 August 2026**

**French national MRL measures**

France bans imports of certain foods containing residues of carbendazim, thiophanate-methyl, glufosinate, and mancozeb – applies from **8 February 2026**

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