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Welcome to Issue 67 of AGRINFO UPDATE. As previously reported, the European Union is simplifying various rules, including a proposed new approach to setting pesticide maximum residue levels for imported products. The EU has now notified these proposals to the World Trade Organization, giving the opportunity for feedback by non-EU countries.

The EU has updated the list of animal products that certain non-EU countries can export, adopted new pesticide MRLs, and revised the specifications for certain food additives.

Try out our new AGRINFO [Pesticide MRL Tracker](#); and don't miss the new FiBL/AGRINFO Guidance for organic operators and groups.

There's still time to sign up for our upcoming webinars on the EU Unfair Trading Practices Directive (in collaboration with the FairTrade Advocacy Office, Oxfam Belgium, and GIZ); and on the new EU packaging and waste rules.

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Events



Register for AGRINFO webinars

- The [EU Unfair Trading Practices Directive](#): What non-EU agri-food suppliers need to know – webinars on **18 February**
- New [EU packaging and packaging waste rules](#) will apply from August 2026 – webinars on **25 and 26 February**

New Regulations or policies under development



EU discusses reducing MRLs to limit of determination on all products for:

- [benomyl](#)
- [carbendazim](#)
- [thiophanate-methyl](#)

Changes notified to World Trade Organization

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



Simplification of EU rules

Stakeholder feedback to WTO is due by **30 March** on proposals to simplify rules on:

- **pesticides** – setting MRLs on imported products and approving new substances
- foods produced using **genetically modified micro-organisms**
- allowing **border control posts** to split consignments of plant products
- authorisation of **feed additives** and digital labelling
- regulatory changes on **transmissible spongiform encephalopathy** (TSE, “mad cow disease”)

New Regulations coming into force and application dates



Food safety controls

EU updates public health list of countries that can export certain animal products to EU – impacts on **Albania, Kyrgyz Republic, North Macedonia, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine**. Applies from **18 February 2026**

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Food additives

EU amends conditions of use for various thickening agents and stabilisers. Applies from **18 August 2026**

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Pesticide MRLs

EU amends maximum residue levels for:

- **dimoxystrobin** on sunflower seeds, rye, and wheat
- **ethephon** on blueberries and tree nuts
- **propamocarb** on lettuces

Applies from **19 August 2026**



Now live: Pesticide MRL Tracker

To view all recent and upcoming MRL changes for your specific products, see AGRINFO's new [Pesticide MRL Tracker](#)

AGRINFO Publications**Guidance for organic operators and groups**

Co-published by FiBL and AGRINFO, this new guide explains the rules for exporting organic plant products to the EU, specifically for operators that are certified in compliance with the EU Organic Regulation

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