



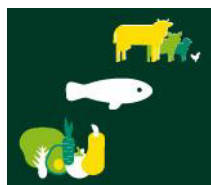
Welcome to Issue 21 of AGRINFO UPDATE. This new edition includes some important policy developments concerning the EU's Sustainable Use [of pesticides] Regulation, new genomic techniques, and a ban on bisphenol A (BPA) in food contact materials. Also highlighted are several new sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) regulations coming into force, and proposed pesticide MRL changes that have been notified to the World Trade Organization (WTO).

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New Regulations or policies under development



Food contact materials

EU considers ban on use of bisphenol A (BPA) in packaging – Feedback to EU until **8 March 2024**

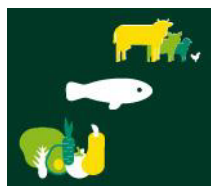
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Pesticides

European Commission to withdraw proposed strategy for sustainable use of pesticides

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Biotechnologies

European Parliament adopts negotiating position on new genomic techniques

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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



Pesticide MRLs

EU proposes to amend the MRLs on:

- [pyridaben](#) – impacts on pome fruits, apricots, peaches, and beans
- [napropamide](#) – impacts on berries, herbs, and edible flowers
- [tebufenpyrad](#) – impacts on apricots, peaches, table grapes, beans, and hops

[WTO SPS consultation](#) – deadline **1 April 2024**

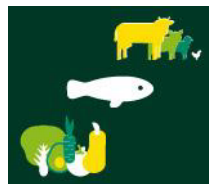
New Regulations coming into force and application dates



Animal health certification

EU model health certificates adapted to cover antimicrobials – must be in use from **3 September 2024**

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Contaminants

EU extends list of foods to be controlled for radioactive contamination – applies from **7 February 2024**

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Animal diseases

EU updates lists of aquatic disease vectors, and of species susceptible to *Marteilia refringens* – applies from **1 February 2024**

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Food safety

EU extends protective measures on imports of bivalve molluscs from Türkiye – applies from **29 January 2024**

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Pesticide MRLs

EU sets MRLs to limit of determination for all products – applies from **12 August 2024**:

- [difenacoum](#)
- [desmedipham](#)
- [potassium permanganate](#)

EU lowers MRLs for:

- [etridiazole](#) – impacts on strawberries, peppers, some cucurbits, cotton seeds – applies from **12 August 2024**

- [haloxyfop](#) – all products except onions, linseeds, sunflower seeds, canola/rapeseeds, soya beans – applies from **19 August 2024**

EU reinstates MRLs for:

- [nicotine](#) on spices – applies from **15 September 2023**



Biotechnologies

EU renews authorisation of:

- [GM maize](#) Bt11 × MIR162 × MIR604 × MON 89034 × 5307 × GA21
- [GM oilseed rape](#) Ms8, Rf3, and Ms8 × Rf3

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