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Welcome to Issue 68 of AGRINFO UPDATE. This issue highlights opportunities for stakeholders within and outside the European Union to give feedback on proposals on the classification of high-risk plants and temporary exceptions from plant health import bans; and on the European Commission's development of guidelines for implementing the Forced Labour Regulation. Recently published regulations include updated marketing standards for poultrymeat, and the authorisation of two new flavourings. Two explainers on EU requirements to export animal products have been updated to reflect questions raised by AGRINFO users.

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New Regulations or policies under development



Plant health

EU requests feedback by **4 March** on proposals to:

- Standardise how it decides which imported plants and plant products are **classified as high-risk** for plant health
- Define how non-EU countries must request **temporary derogations** from plant health import bans or specific requirements (**WTO SPS** consultation on this proposal also open until **11 April**)



Forced labour

EU invites input in developing guidelines on Forced Labour Regulation – feedback by **6 March**

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Pesticide MRLs

EU discusses:

- reducing **diazinon** MRLs on various products
- increasing **imazalil** MRLs on bananas and citrus fruits; and reducing MRLs on courgettes, cucumbers, gherkins, and melons

New Regulations coming into force and application dates



Product marketing standards

Updated marketing standards for poultrymeat – apply from **9 March 2026**

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Animal health

EU lifts restrictions on imports of poultry products from **Argentina** and **Moldova** – applies from **1 March 2026**

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Food additives

EU authorises two flavourings: 3-[3-(2-isopropyl-5-methyl-cyclohexyl)-ureido]-butyric acid ethyl ester, and hesperetin dihydrochalcone – applies from **15 February 2026**

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Biotechnologies

EU revokes authorisation of GM oilseed rapes Ms8 × Rf3 × GT73; Ms8 × GT73; and Rf3 × GT73 – applies from **13 February 2026**

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Explainers



Public and animal health

Two updated reports explain the rules for non-EU countries exporting animals and animal products to the EU:

- [Lists of non-EU countries for public and animal health](#)
- [List of non-EU country establishments](#)

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