



Welcome to Issue 72 of AGRINFO UPDATE. This issue includes a Trade Digest summarising progress in European Union (EU) trade negotiations and other policy developments affecting trade with low- and middle-income countries. We also feature the latest on the EU–Mercosur Interim Agreement on Trade.

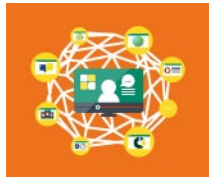
Also of note is the proposal from Poland to temporarily lower the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for carbendazim, glufosinate, and thiophanate-methyl on certain foods, following the earlier French Decree.

Plus – publications updates:

- **Questions & Answers** from the recent [AGRINFO Webinar on packaging and packaging waste \(PPWR\)](#) are now available alongside the webinar videos
- The **Guidance for organic operators and groups** from AGRINFO and FiBL is now also available in [French](#), [Spanish](#), and [Portuguese](#)

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Events



Upcoming webinar – use of antimicrobials

Save the date – **28 May** – for the upcoming AGRINFO webinar on use of antimicrobials in farmed animals in the food supply chain – how to prepare for new EU rules coming into play in September 2026

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New Regulations or policies under development



Pesticide MRLs

Poland proposes temporary lower MRLs for carbendazim, glufosinate, and thiophanate-methyl on certain foods

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Planned consultations: Future opportunities for feedback

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

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Changes notified to World Trade Organization

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Contaminants

EU proposes maximum levels for Δ^9 -THC in hemp leaves for water infusion and ready-to-drink herbal infusions– feedback by **26 May 2026**

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New Regulations coming into force and application dates



Pesticide MRLs

- EU [raises MRLs for copper](#) on certain foods – applies from **6 May 2026**
- EU [decides no MRLs required](#) for *Allium fistulosum* (processed), lysate of *Willaertia magna*, magnesium hydroxide E528, sainfoin pellets, and grape seed extract – applies from **21 April 2026**



Trade

EU publishes Mercosur country of origin and quota authorisation certificates – applies from **1 May 2026**

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Geographical indications

EU Register of geographical indications (PDO, PGI, TSG) for non-EU products so far in 2026:

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Biotechnologies

EU revokes authorisation to import genetically modified maizes MON 87403 and MON 87419 – applies from **27 March 2026**

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Recent developments in EU trade policy

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