



Welcome to Issue 73 of AGRINFO UPDATE. The European Union (EU) is introducing new requirements for imports of ginger and turmeric rhizomes to prevent the spread of bacterial wilt, and for citrus fruit from the Americas against citrus fruit borer. Other new regulations include the suspension of Botswanan beef imports, and increased pesticide maximum residue levels (MRLs) on several products. The EU also proposes changes to the list of countries that can export certain animal products – there is an opportunity for countries to provide feedback through the World Trade Organization.

The rules are changing on the use of antimicrobials in farmed animals – to learn more, consult the new AGRINFO guidance, and sign up for our 28 May webinar.

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This upcoming AGRINFO webinar explains how to prepare for new EU rules on the use of antimicrobials in farmed animals in the food supply chain, coming in September 2026

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Food safety controls

EU to update public health list of countries that can export certain animal products to EU – impacts on Albania, Armenia, Argentina, Bosnia, Belarus, Egypt, Kenya, Morocco, Moldova, Montenegro, Mozambique, North Macedonia, Mauritius, Serbia, Tunisia, Türkiye – send feedback by **26 June**

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New Regulations coming into force and application dates



Plant health

New stricter rules for ginger/turmeric rhizomes and citrus exported to the EU, plus updated CN codes – applies from **5 May 2026**

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Animal health

EU suspends beef imports from Botswana due to foot and mouth disease, with effect from **1 April 2026**

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Veterinary residues

EU amends conditions for use of lidocaine in piglets – applies from **14 May 2026**

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Pesticide MRLs

EU raises maximum residue levels for the following substances – applies from **12 May 2026**

- [acetamiprid](#) on honey
- [aclonifen](#) on anise/aniseed
- [deltamethrin](#) on cherries
- [oxathiapiprolin](#) on certain brassicas and leaf vegetables
- [potassium phosphonates](#) on cherries

Reports on non-compliance



Organic production

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Official controls

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Use of antimicrobials

New AGRINFO Guidance just published – *Use of antimicrobials in farmed animals in the food supply chain: Preparing for new EU rules from September 2026*

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