

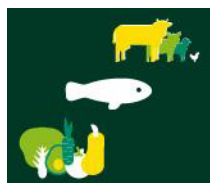


Welcome to Issue 24 of AGRINFO UPDATE summarising the latest regulatory developments from Europe. In March, the EU moved one step closer to finalising major new rules on packaging, as well as due diligence requirements placing human rights and environment-related obligations on large companies. This issue also includes an overview of recent developments in trade negotiations and trade policy, and upcoming EU public consultations where there are opportunities to contribute to and influence EU regulations. Also note that the European Food Safety Authority has opened an opportunity to submit data in support of a review of maximum residue levels (MRLs) for 10 substances.

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#### **Pesticide MRLs**

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#### Action needed



### Antimicrobial resistance

Information still required from many non-EU countries to meet new rules on antimicrobials in animal products

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#### New Regulations coming into force and application dates



### Pesticide MRLs

- EU sets MRLs for [sodium salicylate](#) in chicken and poultry (other than turkey). Applies from **8 April 2024**
- EU reduces MRLs for [bifenazate](#) on all products with impacts on certain fruits, nuts, vegetables, oilseeds, and animal products. Applies from **14 October 2024**



### Veterinary residues

EU removes MRL for 17 $\beta$ -oestradiol in food of animal origin. Applies from **8 April 2024**

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