



Welcome to Issue 74 of AGRINFO UPDATE. The European Commission has updated its guidance and FAQs on the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) with a new proposal clarifying which products must meet EUDR requirements. It also proposes new rules to support applications for genetically modified (GM) foods, and on the use of processing aids in fruit juices. Changes to pesticide maximum residue levels (MRLs) include the withdrawal of four proposals previously notified to the World Trade Organization while the EU discusses a new procedure for setting MRLs. Published legislation includes a simplification of transport packaging rules; and the creation of tariff rate quotas agreed by the European Union and Mercosur.

Don't forget to sign up to the upcoming AGRINFO webinar on the use of antimicrobials on 28 May.

LATEST

Events



Use of antimicrobials – final registration for next week's webinar

This AGRINFO webinar on **28 May** will discuss how to prepare for new EU rules on the use of antimicrobials in farmed animals in the food supply chain (including aquaculture and honey), coming in September 2026

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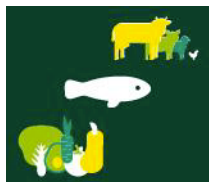
New Regulations or policies under development



Deforestation

European Commission proposes to clarify which products must meet EUDR requirements, and publishes updated Guidance and FAQs – feedback by **1 June**

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Biotechnologies

EU proposes greater support for authorisation of genetically modified agri-food products – feedback by **10 July**

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Food safety

EU proposes to amend rules on processing aids for yeast fermentation in reduced-sugar fruit juices – feedback by **26 May**

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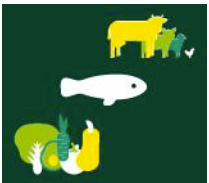
Pesticide MRLs

EU withdraws proposal to amend MRLs for:

- [cyproconazole](#)
- [dithiocarbamates](#)
- [isopyrazam](#)
- [spirodiclofen](#)

Changes notified to World Trade Organization

Send feedback via your [National SPS/TBT notification authority](#) within the 60-day time limit



Packaging

European Commission proposes to update Regulation 2022/1616 on recycled plastic production and traceability of food packaging – feedback by **14 June** (WTO SPS) and **15 June** (WTO TBT)

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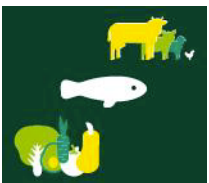
Pesticide MRLs

EU proposes to amend maximum residue levels for:

- [carbofuran](#) in cotton seeds – MRLs lowered to limit of determination
- [imazalil](#) – MRLs lowered on courgettes, cucumbers, gherkins, and melons; increased on bananas and citrus fruits
- [mandipropamid](#) – MRLs lowered on sweet peppers and melons
- [quizalofop](#) – MRLs lowered on salads and herbal infusions; increased on sunflower seeds and soyabeans

Feedback by **30 June**

New Regulations coming into force and application dates



Packaging

EU amends rules on reuse of transport pallet wrappings and straps – applies from **26 May 2026**

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Tariffs & quotas

EU sets rules for implementing Mercosur tariff rate quotas – applies from **1 May 2026**

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Reports on non-compliance



Official controls

Latest EU overview of food found not to comply with EU law

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AGRINFO Publications



Use of antimicrobials

New AGRINFO Guidance – *Use of antimicrobials in farmed animals in the food supply chain: Preparing for new EU rules from September 2026* – now published in [French](#), [Spanish](#), and [Portuguese](#)

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