Welcome to Issue 27 of AGRINFO UPDATE. This issue reports on the EU’s introduction in June of additional controls on imports of certain foods from Burkina Faso, India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Uganda, and Vietnam due to concerns about potential health risks. We also highlight opportunities to give feedback on the EU’s new approach to managing the risks associated with listeria in ready-to-eat foods; and on proposed maximum residue limits (MRLs) for thiacloprid. Newly published Regulations include revisions to the market standards for olive oils, and amended MRLs on numerous substances, including the alignment of EU MRLs to Codex MRLs for six pesticides.

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LATEST

New Regulations or policies under development

Common Fisheries Policy
EU and Cook Islands fisheries agreement – call for evidence. Feedback to EU by 20 June
Read

Organic production
European Commission proposes to allow more options for presenting its organic production logo
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Changes notified to World Trade Organization
Send feedback via your National SPS/TBT notification authority within the 60-day time limit

Food safety
EU to extend criteria for *Listeria monocytogenes* in ready-to-eat food to cover the whole food chain. WTO SPS consultation – deadline 16 July
Read
**Pesticide MRLs**

European Commission issues new proposal on MRLs for thiacloprid on certain products. [WTO SPS consultation](#) – deadline 7 July

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

**Additional/emergency controls**

EU increases official controls on certain foods from specific non-EU countries. Applies from **late June 2024**

**Product marketing standards**

EU amends Δ-7-stigmasterenol limits in olive oil. Applies from **10 June 2024**

**Pesticide MRLs**

From **5 June 2024**: EU raises MRLs for **prothioconazole** on sugar beet roots and chicory roots

From **11 June 2024**: EU adopts Codex MRLs for:

- **chlorantraniliprole** on avocados and teas
- **emamectin** on kales, teas, and animal products
- **benzovindiflupyr, quinclorac, and spiromesifenin** on various products

EU amends MRLs for **triflumuron** with impacts on apples, pears, apricots, peaches, and plums

From **5 December 2024**: EU reduces MRLs for **dithianon** on apples and pears

From **11 December 2024**: EU lowers MRLs for **thiabendazole** on avocados and papayas

EU amends MRLs for:

- **deltamethrin** with impacts on fruits, vegetables, oilseeds, and spices
- **metalaxyl** with impacts on lemons, apples, pears, onions, globe artichokes, and soybeans
- **trifloxystrobin** with impacts on passion fruit and Chinese cabbage
Plant health
Report on plant health (EUROPHYT) interceptions in April 2024

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