Welcome to Issue 29 of AGRINFO UPDATE. This issue highlights significant opportunities to provide feedback and influence upcoming initiatives, including a proposed derogation concerning the export of organic produce to the EU. Links are given to this and other open consultations.

Note also in this issue that we include an item on private standards for the first time. Public feedback is invited on the new Environmental Sustainability Solution from GLOBALG.A.P., with important implications for certification in fruit and vegetables, and combinable crops.

Finally, some new Regulations coming into force are featured, including additional controls on high-risk products entering the EU market, and an update is provided on timeframes for rollout of the various Green Deal and Farm to Fork initiatives.

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### LATEST

**New Regulations or policies under development**

**Organic production**

- *Temporary derogation* to allow verification of consignments for import into EU and issuance of certificates of organic inspection to be still based on the equivalence scheme up to 15 October 2025 – [Feedback to EU](#) by 11 July 2024
  
- *Recognition of two control bodies* for implementing organic controls and certification in non-EU countries under new EU organic legislation – [Feedback to EU](#) by 9 July 2024

**Food safety controls**

EU proposes rules on laboratory analyses to verify compliance with microbiological hygiene criteria – [Feedback to EU](#) by 2 July 2024

**Tariffs & quotas**

EU to introduce reference quantities for management of rice tariff quotas – [Feedback to EU](#) by 8 July 2024

*Read*
Sustainability/Due diligence
EU Green Deal and Farm to Fork Strategy: Current status

Opportunities for feedback
Overview of EU policies and regulations under development where non-EU countries can provide feedback: July–December 2024

Private Standards under development
Private Standards
GLOBALG.A.P. launches second public consultation on its new Environmental Sustainability Solution – Feedback by 5 July 2024

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 2 July 2024

Common Fisheries Policy
EU and Cabo Verde Fisheries Partnership Agreement – proposal on allocation of fishing opportunities

Novel/traditional foods
EU authorises isomaltulose powder as a novel food. Applies from 26 June 2024

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