



Welcome to Issue 79 of AGRINFO UPDATE. Several new European Union proposals are now open for stakeholder feedback: on high-risk organic products/origins that require more frequent controls; on changes to transitional rules for the Electronic system for Agricultural Non-customs formalities (ELAN) allowing documents to be used for customs clearance ahead of the January 2028 deadline; and on new maximum residue levels (MRLs) for diazinon.

Recently published Regulations include new MRLs for benomyl, carbendazim, and thiophanate-methyl; revised model health certificates for animal products; updated rules on plants/products produced using new genomic techniques; and the introduction of certain stunning methods used on animals at the time of slaughter.

New publications include AGRINFO guidance on PFAS in food packaging now available in French, Spanish, and Portuguese, plus the latest overview of developments in EU trade policy.

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Organic production

EU proposes list of high-risk organic and in-conversion products originating from non-EU countries, and their control rates – feedback by **24 August 2026**

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Tariffs & quotas

Documents submitted to ELAN on a voluntary basis to have legal value during the transitional period – feedback by **20 August 2026**

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Pesticide MRLs

EU proposes reducing MRLs for diazinon on various products – feedback to World Trade Organization by **8 September 2026**

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Upcoming consultations

Overview of EU policies and regulations under development where opportunities to provide feedback are expected soon

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Newly published changes and application dates



Pesticide MRLs

EU reduces MRLs to limit of determination on all products for:

- [benomyl](#)
- [carbendazim](#)
- [thiophanate-methyl](#)

All apply from **29 January 2027**



Use of antimicrobials

EU model health certificates for animal products adapted to cover antimicrobials – applies from **3 September 2026**

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Biotechnologies

EU publishes new rules on plant genomic techniques – applies from **17 July 2028**

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Tariffs & quotas

EU suspends:

- use of [inward processing customs procedure for raw cane sugar](#) imports – applies from **27 May 2026**
- [import duty on refined microbial oil](#) to meet domestic industry needs – applies from **1 July 2026**



Animal welfare

EU introduces captive bolt device for stunning and slaughter of piglets, lambs, and kid goats – applies from **6 August 2026**

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Labelling

Geographical indications for non-EU products – 2026 applications

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Novel/traditional foods

EU authorises as novel foods:

- [egg membrane hydrolysate](#) – from **23 July 2026**
- [Rhizomucor pusillus mycelium](#) – from **26 July 2026**



Contaminants

European Commission recommends EU Member States and food business operators to monitor:

- [ergot alkaloids in animal feed](#)
- [quinolizidine alkaloids in lupins and lupin-derived foods](#)

and to submit monitoring data to European Food Safety Authority by 30 June each year

AGRINFO Publications



Trade policy

Recent developments in EU trade policy

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Packaging

Newly published AGRINFO Guidance on upcoming new EU rules: *Substances of concern in food packaging: per- and polyfluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS)* – now in [French](#), [Spanish](#), and [Portuguese](#)

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