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In AGRINFO UPDATE 80: the European Commission has set out its long-term strategy on supporting the livestock sector, and its action plan to strengthen the European Union (EU) protein supply. It has also published a study on the economic impact of recently proposed changes to rules on pesticide maximum residue levels (MRLs). New EU proposals are now open for stakeholder feedback on recycled plastic packaging, and on organic feed for piglets and young poultry. Recently published EU Regulations include updated animal health rules, changes to the lists of prohibited pests, and new maximum levels for contaminants in baby foods and herbal infusions. The EU has also updated its programme of food audits of non-EU countries.

And don't forget to sign up to the AGRINFO fisheries webinar on the use of TRACES and CATCH on 10 and 15 September.

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Fisheries controls

AGRINFO's September webinar explains how to use TRACES and CATCH, compulsory for EU importers and Member State competent authorities since 10 January **202**6

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New EU Regulations or policies proposed and under development

Livestock sustainability

European Commission publishes its long-term livestock strategy

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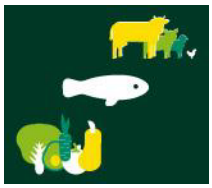

Common Agricultural Policy

European Commission publishes action plan to strengthen protein supply and reduce import dependence

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Pesticide MRLs

European Commission publishes economic impact study on lowering import tolerance MRLs on hazardous pesticides

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Give your feedback on proposed changes

Packaging

- Three opportunities to comment on future EU rules on **minimum recycled content for plastic packaging** – feedback by **16 September**
- Proposed rules on **registers of packaging producers** in EU countries for Extended Producer Responsibility – feedback by **10 September**

Organic production

EU to extend authorised use of non-organic protein feed for piglets and young poultry raised under organic production – feedback by **9 October**

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Newly published changes and application dates

Priority pests

EU adds Mexican cabbage head caterpillar and darkling beetle to list of prohibited pests, and extends listing of three pests – applies from **30 July 2026**

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Animal health

- EU **updates animal health rules** for non-EU countries – applies from **12 August 2026**
- EU reauthorises imports of **poultry from Argentina** – applies from **17 August 2026**
- EU amends list of **veterinary medicinal products essential for treatment of horses** – applies from **28 July 2026**

Packaging

EU extends authorisation of plastic recycling methods to include use in chemical recycling technologies, and introduces new rules to calculate recycled plastic content in single-use plastic bottles – applies from **23 July 2026**

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Organic production

Updated list of competent authorities and control bodies in non-EU countries recognised as having EU-equivalent organic production systems – applies from **26 July 2026**

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Contaminants

EU sets new maximum levels for:

- Δ9-THC in hemp leaves for infusion and ready-to-drink herbal infusions made from hemp leaves – applies from **1 January 2027**
- 3-MCPD and glycidol in baby foods and compound foods – applies from **1 January 2027**
- furan, 2-methylfuran, and 3-methylfuran in processed cereal-based foods for infants/young children, and in baby food – applies from **1 January 2028**

Reports on non-compliance

Official controls

- Latest EU overview of food found not to comply with EU law
- 45 AGRINFO partner countries received RASFF notifications in June 2026

EU publications

Official controls audits

EU food audit programme for 2026: Mid-year update

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