



Welcome to Issue 2 of AGRINFO UPDATE – a regular information service keeping you up-to-date on evolving EU policies, regulations and standards that have potential impacts on agricultural value chains linked to the EU market.

AGRINFO (www.agrinfo.eu) provides clear summaries about the what, why and when of recent and upcoming changes, and actions needed to adjust to new rules.

Where policies and regulations are still under development, there are opportunities to comment and influence the process. For example, the item below on the amended EU rules on food contact materials has been notified to the World Trade Organization (WTO). Following a notification, there is a 60-day period during which stakeholders can send any comments or concerns about potential impacts to the WTO via the [National SPS notification authority](#) of the country concerned. For this example, comments on the proposed new EU rules on food contact materials can be sent to the SPS Committee (notification [G/SPS/N/EU/611](#)) before **24 March 2023**.

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Food contact materials

EU to amend rules on substances in plastics coming into contact with food. **WTO SPS consultation – deadline 24 March 2023**

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Pesticides

EU does not intend to renew approval of the active substance oxamyl. **WTO TBT consultation – applies from 1 May 2023**

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Sustainability Initiatives

EU Green Deal and Farm to Fork Strategy: Current status

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New Regulations coming into force and application dates



Animal health

EU adopts corrections to some specific animal health requirements. Applies from **7 February 2023**

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Antimicrobial resistance

From **9 February 2023**, antimicrobials listed (antibiotics, antivirals, antiprotozoals) can only be for human use and must not be used on animals

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Common Fisheries Policy

Fisheries Partnership Agreement between EU and Mauritius allocates fishing opportunities to France, Italy, Portugal and Spain. Applies from **8 November 2022**

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Novel/traditional foods

European Commission authorises dried pili nuts for the EU market. Applies from **1 March 2023**

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Tariffs & quotas

EU amends technical rules on tariff rate quota management, with impacts on certain poultry meat quotas. Applies from **February/July 2023**

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Tariffs & quotas

EU suspends duties on certain agricultural products to meet domestic needs. Applies from **1 January 2023**

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Pesticides

Latest extensions, approvals and renewals of pesticides for use in the EU

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Pesticides

Non-renewal of the pesticide benfluralin for use in the EU. Applies from **12 August 2023**

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New pesticide MRLs

Changes will apply from **25 February 2023** affecting:

- [thiamethoxam](#) (fruits, vegetables, cereals, teas, coffees, cereals, animal products)
- [clothianidin](#) (fruits, vegetables, cereals, teas, coffees, sugar, animal products)

Changes will apply from **16 August 2023** affecting:

- [cycloxydim](#) (fruits, vegetables, oilseeds, pulses, animal products)
- [cyfluthrin](#) (fruits, vegetables, cereals)
- [penthioopyrad](#) (fruits, vegetables, cereals)

Changes will apply from **20 August 2023** affecting:

- [abamectin](#) (tree nuts, fruits, vegetables, salads)

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