AGRINFO UPDATE 83 (2026)

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Highlights in AGRINFO UPDATE 83: in the context of the **Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive**, the European Union (EU) has adopted revised standards clarifying what information large companies must provide, and has published guidance for smaller companies that voluntarily choose to report on sustainability.

As a reminder, the new rules on misleading environmental claims apply from 27 September 2026. See also our overviews of recent developments in trade policy, and the latest Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF) notifications.

The EU is introducing a new electronic system for Agricultural Non-customs formalities (ELAN). From January 2028, documents allowing access to certain import quotas will have to be submitted digitally through ELAN. To learn more, please join our upcoming AGRINFO webinars.

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AGRINFO Webinar: ELAN

This AGRINFO webinar, in cooperation with the European Commission, DG Agriculture, introduces the new EU Electronic system for Agricultural Non-customs formalities and explains how to use it.

- English and Spanish – **20 October**, 16:00–17:30 CET
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- **Agri-food sector – 17 November**, 14:30-16:30 CET
- **Fisheries sector – 24 November**, 14:30-16:30 CET

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Newly published changes and application dates

Sustainability/Due diligence

The EU has adopted:

- simplified European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS) – applies from **10 November 2026**
- voluntary sustainability reporting standards for companies not required to report on corporate sustainability – applies from **30 December 2026**

Labelling

Reminder: EU sets rules to prevent misleading environmental claims – applies from **27 September 2026**

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Biotechnologies

EU authorises imports of genetically modified soyabeans GMB151 × DAS-44406 and MON 94313-8, and renews the authorisation of maize MON 87460-4 – applies from **23 September 2026**

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Geographical indications

Geographical indications for non-EU products – 2026 applications

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Tariffs & quotas

EU amends sugar molasses representative prices, with no changes to import duties – applies from **1 October 2026**

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Reports on non-compliance

Official controls

35 AGRINFO partner countries received RASFF notifications in August 2026

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Trade policy

Recent developments in EU trade policy

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Organic production

Control of organic plant products exported to the European Union: Guidance for control bodies and authorities in non-EU countries, recently published by FiBL and AGRINFO, is now available in **French** and **Spanish**.

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