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Numerous regulatory changes are currently under discussion in the European Union (EU), and stakeholders will be able to comment and provide feedback on many of these. In this issue of AGRINFO UPDATE we give advance warning of the consultation opportunities expected in the coming months.

We also summarise the latest EU reports on food safety non-compliances. Keeping up with these is critical to ensure that the producers and export companies involved take action to prevent a recurrence. These incidents may also indicate a more widespread problem that requires a coordinated response by the whole sector in the country concerned.

And – we invite you to register for our next AGRINFO webinar sharing practical guidance on upcoming new packaging rules.

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Events



New Packaging rules – Webinar

Register now for AGRINFO's **2 December** webinar on the EU Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR) for practical guidance on the new rules coming into force

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Give your feedback on proposed changes



Packaging

Share feedback with the European Commission on using bio-based feedstock to produce plastic packaging for food – consultation open until **13 January 2027**

Read



Upcoming EU consultations

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

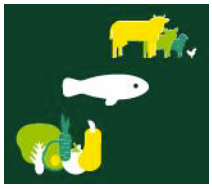
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Newly published changes and application dates



Official controls

EU updates its public health list of countries that can export specified animal products to the EU from **4 November 2026** – impacts on **Albania, Armenia, Argentina, Bosnia, Belarus, Egypt, Kenya, Morocco, Moldova, Montenegro, Mozambique, North Macedonia, Mauritius, Serbia, Tunisia, Türkiye** Read



Contaminants

European Commission publishes monitoring recommendations for:

- **nitrate and nitrite** levels in feed and drinking water for livestock
- **N-nitrosamines** in cured meat and fish; processed vegetables and cereals; milk and dairy products; fermented, pickled, and spiced foods; and alcoholic drinks
- **chlorinated paraffins** in fish; milk and dairy products; oils and fats; products of animal origin (including meat and eggs); processed foods; and baby food



Food additives

- EU updates its production specification for the **steviol glycoside sweetener rebaudioside M**, allowing the use of specific GM yeast enzymes
- EU approves the use of **curdlan (E 424)** as a food additive in a wide range of food products

Both apply from **8 November 2026**

Reports on non-compliance



Official controls

- 15 AGRINFO partner countries were included in the EU's September overview of **foods found not to comply with EU law**
- 44 AGRINFO partner countries received **RASFF notifications** in September 2026

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