



Welcome to Issue 30 of AGRINFO UPDATE. This issue includes an overview of recent EU plant health interceptions (May), and a digest of the latest developments in EU trade policy (April–June), affecting low- and middle-income countries.

The EU has issued new approvals and withdrawals covering certain pesticides and feed additives, and clarifies some uncertainties regarding maximum levels for contaminants.

Finally, there are opportunities to provide feedback on new EU organic rules, and to the World Trade Organization on pesticide maximum residue levels (MRLs) and food additives. Important to note is the provisional list of non-EU countries that have submitted declarations that meet new EU requirements on the use of antimicrobial products in animals or animal products. Several countries still need to submit declarations to avoid any disruption to trade on 3 September 2026.

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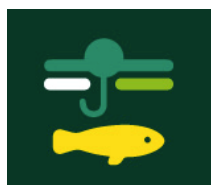
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New Regulations or policies under development



Organic production

- EU to move away from 100% controls of [high-risk organic products](#). Feedback to EU by **16 July**
- EU publishes first list of [organic control bodies](#) recognised under new compliance regime



Common Fisheries Policy

EU–The Gambia Fisheries Partnership Agreement – Call for Evidence.
Feedback to EU by **26 July**

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Changes notified to World Trade Organization

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Antimicrobial resistance

Provisional list issued of non-EU countries compliant with new EU antimicrobial requirements that will apply from 3 September 2026. Declarations still needed from **Armenia, Benin, Belize, Burkina Faso, Eswatini, Indonesia, India, Iran, Jamaica, Kenya, Mauritius, Mozambique, Nigeria, Panama, Sri Lanka, Serbia, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda, Uzbekistan, Wallis and Futuna**. Feedback to WTO by **27 August**

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Food additives

EU to revise specifications and conditions of use of sorbates and propyl gallate. Feedback by **19 August**

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Pesticide MRLs

EU proposes to amend MRLs for:

- **zoxamide** (impacting leaf vegetables, herbs, edible flowers) – Feedback by **25 August**
- **fenbuconazole** (impacting apricots, plums, grapes, cranberries, bananas, sweet/bell peppers, cucurbits, sunflower seeds, peanuts, rapeseeds, barley, rye, wheat) – Feedback by **31 August**
- **penconazole** (impacting apricots, peaches, grapes) – Feedback by **31 August**

New Regulations coming into force and application dates



Contaminants

EU clarifies maximum levels for contaminants affecting cereals, oats, and rice. Applies from **16 July 2024**

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Feed additives

EU authorises certain feed additives and withdraws others – May–June 2024

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Pesticides

- EU withdraws approval of the pesticide **acibenzolar-S-methyl**. Applies from **20 July 2024**
- Latest **extensions, approvals, and renewals** of pesticides for use in the EU

Reports



Plant health

Report on plant health (EUROPHYT) interceptions in May 2024

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