



Welcome to Issue 3 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.agrininfo.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, opportunities to provide feedback and influence the process are highlighted. This includes upcoming regulatory changes that have been notified to the World Trade Organization (WTO) and where there is a 60-day period during which comments or concerns about potential impacts can be submitted via the [National SPS notification authority](#) of the country concerned to the [EU SPS Enquiry Point](#).

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New Regulations or policies under development



Trade

EU survey to identify unfair trading practices in the food supply chain. **EU consultation – deadline 15 March 2023**

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Changes notified to World Trade Organization

Send feedback via your [National SPS/TBT notification authority](#) within the 60-day time limit



Packaging

EU proposes revisions to packaging rules to encourage recycling and reduction of packaging. **WTO TBT consultation – deadline 28 May 2023**

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EU to amend pesticide MRLs

WTO SPS consultation – **deadline 25 April 2023**:

- [triflumuron](#) (apples, pears, apricots, peaches, plums)
- [pyriproxyfen](#) (pears, quinces, medlars, loquats, Japanese medlars, cranberries, okra)
- [methomyl](#) (vegetables, pulses, oilseeds, cereals)
- [teflubenzuron](#) (most products)
- [etoxazole](#) (fruits, vegetables, teas, hops)
- [diuron](#) (all products)

New Regulations coming into force and application dates



Additional/emergency controls

Correction: yardlong beans (Dominican Republic), calcium carbonate (India), dried figs (Türkiye). Applies from **16 February 2023**

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Biotechnologies

EU approves imports of GM soybean A5547-127

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EU approves imports of GM oilseed rape MON 94100

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Contaminants

EU publishes Regulations to standardise official controls of contaminants in food of animal origin and composite products. Applies from **1 January 2023**

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New pesticide MRLs

Changes will apply from **14 September 2023** affecting:

- [metazachlor](#) (radishes, broccoli, cauliflowers, kale, swine liver)
- [flutriafol](#) (melons, watermelons, pumpkins, rice)
- [triadimenol](#) (fruits, vegetables, cereals, hops, sugar plant products)
- [nicotine](#) (rose hips, herbs, edible flowers, wild fungi, teas, herbal infusions, spices)
- [didecyldimethylammonium chloride](#) (all products except animal products)
- [sodium aluminium silicate](#) (all products)

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