



Welcome to Issue 33 of AGRINFO UPDATE. This issue includes the latest organic control bodies authorised by the EU to certify organic production in non-EU countries. It highlights proposals by the European Commission to allow organic production of de-alcoholised wine, and to clarify the requirements for certain animal products to enter the EU. There are opportunities to provide feedback on these proposals, and on the proposed non-renewal of tritosulfuron. On private standards, Social Accountability International invites public comments for the revision of its SA8000 Standard for Decent Work, and we report on GLOBALG.A.P.'s Integrated Farm Assurance v6 and Global Food Safety Initiative recognition. We also include overviews of the latest reauthorisations of feed additives and of reported suspicions of food fraud, as well as a new AGRINFO Guide to proposed changes on mineral oil hydrocarbons.

Our website now offers automatic translations in French and Spanish. If you have any feedback on the translations, please contact us at agrinfo@colead.link.

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LATEST

Event – CBI (Centre for the Promotion of Imports from developing countries)



CBI Webinar

Regulatory trends and challenges in the fresh fruit and vegetables sector – for entrepreneurs and business support organisations who want to export to the European market. **26 September**, 15:30–16:45 CET

Read

New Regulations or policies under development



Organic production

EU proposes to allow organic production of de-alcoholised wine. Feedback to EU by **20 September**

Read



Changes notified to World Trade Organization

Send feedback via your National SPS/TBT notification authority within the 60-day time limit



Public health import requirements

EU to clarify requirements for certain animal products (dairy products, food additives, collagen casings, gelatine capsules) to enter the European Union. Feedback to WTO by **21 October**; to EU by **18 September**

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Pesticides

EU proposes not to renew its approval of tritosulfuron. Feedback to WTO by **28 September**

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Private standards



Social Accountability International

SAI invites public comments for the revision of its SA8000 Standard for Decent Work. Feedback to SAI by **15 November**

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GLOBALG.A.P.

Transition to GLOBALG.A.P. Integrated Farm Assurance (IFA) version 6 and Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) recognition

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New Regulations coming into force and application dates



Organic production

EU publishes additional list of organic control authorities/bodies recognised under new compliance regime. Applies from **10 August 2024**

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Contaminants

EU sets maximum levels for nickel in certain foods. Applies from **1 July 2025**

Correction: An MRL has been set for *all* fruit and vegetable juices (including juices for infants and young children).

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Tariffs & quotas

EU reintroduces tariff rate quota for honey from Ukraine. Applies from **21 August 2024**

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Reports and overviews



Guide to mineral oil hydrocarbons (MOH)

New AGRINFO publication summarising EU's plans to limit amounts of MOH allowed in food, and actions needed to prepare for compliance. Available in English, French, and Spanish



Feed additives

EU reauthorises certain feed additives, makes some amendments and corrections

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Official controls

Latest EU overview of food found not to comply with EU law

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