

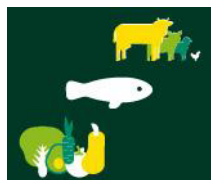


Welcome to Issue 36 of AGRINFO UPDATE. This issue reports on the European Commission's proposed delay in implementation of the EU Deforestation Regulation, as well as a new Communication explaining the "benchmarking" of countries as low, standard, or high risk. New initiatives linking certain EU fish tariff quotas to sustainability criteria are being explored, and the EU's Fisheries Partnership Agreement with Guinea-Bissau is published. The Commission has put forward a fourth list of recognised organic control bodies, and published a list of countries demonstrating compliance with EU rules on antimicrobials. This issue also highlights an initiative by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) offering support to companies planning to put novel/traditional foods on the EU market. In addition, many Regulations have been published relating to food additives, pesticide maximum residue levels, and poultry quotas.

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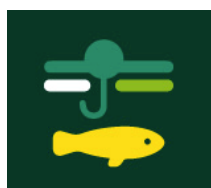
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### *New Regulations or policies under development*



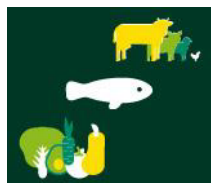
#### **Deforestation**

- Commission **proposes** extra 12 months for phase-in of EU Deforestation Regulation
- Commission sets out **framework** for engaging with country partners and benchmarking principles



#### **Common Fisheries Policy**

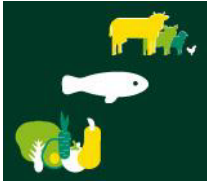
- Commission **proposes** revision of EU tools to address unsustainable fishing by non-EU countries
- EU explores linking certain fish quotas to sustainability criteria: **Call for evidence**. Feedback by **4 November 2024**



#### **Organic production**

EU proposes additional lists of organic control authorities/bodies recognised under new compliance regime. Feedback by **6 November 2024**

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### Novel/traditional foods

EFSA offers support to SMEs planning novel/traditional food applications. Express interest by **31 October 2024**

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## New Regulations coming into force and application dates



### Antimicrobial resistance

EU issues first list of non-EU countries compliant with antimicrobial requirements and authorised to export animals and animal products. Applies from **3 September 2026**

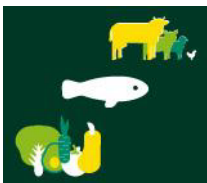
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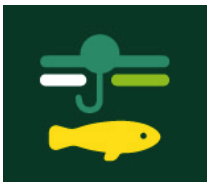
EU amends substances to be checked in residue control plans for raw milk, aquaculture, honey, and eggs. Applies from **1 January 2025**

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### Food additives

- EU revises specifications and conditions of use of [sorbates and propyl gallate](#). Applies from **27 October 2024**
- Commission authorises use of [powdered cellulose \[E 460\(ii\)\] and glucono-delta-lactone \[E 575\]](#) in unripened soft spreadable cheese products. Applies from **28 October 2024**



### Common Fisheries Policy

EU and Guinea-Bissau Fisheries Partnership Agreement – conclusion of Implementing Protocol and allocation of fishing opportunities. Applies from **18 September 2024**

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### Tariffs & quotas

EU revises management of poultry tariff quotas to limit the impact of increased Ukrainian imports. Applies from **11 October 2024**

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## Pesticide MRLs

Applies from **28 October 2024**:

- EU raises MRLs for [flonicamid](#) on a range of vegetables
- EU raises MRL for [clopyralid](#) on honey and other apiculture products
- EU decides no MRLs required for [chitosan, fat distillation residues, hydrolysed proteins, and lavandulyl senecioate](#)

Applies from **29 October 2024**:

- EU revises [fosetyl-AI](#) MRLs, with impacts on sweetcorn and certain herbal infusions/spices

Applies from **28 April 2025**:

- EU lowers MRLs for [pyridaben](#)
- EU lowers MRLs for [napropamide](#), with impacts on berries, herbs, and edible flowers
- EU amends [tebufenpyrad](#) MRLs, with impacts on apricots, peaches, table grapes, beans, and hops

## Reports



## Food safety controls

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

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