

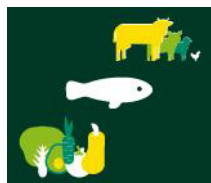


Welcome to Issue 37 of AGRINFO UPDATE. This issue reports on recently published changes to maximum residue levels (MRLs) including for thiacloprid; and authorisations of genetically modified organisms (GMOs), a novel food, and a protein hydrolysate for infant formula. New methods of sampling and analysis for checking the characteristics of olive oil, and the management of rice tariff quotas, are outlined. This issue also includes RASFF notifications, as well as EUROPHYT plant health interceptions, involving imports from AGRINFO partner countries during September 2024.

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Organic production

Amendments to recognised organic control authorities and control bodies – equivalence regime. Feedback by **20 November 2024**

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Pesticide MRLs

Applies from **29 October 2024**:

- EU raises MRL for [famoxadone](#) on hops
- EU adopts Codex MRLs for [mefentrifluconazole](#) on multiple products

Applies from **30 April 2025**:

- EU raises MRLs for [difluoroacetic acid](#) on specified products including citrus and stone fruits, some vegetables, cereals, and animal products
- EU amends MRLs for [1,4-dimethylnaphthalene](#) on potatoes and animal products
- EU increases MRL for [fluopyram](#) on pumpkin seeds
- EU increases MRLs for [flupyradifurone](#) on certain stone fruits and other fruits, vegetables, cereals, and animal products

Applies from **12 May 2025**:

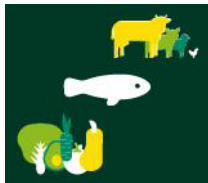
- EU reduces MRLs for [thiacloprid](#) on many products



GMOs

EU authorises GM maize DP202216 and reauthorises MON 89034 × 1507 × NK603, and MON 89034 × 1507 × MON 88017 × 5912

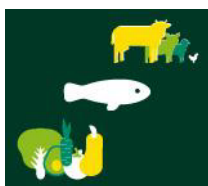
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Novel foods

EU authorises magnesium L-threonate as a novel food. Applies from **7 November 2024**

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Food safety

EU authorises use of protein hydrolysates in infant and follow-on formula. Applies from **11 October 2024**

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Official controls

EU amends new sampling and analysis methods for checking olive oil characteristics. Applies from **11 November 2024**

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Tariffs & quotas

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Official controls

34 AGRINFO partner countries received RASFF notifications in September 2024

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Plant health

68 interceptions due to harmful organisms impacting 23 AGRINFO partner countries, and 396 interceptions due to other non-conformities impacting 43 partner countries, were reported for September 2024

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