

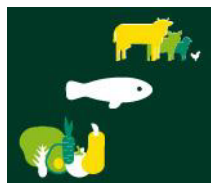


Welcome to Issue 39 of AGRINFO UPDATE. This issue includes new regulations on food additives and food safety controls, and reports on the latest developments regarding implementation of the EU Deforestation Regulation. We provide summaries of the October TRACES and RASSF reports, and information on the important final public consultation on the GLOBALG.A.P. Environmental Sustainability Solution.

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Deforestation

European Parliament supports extra 12 months for phase-in of EU Deforestation Regulation and proposes new category of “no risk” deforestation countries

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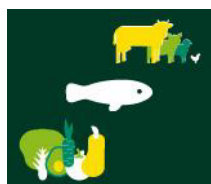


Private standards

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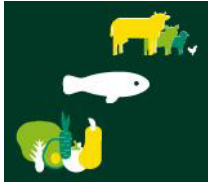
New Regulations coming into force and application dates



Food additives

EU bans the flavouring benzene-1,2-diol. Applies from **3 December 2024**

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Food safety controls

- EU extends criteria for *Listeria monocytogenes* in ready-to-eat food to cover the whole food chain. Applies from **1 July 2026**
- **Collagen** added to list of products for which semicarbazide reference point for action does not apply. Applies from **3 December 2024**

Reports and Publications



TRACES interceptions

October 2024 saw 84 interceptions due to harmful organisms involving 26 AGRINFO partner countries, and 477 interceptions due to other non-conformities involving 53 partner countries

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38 AGRINFO partner countries received RASFF notifications in October 2024

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New AGRINFO publication highlighting recent and upcoming regulatory changes, including new obligations for countries and honey establishments to be listed for export. Available in [English](#) and [French](#), now also in [Spanish](#)

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