

Welcome to Issue 40 of AGRINFO UPDATE. Highlights include upcoming increased import controls on certain products from Bangladesh, India, Madagascar, Rwanda, and Vietnam, as well as changes to the list of countries permitted to export animal products to the EU. We also report on latest developments concerning the EU Deforestation Regulation, Organic rules, and pesticide legislation. The main conclusions of the European Court of Auditors' report on the state of food labelling in the EU are summarised.

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