



Welcome to Issue 41 of AGRINFO Update. In this final issue of 2024, we report on recently completed technical negotiations between the EU and Mercosur on a new Partnership Agreement; proposals to clarify the methods for testing *Trichinella* in pork; and proposed changes to pesticide maximum residue levels (MRLs) notified to the World Trade Organization SPS Committee – we explain how and when to send feedback. The EU has now increased import controls on specific products from Bangladesh, India, Madagascar, Rwanda, Türkiye, and Vietnam, and has aligned its rules on winemaking methods and treatments with updated international standards. We also include the latest monthly reports on food imports that are not compliant with EU law.

With best wishes from the AGRINFO team for the holiday season and for the new year.

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## LATEST

### *New Regulations or policies under development*



#### **Food safety**

European Commission proposes to clarify reference method for detecting *Trichinella* in pork, and authorises new equivalent method (lumiVAST *Trichinella*). Feedback to EU by **2 January 2025**

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#### **Trade policy**

EU and Mercosur complete technical negotiations on Partnership Agreement

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### *Changes notified to World Trade Organization*

Send feedback via your [National SPS notification authority](#) within the 60-day time limit



#### **Pesticide MRLs**

EU proposes to:

- lower MRL for [propamocarb](#) on lettuces
- amend MRLs for [dimoxystrobin](#)
- amend MRLs for [ethephon](#)

Feedback by **3 February 2025**

## New Regulations coming into force and application dates



### Additional/emergency controls

EU increases official controls on certain foods from Bangladesh, India, Madagascar, Rwanda, Türkiye, and Vietnam. Applies from **9 January 2025**

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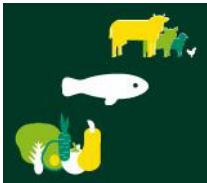


### Product marketing standards

EU updates methods and treatments permitted in winemaking. Applies from **29 December 2024**

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## Reports



### RASFF notifications

34 AGRINFO partner countries received RASFF notifications in November 2024

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### Official controls

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

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