



Welcome to Issue 42 of AGRINFO UPDATE, and best wishes to all our readers for a happy and peaceful 2025. This issue includes several important new items of legislation covering forced labour, food contact materials, deforestation, pesticides, tariffs and quotas, plant health, and fruit and vegetable marketing standards. There are also open public consultations where you can review and provide feedback on proposed changes to animal health controls and pesticide MRLs, and upcoming opportunities to comment on many other proposed changes in the coming weeks.

See also the AGRINFO reports on recent developments in EU trade policy, and the latest EU overview of imported food found not to comply with EU law.

AGRINFO provides a regular information service keeping you up-to-date on evolving EU policies, regulations, and standards that have potential impacts on agricultural value chains in low- and middle-income countries. Find links below to our website at www.agrinfo.eu, where we give clear summaries about recent and upcoming changes, and actions that companies or authorities need to take to meet the new rules. If you need more information, eligible stakeholders can contact us via the [Ask AGRINFO](#) service*.

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Overview of EU policies and regulations under development where non-EU countries can provide feedback: Early 2025

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Pesticide MRLs

[WTO SPS consultations](#) – deadline **14 February 2025**. EU proposes to:

- amend MRLs for [metolachlor](#)
- set MRLs for [triflusulfuron](#) to the LOD for all products
- lower MRLs for [chlorpropham](#) on potatoes
- reduce MRL for [methoxyfenozide](#) on aubergines



Official controls

EU to amend certain requirements for meat inspection and health marks. Feedback by **5 February** ([EU Have your say](#)) and **16 February** ([WTO SPS](#))

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Plant health

European Commission introduces improvements to Plant Health Law. Applies from **5 January 2025**

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Product marketing standards

Regulation on marketing standards for the fruit and vegetables sector enters into application. Applies from **1 January 2025**

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Organic production

EU approves six additional organic control authorities/bodies. Applies from **20 December 2024**

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Food contact materials

EU prohibits use of bisphenol A (BPA) in packaging. Applies from **20 July 2026**

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Tariffs & quotas

Applies from **1 January 2025**:

- EU [opens quotas](#) on certain agricultural products
- EU [suspends duties](#) on certain agricultural products



Forced labour

EU publishes new rules to prohibit sales on the EU market of products made with forced labour. Applies from **14 December 2027**

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Pesticide MRLs

EU clarifies which maximum residue levels apply to radish leaves. Applies from **8 January 2025**

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