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THE LATEST ON EU AGRI-FOOD POLICIES IMPACTING LOW- AND MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES

COLEAD would like to introduce you to AGRINFO, a new EU-funded programme that keeps you up-to-date with changes to EU policies, regulations and standards with an impact on agri-food and fisheries value chains.

The EU is pursuing an ambitious climate-oriented agenda through its Green Deal and Farm to Fork Strategy, resulting in many regulatory changes. Monitoring and complying with new and evolving EU rules is a significant challenge for government authorities as well as private sector stakeholders worldwide, particularly in low- and middle-income countries.

KEEPING UP WITH THE CHANGES

As a key part of its activities, AGRINFO provides an open access, searchable website that:

- gives clear summaries of recent and upcoming regulatory and policy changes
- focuses on the practical implications of changing regulations for actors in low- and middle-income economies
- sets out actions needed by producers, operators and authorities to align with new requirements
- offers a contact point for authorities and operators seeking to understand and discuss regulatory developments
- gives accessible background explanations and links to key resources.

Subscribe free of charge to the AGRINFO UPDATE email for a regular overview of the most significant EU regulatory developments for the agri-food and fisheries sectors.

On request, the AGRINFO team can organise webinars for our key partners to present and discuss specific regulations or topics of interest.

WHO'S BEHIND AGRINFO?

AGRINFO is an EU-funded information programme that contributes to improved food quality and safety, and to increased sustainability of food and agricultural production, in low- and middle-income countries.

The programme is managed and implemented by COLEAD, a private sector (not-for-profit) organisation, bringing together companies, professional organisations and experts committed to inclusive agriculture and advancing the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.



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AGRINFO UPDATE 2023/11

Welcome to Issue 11 of AGRINFO UPDATE – 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.

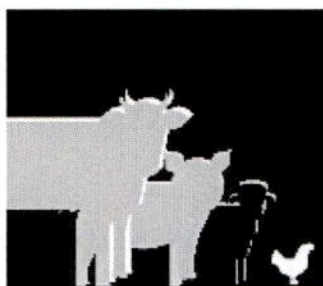
Find links below to our website at www.agrinfo.eu, where we give clear summaries about recent and upcoming changes, and actions that companies or authorities need to take to meet the new rules.

Only one AGRINFO Update has been issued in August, a time when activities tend to slow down during the European holiday period. Of particular importance in this newsletter is the reminder that national authorities must provide information on antimicrobials before November in order for countries to be able to continue exporting livestock and animal products to the EU. We also highlight upcoming opportunities to engage with the EU and give your inputs on new EU policies and regulations. And, for the first time, we include a trade policy digest on recent developments in EU trade negotiations: we plan to make this a regular (quarterly) feature.

If you need more information, eligible stakeholders can contact us via the [Ask AGRINFO](#) service*.

LATEST

New Regulations or policies under development



Animal health: antimicrobial resistance

Reminder: non-EU countries must provide guarantees on antimicrobials to the European Commission before November 2023 to continue exports of animal products

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Animal health certification

EU updates official health certificates for consistent wording

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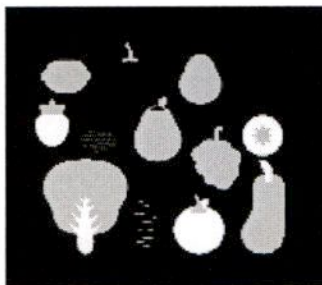
Overview

Upcoming opportunities for non-EU countries to give feedback on EU policies and regulations under development

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Changes notified to World Trade Organization

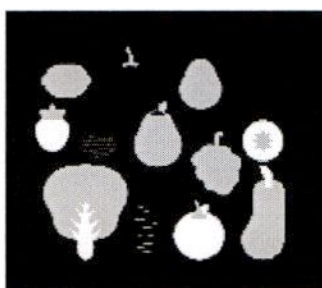
Send feedback via your National SPS/TBT notification authority within the 60-day time limit



Organic production

Proposed changes to information that must be provided by non-EU organic control authorities/bodies for their supervision by the Commission. [WTO TBT consultation](#) – feedback by **18 September**

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Organic production

EU proposes new substances for use in organic production. [WTO TBT consultation](#) – feedback by **1 October**

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Pesticide MRLs

Proposed reductions in MRLs

[WTO SPS consultation](#) – feedback by **5 September**:

- [desmedipham](#)
- [difenacoum](#)
- [etridiazole](#)
- [potassium permanganate](#)

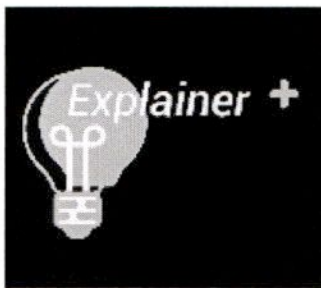


Pesticides

Approvals not renewed by EU – [WTO TBT consultation](#):

- [triflurosulfuron methyl](#) – feedback by **11 September**
- [clofentezine](#) – feedback by **12 September**
- [benthiavalicarb](#) – feedback by **18 September**
- [metiram](#) – feedback by **18 September**

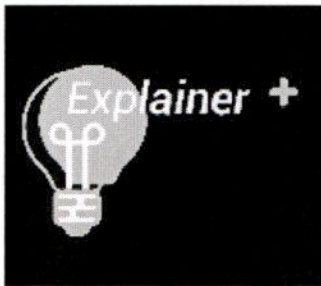
Explainers



Trade policy digest

Recent developments in EU trade policy

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Feedback

How to provide feedback on upcoming EU policies and regulations

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New Regulations coming into force and application dates



New pesticide MRLs

EU amends MRLs for nicotine on rose hips, herbs and edible flowers, wild fungi, teas, herbal infusions and spices – applies from **15 September**

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AGRINFO keeps you up-to-date on evolving EU policies, regulations and standards impacting agri-food trade. It provides clear summaries for trade partners in low- and middle-income countries about the "what, why and when" of recent and upcoming changes, and actions needed to adjust to new rules.



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