

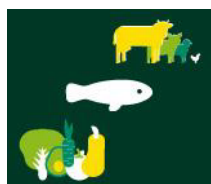


Welcome to Issue 25 of AGRINFO UPDATE. This issue includes the latest changes to EU maximum residue levels for a number of pesticides and other contaminants. We highlight an opportunity to send feedback to the EU by **8 May** on proposed changes to food safety criteria for *Listeria monocytogenes*. See also the February summary from the European Commission of notifications of non-compliances with EU law, including suspected agrifood fraud and pesticide MRLs exceedances. These reports help public and private sector stakeholders to identify problem areas and take the actions needed to prevent further risk.

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Food safety

Food safety criteria for *Listeria monocytogenes* in ready-to-eat food will apply throughout the food chain – feedback to EU by **8 May 2024**

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New Regulations coming into force and application dates



Pesticide MRLs in Animal Products

EU reduces maximum residue levels for 2,4-DB to 0.05 mg/kg on animal products – applies from **6 November 2024**

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Other Pesticide MRLs

EU raises the following maximum residue levels – applies from **6 May 2024**

- [flonicamid](#) on Chinese cabbages, kales, and kohlrabies
- [isofetamid](#) on salad plants
- [mefentrifluconazole](#) on multiple products
- [metazachlor](#) on leeks and honey
- [pyrimethanil](#) on table grapes, garlic, and honey



Contaminants

EU reduces maximum levels of:

- [deoxynivalenol](#) in cereals/cereal-based foods – from **1 July 2024**
- [3-MCPD](#) in infant formula – from **1 January 2025**

EU establishes maximum levels for:

- [T-2 and HT-2 toxins](#) in cereal-based foods – from **1 July 2024**



Novel foods

EU authorises [several novel foods](#) – from **30 April 2024**

EU changes specifications for:

- [astaxanthin-rich oleoresin](#) from *Haematococcus pluvialis* algae – from **29 April 2024**
- [galacto-oligosaccharide](#) (no longer requires minimum galactose level) – from **28 April 2024**



Biocides

EU approves use of thermally treated garlic juice in biocidal products – applies from **1 July 2025**

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Reports



Official controls

Latest EU RASSF notifications and overview of agrifood fraud: impacts on Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Brazil, Burundi, China, Cambodia, Cameroon, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Iran, Jordan, Kenya, Laos, Mexico, Montenegro, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Senegal, Serbia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tunisia, Türkiye, Uganda, Ukraine, Vietnam

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