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Legislation

Imports of certain products permitted

EU Official Journal L 8 of 13 January 2022, p. 1
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/34 of 22 December 2021 amending Annexes III, VIII, IX and XI to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 as regards the lists of third countries or regions thereof from which the introduction into the Union of certain wild feathered game intended for human consumption is permitted, consignments of certain bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods, of certain fishery products and of frog legs and snails, and repealing Decision 2007/82/EC
Public Gazette L 8 of 13 January 2022, p. 36
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/36 of 11 January 2022 amending Annex III to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2235 as regards model certificates for the entry into the Union of consignments of certain live aquatic animals and products of animal origin.

Chopped carbon fibre safe for use as a filler for PEEK in food contact materials

EFSA Journal 2022;20(1):7003
Safety assessment of the substance chopped carbon fibres, from carbonised polyacrylonitrile, for use in food contact materials.

MRLs amended for dazomet, hexythiazox, metam, methyl isothiocyanate and flonicamid

EU Official Journal L 13 of 20 January 2022, p. 5
Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/78 of 19 January 2022 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 as regards maximum residue levels for dazomet, hexythiazox, metam and methyl isothiocyanate in or on certain products.
Official Journal EU L 14 of 21 January 2022, p. 6
Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/85 of 20 January 2022 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for flonicamid in or on certain products.

UK-based Synergy Health approved as an irradiation facility

EU Official Journal L 19 of 28 January 2022, p. 72
Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/120 of 26 January 2022 amending Decision 2002/840/EC adopting the list of approved facilities in third countries for the irradiation of foods.

Glucose oxidase, arabinofuranosidase and glucan 1,4 α-glucosidase approved for food use

EFSA Journal 2022;20(3):7181
Safety evaluation of the food enzyme glucose oxidase from the genetically modified Aspergillus niger strain DP-Aze23.

EFSA Journal 2022;20(3):7173
Safety evaluation of the food enzyme non-reducing end α-l-arabinofuranosidase from the genetically modified Trichoderma reesei strain NZYM-GV.

EFSA Journal 2022;20(3):7191

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme glucan 1,4 α-glucosidase from the genetically modified Aspergillus niger strain NZYM-BR.

Bleached cellulose pulp and hemicellulose safe for use in food contact materials

EFSA Journal 2022;20(3):7171

Safety assessment of bleached cellulose pulp for use in plastic food contact materials.

EFSA Journal-2022;20(3):7172

Safety assessment of diethyl3,5-bis(1,1-dimethylethyl)-4-hydroxyphenyl]methyl phosphonate for use in a food contact material.

High-pressure preservation assessed for food

EFSA Journal 2022;20(3):7128

The efficacy and safety of high-pressure processing of food.

Extraction agent 2-methyloxane safe

EFSA Journal 2022;20(3):7138

Safety assessment of 2-methyloxolane as a food extraction solvent.

Maximum residue levels (MRLs) are set for the pesticides azoxystrobin, benzovindiflupyr, cyantraniliprole, cyflufenamid, flutolanil and proquinazid

EU Official Journal L 98 of 25 March 2022, p. 9

Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/476 of 24 March 2022 amending Annexes II, III and IV to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for acetic acid, azoxystrobin, benzovindiflupyr, cyantraniliprole, cyflufenamid, emamectin, flutolanil, Californian porridge, maltodextrin and proquinazid in or on certain products.

Farmer's cheese amended and Italian pasta dish entered in PDO register

Publication sheet EU C 136 of 28 March 2022, p. 8

Publication of a specification amended following the approval of a minimum amendment pursuant to Article 53(2) second subparagraph Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 2022.

Public Gazette EU L 103 of 31 March 2022, p. 1

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/509 of 24 March 2022 entering a name in the register of traditional specialities guaranteed ('Vincisgrassi alla maceratese' (TSG)).

Furan and alkyl furans are monitored in foods

EU Official Journal L 100 of 28 March 2022, p. 60

Commission Recommendation (EU) 2022/495 of 25 March 2022 on the monitoring of the presence of furan and alkylfurans in foodstuffs.

Solutions offered for recovery in food sector after Covid-19

EU Official Journal C 152 of 6 April 2022, p. 63

Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on Aligning food sector strategies and practices with the Sustainable Development Goals for sustainable recovery after COVID-19.

Maximum levels of mercury in fish and salt amended

EU Official Journal L 115 of 13 April 2022, p. 60
Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/617 of 12 April 2022 amending Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 as regards maximum levels of mercury in fish and salt

A-glucosidase and dextranase approved for food use, catalase rejected

EFSA Journal 2022;20(4):7237
Safety evaluation of the food enzyme catalase from porcine liver.
EFSA Journal 2022;20(4):7240
Safety evaluation of the food enzyme α-glucosidase from the Aspergillus niger strain AE-TGU.
EFSA Journal 2022;20(5):7279
Safety evaluation of the food enzyme dextranase from the Collariella gracilis strain AE-DX.

Acrylamide limits need not be adjusted

EFSA Journal 2022;20(5):7293
Assessment of the genotoxicity of acrylamide.

Pesticide residues also monitored in coming years

EU Official Journal L 137 of 16 May 2022, p. 12
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/741 of 13 May 2022 concerning a coordinated multiannual Union control programme for 2023, 2024 and 2025 to ensure compliance with maximum residue levels of pesticides and to assess the consumer exposure to pesticide residues in and on food of plant and animal origin, and repealing Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/601

Enzymes glucan 1,4-α-maltohydrolase and pullulanase approved, Glucan 1,4-α-glucosidase not

EFSA Journal 2022;20(6):7367
Safety evaluation of the food enzyme glucan 1,4-α-maltohydrolase from the genetically modified Bacillus licheniformis strain NZYM-FR.
EFSA Journal 2022;20(6):7383
Safety evaluation of the food enzyme glucan 1,4-α-glucosidase from Aspergillus niger.
EFSA Journal 2022;20(6):7359
Safety evaluation of the food enzyme pullulanase from the genetically modified Bacillus licheniformis strain NZYM-LU.

Sopa da Pedra de Almeirim (Portuguese soup) in register guaranteed traditional specialties

EU Official Journal L 164 of 20 June 2022, p. 3
Commission implementing regulation (EU) 2022/941 of 13 June 2022 entering a name in the register of traditional specialities guaranteed ('Sopa da Pedra de Almeirim' (TSG))

β-galactosidase, α-amylase, cellulase and phospholipase A1 approved for use in food

EFSA Journal 2022;20(7):7358
Safety evaluation of the food enzyme β-galactosidase from the genetically modified Bacillus licheniformis strain NZYM-BT.
EFSA Journal 2022;20(7):7370

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme α-amylase from the genetically modified Bacillus licheniformis strain NZYM-BC.
EFSA Journal 2022;20(7):7375
Safety evaluation of the food enzyme cellulase from the genetically modified Trichoderma reesei strain AR-852.
EFSA Journal 2022;20(7):7381
Safety evaluation of the food enzyme phospholipase A1 from the genetically modified Aspergillus oryzae strain NZYM-LJ.

Overview of maximum residue levels (MRLs) for potassium phosphonates in various products

EFSA Journal 2022;20(7):7400
Scientific statement on the maximum residue levels for potassium phosphonates.

Enzymes from Aspergillus niger found safe

EFSA Journal 2022;20(7):7376
Safety evaluation of the food enzyme containing endo-polygalacturonase, pectinesterase, pectin lyase and non-reducing end α-l-arabinofuranosidase activities from the Aspergillus niger strain PEC.

Glucose oxidase produced by genetically modified fungus approved

EFSA Journal 2022;20(7):7372
Safety evaluation of the food enzyme glucose oxidase from the genetically modified Trichoderma reesei strain AR-352.

Number of MRLs amended

EU Official Journal L 196 of 25 July 2022, p. 74
Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/1290 of 22 July 2022 amending Annexes II, III and IV to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for ametoctradin, chlormequat, dodine, nicotine, profenophos and Spodoptera exigua multicapsid nucleopolyhedrovirus (SeMNPV) isolate BV-0004 in or on certain products.

Mucorpepsin, α-amylase and chymosin approved for use in milk or starch processing

EFSA Journal 2022;20(8):7459
Safety evaluation of the native and thermolabile forms of the food enzyme mucorpepsin from Rhizomucor miehei strain MMR 164.
EFSA Journal 2022;20(8):7463
Safety evaluation of the food enzyme α-amylase from Cellulosimicrobium funkei strain AE-AMT.
EFSA Journal 2022;20(8):7465
Safety evaluation of the food enzyme chymosin from the genetically modified Aspergillus niger strain DSM 29546.
EFSA Journal 2022;20(8):7466
Safety evaluation of the food enzyme chymosin from the genetically modified Aspergillus niger strain DSM32805.

CN codes of official controls at border checkpoints changed
EU Official Journal L 200 of 29 July 2022, p. 25

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1322 of 25 July 2022 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/632 as regards the lists of products of animal origin, animal by-products and composite products subject to official controls at border inspection posts.

MRLs of pesticides fuoride ion, oxyfluorfen, pyroxsulam and quinmerac amended

EU Official Journal L 200 of 29 July 2022, p. 1
Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/1321 of 25 July 2022 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for fluoride ion, oxyfluorfen, pyroxsulam, quinmerac and sulphuryl fluoride in or on certain products.
EU Official Journal L 200 of 29 July 2022, p. 68
Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/1324 of 28 July 2022 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) no. 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for benzovindiflupyr, boscalid, phenazaquin, fluazifop-P, flupyradifurone, fluxapyroxad, fosetyl-Al, isofetamid, metaflumizone, pyraclostrobin, spirotetramat, thiabendazole and tolclofos-methyl in or on certain products.
EU Official Journal L 202 of 2 August 2022, p. 1
Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/1343 of 29 July 2022 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for acequinocyl, chlorantraniliprole and emamectin in or on certain products.
EU Official Journal L 202 of 2 August 2022, p. 31
Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/1346 of 1 August 2022 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for 1,4-dimethylnaphthalene, 8-hydroxyquinoline, pinoxaden and valiphenalate in or on certain products.

Mucorpepsin, chymosin, α-amylase and phosphoinositide phospholipase C found safe by EFSA

EFSA Journal 2022;20(8):7460
Safety evaluation of the thermolabile form of the food enzyme mucorpepsin from Rhizomucor miehei strain MMR 164.
EFSA Journal 2022;20(8):7462
Safety evaluation of the food enzyme chymosin from the genetically modified Kluyveromyces lactis strain CHY.
EFSA Journal 2022;20(8):7464
Safety evaluation of the food enzyme chymosin from the genetically modified Aspergillus niger strain DSM 29544.
EFSA Journal 2022;20(8):7467
Safety evaluation of the food enzyme α-amylase from the genetically modified Bacillus licheniformis strain NZYM-AY.
EFSA Journal 2022;20(8):7470
Safety evaluation of the food enzyme phosphoinositide phospholipase C from the genetically modified Bacillus licheniformis strain NZYM-DI.

Use galacto-oligosaccharide now allowed in medical food and use oil of Schizochytrium sp. now allowed in meat and fish substitutes

Official Journal EU L 205 of 5 August 2022, p. 230
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1365 of 4 August 2022 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 as regards the conditions of use for the novel food oil from Schizochytrium sp. rich in DHA and EPA.
EU Official Journal L 207 of 9 August 2022, p. 12

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1381 of 8 August 2022 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 as regards the conditions of use of the novel food galacto-oligosaccharide.

Maximum residue levels (MRLs) of 2,4-D, azoxystrobin, cyhalofop-butyl, cymoxanil, fenhexamid, flazasulfuron, florasulam, fluroxypyr, iprovalicarb and silthiofam have been modified

Official Journal EU L 205 of 5 August 2022, p. 207
Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/1363 of 3 August 2022 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for 2,4-D, azoxystrobin, cyhalofop-butyl, cymoxanil, fenhexamid, flazasulfuron, florasulam, fluroxypyr, iprovalicarb and silthiofam in or on certain products.

Modified residue limits of methoxyfenozide, spinosad, propoxur and thiram (pesticides)

EU Official Journal L 215 of 18 August 2022, p. 1
Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/1406 of 3 August 2022 amending Annexes II, III and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for methoxyfenozide, propoxur, spinosad and thiram in or on certain products.

Conversion factors of folate into folate equivalents determined

EFSA Journal 2022;20(8):7452
Conversion of calcium-l-methylfolate and (6S)-5-methyltetrahydrofolic acid glucosamine salt into dietary folate equivalents.

Safety future use of microorganisms via synthetic biology evaluated

EFSA Journal 2022;20(8):7479
Evaluation of existing guidelines for their adequacy for the food and feed risk assessment of microorganisms obtained through synthetic biology.

Maximum levels of dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs in food amended

Official Journal EU L 274 of 24 October 2022, p. 64
Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/2002 of 21 October 2022 amending Regulation (EC) 1881/2006 as regards maximum levels of dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs in certain foodstuffs.
β-galactosidase produced using Hamamotoa singularis YIT 10047 safely

EFSA Journal 2022;20(11):7650
Safety evaluation of the use of the non-genetically modified Hamamotoa singularis strain YIT 10047 as a source of β-galactosidase

Pizza Napoletana (Neapolitan pizza) included in TSG register

EU Official Journal L 307 of 28 November 2022, p. 45
Commission Implementing Regulation (Eu) 2022/2313 of 25 November 2022 entering a name in the register of traditional specialities guaranteed (Pizza Napoletana (TSG)).

MRLs for pyriproxyfen revised

EFSA Journal 2022;20(11):7617
Review of the existing maximum residue levels for pyriproxyfen according to Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005.

Permissible weekly intake set for PFASs

EU Official Journal L 316 of 8 December 2022, p. 38
Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/2388 of 7 December 2022 amending Regulation (EC) 1881/2006 as regards maximum levels of perfluoroalkyl substances in certain foods.

Cellulase, endo-1,3(4)-β-glucanase and endo-1,4-β-xylanase (food enzyme) safe for use in manufacturing processes

EFSA Journal 2022;20(12):7676
Safety evaluation of the food enzyme containing cellulase, endo-1,3(4)-β-glucanase and endo-1,4-β-xylanase activities from the non-genetically modified Trichoderma reesei strain AR-256.

Nutritional enzymes endo-polygalacturonase and endo-1,3(4)-β-glucanase endo-polygalacturonase found safe

EFSA Journal 2022;20(12):7648
Safety evaluation of the food enzyme containing endo-polygalacturonase and endo-1,3(4)-β-glucanase from the non-genetically modified Aspergillus fijiensis strain NZYM-RE.

Fraud

Contraband frozen foods in China

746 tons of frozen food were seized by the authorities. The total value was 7.2 million euros.
China.org

Grey market in Bolivia

The National Customs seized 331 tons of contraband food (total value of almost 305 000 Euros).
Abi
El Diario

Adulterated products in the EU

The European Commission, together with the EU Food Fraud Network, joined forces on the one-year lasting EU Enforcement Action Bamboo-zling on plastic food contact materials (FCM) made of bamboo powder. 748 cases of plastic food contact materials containing unauthorized bamboo powder were notified by the active participants.
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Food Packaging Forum

Contraband food products seized in Venezuela

The authorities seized 54 tons of contraband food from Colombia.
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Contraband food seized in Bolivia

The authorities seized 205 tons of contraband food (beer, flour, corn, soybeans, and oil) from Argentina and Brazil (total value of 145 000 euros).
Reduno

Grey market in Guatemala

The Anti-Smuggling Observatory estimated that every year 64 800 tons of food are smuggled through the Suchiate river between Guatemala and Mexico, for a total value of 110 million Euros.
Prensa Libre

Food products seized in Italy

The authorities seized 21 tons of food from Romania not compliant with the labeling legislation (total value of 200 000 Euros).
Il Gazzettino
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Grey market in the USA

The authorities uncovered a theft ring, targeting meatpacking plants, whose members performed at least 45 thefts across six states, for a total of 9 million dollars in losses.
Des Moines Register

Mislabeled food products in Pakistan

The law enforcement agencies disrupted a criminal enterprise that altered the expiration dates on branded food products and remarketed them.
The News

Rhodamine B present in sauces collected from different street food places in India

Researchers from India examined the level of Rhodamine B in sauces gathered from several fast-food places. Rhodamine B is a cheap and dangerous red dye that can't be used to prepare food. 2% of the tomato sauce samples, 8% of the chili sauce samples, and Rhodamine B was detected in 7 out of the 10 samples of szechuan sauce.
Mutanges

Grey market in Bolivia

The government seized 200 tons of illegal grain, alcohol, and soybeans in a single week.
Perfil

Food smuggled from Bolivia to Peru seized

The authorities seized 9 tons of contraband food intended to be smuggled to Peru.
Reduno
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Food unfit for human consumption seized in Italy

In May, the Italian Carabinieri seized 700 tons of food unfit for human consumption, without traceability documentation or with wrong labels, for a total value of 3 million Euros. The controls focused on restaurants serving ethnic foods and cuisines, and the related supply chains.
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In Burkina Faso, illegal products seized

In April, the Mobile Economic Control and Fraud Prevention Brigade (BMCRF), the General Directorate for Price Regulation and Control (DGRCP), and the Defense and Security Forces (FDS) seized:
- 3 tons of grain for illegal export
- 9 tons of maize for illegal export
- 475 tons of cashew nuts for illegal export

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The authorities from Bolivia seized a lot of illegal products

The authorities seized 13 tons of contraband beer and 67 tons of oil, sugar, flour, and other foods (total value of 47145 euros).
Abi

Expired food sold bij street vendors In Italy

The authorities seized 20 tons of food expired, relabelled and sold by street vendors.
Giornale l'ora
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In another operation, the authorities seized 5 tons of food without any legal documents.
Leqqo

Big quantities of products seized in Peru

The authorities seized 36 tons of contraband corn, 2 tons of contraband sugar, and 3 tons of contraband soy flour.
La ReDublica

A lot of products seized in Italy

Within “Operation Crepuscolo”, the authorities seized 9 tons of food (meats, salami, sweets, cheese), 2 018 liters of vinegar, and 300 liters of wine (total value of 127 000 Euros). Frauds included:
- Falsification of expiry dates
- Misuse of logos from Geographical Indications
- Mislabelling and/or lack of information
- Lack of traceability documentation

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Food smugglers arrested in Venezuela

At least five officials of the State Food Warehouse in Sucre have been arrested for smuggling. The authorities seized 48.26 tons of food.
Correo del Orinoco
La Patilla

20 tons of contraband food with no traceability documentation seized

The Italian authorities seized 20 tons of contraband food with no traceability documentation and stored it without respecting the hygiene requirements.
Anteprima24

Expired food sold as fresh in Italy

The Italian authorities seized 20 tons of expired food (snacks, fruit juices, and beverages) with new falsified expiry dates. The products were supposed to be sold mainly through street vendors.
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