

FOOD UPDATE EUROPE No. 31 – 31/7/2023

FOOD AND NUTRITION POLICY**Food Security**

European Commission [press release](#) “Enhancing EU resilience: A step forward to identify critical entities for key sectors”

No. 11: Production, processing and distribution of food sector, with the large-scale industrial food production and processing, food supply chain services and food wholesale distribution services.

[EuroStat](#) “How many people can afford a proper meal in the EU?”

[Unicef](#) “The State of Food Security and Nutrition 2023”

Prices

[News Article](#) “Agricultural price increases slow in Q1 2023”

GENERAL FOOD LAW

(nothing to report)

FOOD INFORMATION LAW**FIC 1169/2011**

German top court to judge on food claim ‘climate-neutral’ (Az.: I ZR 98/23 Wettbewerbszentrale) ([DE](#))

NHCR 1924/2006

[Choline](#) and contribution to normal liver function of the foetus and exclusively breastfed infants: evaluation of a health claim pursuant to Article 14 of Regulation (EC) No 1924/2006

Advertisement / Price Indication

(reports on UCP-Directive 2005/29, MCA-Directive 2006/114 and Directive 98/6; Audiovisual Media Services Directive 2010/13 - AVMSD)

(nothing to report)

FUNCTIONAL FOOD (food supplements, food for specific groups and fortified food)**Food Supplements (FS)**

(nothing to report)

Food for Specific Groups (FSG), including infant food

Choline (→ NHCR, above)

E 170 (→ Additives, below)

Fortified Food + Article 8 Regulation 1925/2006

(nothing to report)

FOOD IMPROVEMENT AGENTS (FIAP) & NOVEL FOOD**Additives**

Follow-up of the re-evaluation of indigo carmine ([E 132](#)) as a food additive

Re-evaluation of calcium carbonate ([E 170](#)) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age and follow-up of its re-evaluation as food additive for uses in foods for all population groups

Additives in organic food (→ Organic Farming, below)

Enzymes and Flavourings

Food manufacturing processes and technical data used in the [exposure assessment](#) of food enzymes

Safety evaluation of a food enzyme containing [endo-polygalacturonase and pectin lyase](#) activities from the non-genetically modified *Aspergillus tubingensis* strain NZYM-PE

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme [ribonuclease P](#) from the non-genetically modified *Penicillium citrinum* strain AE-RP-4

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme [inulinase](#) from the genetically modified *Aspergillus oryzae* strain MUCL 44346

Novel Food

Safety of [apple fruit cell culture biomass](#) as a novel food pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2015/2283

The Netherlands: Code of Practice for cultured meat tastings published [Kamerbrief](#) uitvoering motie de Groot en Valstar over kweekvlees proeverijen

[Dutch Code of Practice](#): Rapport Code of Practice Safely Conducting Tastings Cultivated Foods Prior to EU Approval

Switzerland/Israel: Application for authorisation of cultured meat submitted; Swiss Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office ([FSVO](#)) notifies first application for cultured meat

FOOD SAFETY

[EFSA communication](#) of food-related health risks and benefits – a systematic review (2018-2022)

Official Controls

(nothing to report)

Hygiene

Multi-country outbreak of *Salmonella* Senftenberg ST14 infections possibly linked to [cherry like tomatoes](#)

TRIS notification [2023/0463/SK](#): draft Slovak Decree definition of selected meat products, temperature setting for handling and placing on the market of selected chilled meat products
Standstill period ends 26/10/2023

Contaminants / Residues

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2023/1536](#) of 25 July 2023 amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for nicotine in or on certain products

Targeted review of maximum residue levels (MRLs) for [fenarimol](#)
Targeted review of maximum residue levels (MRLs) for [endosulfan](#)

EFSA consultation on draft Scientific opinion on the update of the EFSA Scientific opinion on [inorganic arsenic](#) in food (until 10/9/2023)

Animal By-Products

(nothing to report)

Radiological Safety

(nothing to report)

Food Contact Material / Packaging

Safety assessment of the process [CERSA](#), based on the Starlinger deCON technology, used to recycle post-consumer PET into food contact materials

GMO / NBT

SCoPAFF - Section “Genetically Modified Food and Feed” — Summary Report of [3/7/2023](#)

HAZARDS

Communication of [food-related health risks and benefits](#) – a systematic review (2018-2022)

FAO highlights economic concerns related to [foodborne antimicrobial resistance](#)

AGRI-FOOD

Organic Farming

[Consultation](#): Organic production – amended list of authorised products & substances
Feedback period ends 23/8/2023

[News Article](#) “EU’s organic farming area covered 15.9 million hectares”

EGTOP [6/6/2023](#)

Expert Group [5/7/2023](#)

Quality Policy (PGI/PDO/TSG and other quality labels)

Information Notice – [Public Consultation](#): Geographical indications from Japan
Statements of opposition must reach the Commission until 24/9/2023

New pending [Case C-216/23](#) — Reg. 251/2014

[Written Question](#) “Protection of GI ‘Prosecco’ in EU-Australia trade agreement” (*answer pending*)

Pancetta de l’Ile de Beauté / Panzetta de l’Ile de Beauté PGI, Saucisson sec de l’Ile de Beauté / Salciccia de l’Ile de Beauté PGI, Bulagna de l’Ile de Beauté PGI and Figatelli de l’Ile de Beauté / Figatellu de l’Ile de Beauté [PGI](#)

Българско бяло саламурено сирене/Bulgarsko byalo salamureno sirene [PDO](#)

Българско кисело мляко/Bulgarsko kiselo mlyako [PDO](#)

Gower Salt Marsh Lamb [PDO](#)

Achill Island Sea Salt [PDO](#)

Requeijão da Madeira [PGI](#)

Ser koryciński swojski [PGI](#)

Skedvi Bröd [PGI](#)

ՍԵՎԱՆԻ ԻՇԽԱՆ/sevani ishkhani [PDO](#) (rejection)

Atlantique [PGI](#)

Common Market Organisation (CMO)

[Corrigendum](#) to Regulation (EU) 2021/2117 (*concerns wine labelling - apparently all language versions*)

[Written Question](#) “Introduction of market standards for cider, dried legumes and soya beans” (*with answer*)

SUSTAINABILITY

Transition Pathways

24/7/2023: “Commission gathers views on how to make the agri-food industrial ecosystem greener, more digital and resilient. The Commission published [an analysis](#) of the existing EU policies supporting the agri-food sector to become greener, more digital and resilient. With it, the Commission is launching a public consultation inviting interested parties to propose actions to accelerate the twin transition of the sector. The consultation is open to the whole industrial value chain, as well as public authorities, social partners, research organisations and others. In parallel, the Commission plans to organise workshops to discuss and collect views on how to make this industrial ecosystem more competitive. The objective is to co-create a Transition Pathway for the agri-food sector by the end of 2023. The Commission proposed to develop transition pathways in different industrial ecosystems in the May 2021 [Industrial Strategy Update](#). The Update was accompanied by the first [Annual Single Market Report](#), which offers an analysis of the challenges faced by different ecosystems and serves as a starting

point for preparation of the transition pathways. The [targeted public consultation](#) on the transition pathway for the agri-food industry will last until 19 September.”

[Consultation](#): Transition pathway for a more resilient, sustainable and digital agri-food ecosystem
Closing date 19/9/2023

Climate Resilience

[News Article](#) “Building a climate-resilient future”

Forests

[News Article](#) “Green Deal: New guidelines for sustainable forest management and payment schemes for forest ecosystem services”

[Written Question](#) “Reducing the high-ILUC-risk threshold to progressively halt deforestation, starting with soy, and accelerating the phase-out trajectory” (*answer pending*)

FOOD GOVERNANCE

[Written Question](#) “Implementation of the ‘one in, one out’ principle” (*with answer*)

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Judgment in [Case T-745/21](#)

TRADE

[News Article](#) “EU agri-food exports back at their April 2022 level amid curtailed trade”

[Written Question](#) “Financial and health consequences of duty-free imports of grain from Ukraine” (*with answer*)

[Written Question](#) “Uncontrolled inflow of grain from Ukraine and the actions of EU Agriculture Commissioner Janusz Wojciechowski” (*with answer*)

ANIMAL FEED

Assessment of the safety of the feed additives [acetic acid, calcium acetate and sodium diacetate](#) for fish (FEFANA asbl)

Assessment of the feed additive consisting of [Lactiplantibacillus plantarum](#) (formerly Lactobacillus plantarum) NCIMB 30084 for all animal species for the renewal of its authorisation (Chr. Hansen A/S)

Assessment of the feed additives consisting of [Lactiplantibacillus plantarum DSM 3676](#), Lactiplantibacillus plantarum DSM 3677 and Lactilactobacillus buchneri DSM 13573 for all animal species for the renewal of their authorisations (ADDCON GmbH)

Efficacy of the feed additives consisting of [Enterococcus faecium ATCC 53519 and E. faecium ATCC 55593](#) for all animal species (FEFANA asbl)

Safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of an essential oil derived from Eucalyptus globulus Labill. ([eucalyptus oil](#)) for all animal species (FEFANA asbl)

Safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of a tincture derived from the buds of Pinus sylvestris L. ([pine tincture](#)) for use in all animal species (FEFANA asbl)

Safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of an essential oil from the herbaceous parts of Pelargonium graveolens L’Hér. ([geranium rose oil](#)) for all animal species (FEFANA asbl)

Safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of an essential oil derived from the aerial parts of Cymbopogon flexuosus (Nees ex Steud.) Will. Watson ([lemongrass oil](#)) for use in all animal species (FEFANA asbl)

Safety and efficacy of feed additives consisting of essential oils derived from the flower buds or the leaves of Syzygium aromaticum (L.) Merr. & L.M. Perry ([clove bud oil and clove leaf oils](#)) for all animal species (FEFANA asbl)

AGRICULTURE/FISHERIES

Plant Protection Products

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2023/1537](#) of 25 July 2023 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2022/2379 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards statistics on the use of plant protection products to be transmitted for the reference year 2026 during the transitional regime 2025-2027 and as regards statistics on plant protection products placed on the market

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2023/1538](#) of 25 July 2023 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2022/2379 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards crop production statistics

Peer review of the pesticide risk assessment of the active substance [glyphosate](#)

Plant Health

EFSA, European Commission and EU Member States launch [#PlantHealth4Life campaign](#)

Fertilisers

[News Article](#) "Consumption of fertilisers in the EU down 2% in 2021"

Other

[Written Question](#) "Uses of sargassum seaweed" (*with answer*)

[Written Question](#) "Banning imports of frogs and promoting frog farming" (*with answer*)

[Written Question](#) "Fileni case in Italy, possible breach of EU rules and revision of EU animal welfare legislation" (*with answer*)

[EuroStat](#) "Production of summer related fruits down -6.3% in 2022"

MISCELLANEOUS

Food Fraud

[JRC](#) "Same pack, different ingredients? Dual quality down in branded EU food"

Food Waste

[JRC](#) "Building a balancing system for food waste accounting at national level - Model updates version 2.0"

USA

[FDA](#) "How to Start a Food Business"

NON-FOOD

Biocides

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2023/1530](#) of 6 July 2023 approving Chrysanthemum cinerariaefolium extract from open and mature flowers of Tanacetum cinerariifolium obtained with hydrocarbon solvents as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product-type 18 in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council

Judgment in [Case T-662/21](#)

Cosmetics

[Commission Decision \(EU\) 2023/1540](#) of 25 July 2023 amending and correcting Decision (EU) 2021/1870 establishing EU Ecolabel criteria for cosmetic products and animal care products

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2023/1545](#) of 26 July 2023 amending Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards labelling of fragrance allergens in cosmetic products
SCCS Working Group on Cosmetic Ingredients in Cosmetic Products [17-18/7/2023](#)

Toys

European Commission [press release](#) “Commission steps up protection of children from unsafe toys”
[Consultation](#) “Protecting children from unsafe toys and strengthening the Single Market – revision of the Toy Safety Directive”
Feedback period ends 23/9/2023

Batteries

[Regulation \(EU\) 2023/1542](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 July 2023 concerning batteries and waste batteries, amending Directive 2008/98/EC and Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 and repealing Directive 2006/66/EC