

FOOD UPDATE EUROPE No. 47 – 18/11/2024

FOOD POLICY

COP29 – Baku, Azerbaijan

Food & Agriculture [Pavilion](#) + [FAO](#) at COP29

European Commission [press release](#) “EU to support continued global climate action and push for ambitious finance and investment goals at COP29”

European Parliament [press release](#) “COP29: MEPs want all countries to contribute financially to climate action”

European Parliament [Think Tank](#) “COP29 climate change conference in Baku”

Vision for Agriculture and Food

Member States’ Directors-General for Agriculture – In the framework of the Expert Group for Horizontal Questions concerning the CAP – Agenda and background paper for meeting of 19/11/2024 (→ Annex)

Council

18/11/2024: Agriculture and Fisheries Council – [Agenda highlights](#)

Putting forward an [EU Protein Strategy](#) – Information from Germany, on behalf of Denmark and Germany, supported by Czechia, Estonia, Ireland, Luxembourg

Food Systems

EU Food System Monitoring Framework – presentation of 14/11/2024 for the [AGSFS](#) (→ Annex)

GENERAL FOOD LAW

(nothing to report)

FOOD INFORMATION LAW

FIC 1169/2011

SCoPAFF - Section “General Food Law” – Summary of meeting of [23/5/2024](#) (published 15/11/2024!)

NHCR 1924/2006

New pending Case (*reference not yet available*). Question referred to the CJEU: Does information according to Article 10(2)2 NHCR, with which the food is labelled, also have to be included in the advertising / Müssen Informationen gemäß Art. 10 Abs. 2 HCVO, mit der das Lebensmittel gekennzeichnet ist, auch in die Werbung? (BGH-Beschluss von 26.9.2024, Az. I ZR 130/23 „Gesund Gewicht verlieren“) ([DE](#))

Advertisement / Price Indication

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

Judgment in [Case C-646/22](#) (*inter alia* on the notion of ‘average consumer’)

FUNCTIONAL FOOD

Food Supplements (FS)

Annulment of [Regulation \(EU\) 2021/468](#) on hydroxyanthracene (→ Fortified Food, below)

Food for Specific Groups (FSG), including infant food

(nothing to report)

Fortified Food + Article 8 Regulation 1925/2006

Annulment of [Regulation \(EU\) 2021/468](#) on hydroxyanthracene:

Judgment in [Case T-189/21](#)

Judgment in [Case T-271/21](#)

Judgment in [Case T-274/21](#)

Judgment in [Case T-302/21](#)

SCoPAFF - Section “General Food Law” – Summary of meeting of [23/5/2024](#) (published 15/11/2024!)

FOOD IMPROVEMENT AGENTS & NOVEL FOOD

Additives

EFSA: Saccharin ([E 954](#)) – safety threshold increased

Re-evaluation of saccharin and its sodium, potassium and calcium salts ([E 954](#)) as food additives + [PLS](#)

SCoPAFF - Section “Novel Food and Toxicological Safety of the Food Chain” – Agenda of meeting of [20/11/2024](#)

Enzymes and Flavourings

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2024/2856](#) of 12 November 2024 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the removal of the flavouring substance Benzene-1,2-diol (FL No. 04.029) from the Union list

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme [α-amylase](#) from the non-genetically modified *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* strain AE-BAA

Safety evaluation of an extension of use of the food enzyme [α-amylase](#) from the non-genetically modified *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* strain AE-BAA

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme [glucan-1,4-α-glucosidase](#) from the non-genetically modified *Aspergillus niger* strain DP-Azh100

Novel Food

SCoPAFF - Section “Novel Food and Toxicological Safety of the Food Chain” – Agenda of meeting of [20/11/2024](#)

[Corrigendum](#) to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/2694 of 17 October 2024 authorising the placing on the market of magnesium L-threonate as a novel food and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 [Food Update Europe No. 43 – 21/10/2024] – *all language versions*

FOOD SAFETY

Official Controls

SCoPAFF - Section “Biological Safety of the Food Chain” – Summary of meeting of [11/10/2024](#)

[Corrigendum](#) to [Commission Notice](#) on the Implementation of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council (Official Controls Regulation) [Food Update Europe No. 46 – 11/11/2024] – *all language versions*

Hygiene

SCoPAFF - Section “Biological Safety of the Food Chain” – Summary of meeting of [11/10/2024](#)

Prolonged multi-country outbreak of [Salmonella Strathcona ST2559](#) linked to consumption of tomatoes in the EU/EEA and the UK

TRIS notification [2024/0613/RO](#): draft Romanian Rule for sanitary veterinary and food safety registration of the production and direct and/or retail sale activities
Standstill period ends 12/2/2025

Contaminants / Residues

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2024/2858](#) of 12 November 2024 amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1871 as regards the application of reference points for action for nitrofurans and their metabolites in collagen

Modification of the existing maximum residue levels for [propamocarb](#) in radishes (roots and small leaves)

SCoPAFF - Section “Novel Food and Toxicological Safety of the Food Chain” – Agenda of meeting of [20/11/2024](#)

SCoPAFF - Section “Phytopharmaceuticals – Pesticide Residues” – Agenda of meeting of [25-26/11/2024](#)

[Written Question](#) “Contaminated tinned tuna” (*answer pending*)

Animal By-Products

TRIS notification [2024/0608/PL](#): draft Polish amendment to Animal Protection Act
Standstill period ends 7/2/2025

Radiological Safety

(nothing to report)

Food Contact Material / Packaging

Melamine: 5th meeting of the Expert Working Group on “One Substance – One Assessment” 15-16/11/2024 – Agenda (→ Annex)

[Written Question](#) “Use of wood flour and wood fibre in plastic products” *(with answer)*

GMO / NBT

Assessment of genetically modified [maize DP51291](#) (application GMFF-2021-0071)

Assessment of [soy leghemoglobin](#) produced from genetically modified *Komagataella phaffii*, under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 (application EFSA-GMO-NL-2019-162)

SCoPAFF – Section “Genetically Modified Food and Feed and Environmental Risk” – Agenda of meeting of 22/11/2024 (not yet published on-line) (→ Annex)

HAZARDS**AMR**

[SAM](#): One Health governance in the European Union

[eNews](#): Commission receives scientific advice on One Health approach in the EU

18/11/2024: [Statement](#) by Commissioner Kyriakides ahead of European Antibiotic Awareness Day

18/11/2024: European Antibiotic [Awareness Day](#)

AGRI-FOOD**Organic Farming**

Civil Dialogue Group (CDG) – EGTOP topics according to AGRI/B4 – 18/10/2024 (→ Annex)

Expert Group organic production – Agenda of meeting of 25-26/11/2024 (→ Annex)

[Written Question](#) “Organic farming in Europe” *(with answer)*

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

Civil Dialogue Group (CDG) Quality&Promotion – Agenda of meeting of [18/11/2024](#)

Pimiento de Gernika / Gernikako Piperra [PGI](#)

Aydın Memecik Zeytini [PDO](#)

Seneno meso [TSG](#)

Vino de pago calificado [PDO](#)

Ramandolo [PDO](#)

[Written Question](#) “Ruling against ‘Viñedos de Álava’ being registered as an EU protected designation of origin” *(answer pending)*

Common Market Organisation (CMO)

(nothing to report)

SUSTAINABILITY

Deforestation

European Parliament [press release](#) “EU deforestation law: Parliament wants to give companies one more year to comply”

Voting machine glitches question validity of vote. More information available upon request.

EU Deforestation Regulation [updates](#) 6/11/2024

EU Deforestation Regulation [updates](#) 11/11/2024

EU Deforestation Regulation [updates](#) 14/11/2024

[Written Question](#) “Revision of the European Deforestation Regulation (EUDR)” *(with answer)*

[Commission Notice](#) – Guidance Document for Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 on deforestation-free products

ESG Reporting

[Commission Notice](#) on the interpretation of certain legal provisions in Directive 2013/34/EU (Accounting Directive), Directive 2006/43/EC (Audit Directive), Regulation (EU) No 537/2014 (Audit Regulation), Directive 2004/109/EC (Transparency Directive), Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/2772 (first set of European Sustainability Reporting Standards, first ESRS delegated act), and Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 (Sustainable Finance Disclosures Regulation, SFDR) as regards sustainability reporting

Product Passport

[Consultation](#): Digital product passport – rules for service providers Feedback period ends 10/12/2024

Ecodesign

[JRC](#): Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation: Study on new product priorities

EU GOVERNANCE AND FOOD GOVERNANCE

[Written Question](#) “Will the Council respond to the call in Parliament’s resolution to convene a Convention to consider EU Treaty changes?” *(with answer)*

DG SANTE [organisational chart](#) updated 4/11/2024

Judgment in [Case T-104/23](#) – Access to documents (cypermethrin)

The time the European Commission takes to deal with requests for public access to documents – European Parliament resolution of 14 March 2024 on the time the European Commission takes to deal with requests for public access to documents (now in the [Official Journal](#))

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

[Regulation \(EU\) 2024/2822](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2024 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 6/2002 on Community designs and repealing Commission Regulation (EC) No 2246/2002

[Directive \(EU\) 2024/2823](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2024 on the legal protection of designs (recast)

2023 [Enforcement Report](#): “EU enforcement of intellectual property rights: results at the EU border and in the EU internal market 2023”

Judgment in [Case C-230/23](#)

Judgment in [Case T-82/24](#) + [press release](#)

Judgment in [Case T-426/23](#) + [press release](#) (Chiquita)

TRADE

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2024/2882](#) of 11 November 2024 amending Annexes V and XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 as regards the entries for the United Kingdom and the United States in the lists of third countries, territories or zones thereof authorised for the entry into the Union of consignments of poultry and germinal products of poultry, and of fresh meat of poultry and game birds

[News Article](#) “EU takes further action in Colombia frozen fries dispute”

[Written Question](#) “Black spot detected in citrus fruits imported from South Africa” (*with answer*)

[Written Question](#) “Reinforcing checks on imports from non-EU countries in the face of the rising number of consignments affected by citrus black spot” (*with answer*)

[Written Question](#) “Traceability and control in connection with Brazilian beef” (*answer pending*)

ANIMAL FEED

Assessment of the modification of the authorisation of the feed additive consisting of [Saccharomyces cerevisiae CNCM I-1077](#) for lambs and its extension of use to all ruminants and camelids reared for milk production/suckling/reproduction, all minor (young) ruminant species and camelids for fattening and Equidae other than horses (Lallemand SAS)

Safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of an essential oil derived from the flowering stems of *Salvia sclarea* L. ([clary sage oil](#)) for use in all animal species (FEFANA asbl)

Safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of [ponceau 4R](#) for its use in baits for freshwater fish (GIFAP)

AGRICULTURE/FISHERIES

[News Article](#) “Agriculture output slightly down by 1.5% in 2023”

[News Article](#) “European Commission launches market observatory for olive oil and table olives sector”

[EuroStat](#): Agriculture output slightly down by 1.5% in 2023

Civil Dialogue Groups (CDGs) – Provisional Calendar [2025](#)

Plant Protection Products

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2024/2848](#) of 11 November 2024 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 as regards the approval periods of the active substances fenpyrazamine and flumetralin

SCoPAFF - Section “Phytopharmaceuticals – Legislation” – Agenda of meeting of [4-5/12/2024](#)

8/11/2024: Ad hoc [stakeholder meeting](#) with CropLife Europe

Animal Health

[JRC](#): Consistent H5N1 control needed for farm animals

Plant Health

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2024/2852](#) of 11 November 2024 establishing a derogation from Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072 as regards the requirements for the introduction into the Union territory of naturally or artificially dwarfed plants for planting of *Chamaecyparis Spach*, *Juniperus L.* and certain species of *Pinus L.*, originating in Japan and repealing Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1217

Animal Welfare

Animals during transport – Agenda of expert group meeting 27-28/11/2024 (→ Annex)

[Oral Question](#) “The Commission’s plans to include the revision of the outstanding proposals on animal welfare in its work plan for 2025”

[Written Question](#) “Banning chick culling in the EU” (*with answer*)

[Written Question](#) “Meat sector unhappy with the Commission’s new proposal amending the Regulation on the protection of animals during transport” (*answer pending*)

[Written Question](#) “Horizon Europe-funded projects using animals in non-EU countries” (*answer pending*)

Other

[Written Question](#) “EU programmes to support the use of AI on small family-run farms” (*with answer*)

[Written Question](#) “Are the EU’s instruments and mechanisms for agriculture fit for purpose in the face of protracted droughts?” (*with answer*)

[Written Question](#) “Resilient policies are needed to protect agriculture from the effects of drought” (*with answer*)

European Parliament [Think Tank](#) “Soil monitoring and resilience directive”

MISCELLANEOUS

FAO at [SPS Committee session](#) on emerging risks and new agricultural technologies

14/11/2024 was [World Diabetes Day](#) – [WHO](#) – [UN](#)

[Grüne Woche](#) Berlin 17-26/1/2025

[Court of Auditors](#): Research and innovation – Finances of the EU’s public-private partnerships in good shape

NON-FOOD

Product Liability

[Directive \(EU\) 2024/2853](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2024 on liability for defective products and repealing Council Directive 85/374/EEC

[1985-Directive at the time amended in the wake of the BSE-crisis: [Directive 1999/34/EC](#)]

Biocides

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2024/2863](#) of 12 November 2024 granting a Union authorisation for the biocidal product family Teat disinfectants L-(+)-lactic acid based biocidal product family of Novadan in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council

Consumer Goods

[Written Question](#) “Combating fraudulent practices by online platforms selling toys or clothing” (*answer pending*)