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GD no. 359/2026

Government Decision no. 359/2026 approving the ceilings allocated to transitional national aid in the crop and livestock sectors, for the 2025 application year

#Transitional National Aids

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INITIATIVE STATUS:

30.04.2026 - published in the Official Gazette, Part I, No. 358.

This decision sets the ceilings allocated to transitional national aid in the plant sector (ANT 1–6) for the claim year 2025.

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#NSFVFSA Tariffs

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INITIATIVE STATUS:

04.05.2026 - published in the Official Gazette, Part I, no. 367 bis .

This order aims to update the tariffs applicable in the sanitary-veterinary and food safety fields according to the inflation rate in 2025.

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MARD Order No. 147/2026 on the approval of the Official Catalogue of Cultivated Plant Varieties in Romania for the year 2026

#Catalogul soiurilor

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INITIATIVE STATUS:

08.05.2026 - published on the MARD website, in the Approved Normative Acts section, to be published in the Official Gazette.

This order approves the Official Catalogue of Cultivated Plant Varieties in Romania for 2026, establishing the varieties authorized for the production and marketing of seeds and planting material by producers, distributors and agricultural operators.

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NEXT STEPS:

 Publication

01 Updated initiatives

L189/2026

Legislative proposal for amending Law no. 36/1991 on agricultural companies and other forms of association in agriculture

#agricultural cooperative

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INITIATIVE STATUS:

06.05.2026 - adopted by the Senate.

This legislative proposal, initiated by PSD, USR, PNL and UDMR parliamentarians, introduces the possibility that **agricultural companies can transform into agricultural cooperatives**.

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NEXT STEPS:



Registered at the decisional chamber



Debate in the report committee of the decisional chamber

02 Updated initiatives

L251/2026

Draft bill for the approval of Government Emergency Ordinance no. 26/2026 on the establishment of the Agricultural Sustainability Data Network, as well as the amendment of certain normative acts

#Sustainability #Agriculture & biodiversity #Agricultural sustainability

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INITIATIVE STATUS:

06.05.2026 - adopted by the Senate.

This draft bill approves GEO 26/2026, which provides for **the establishment of the Agricultural Sustainability Data Network (RDDA)**, through the reorganization of the FADN, as a national instrument for the collection and analysis of economic, environmental and social data at farm level. The objective is to align with the new European framework and use the data to inform agricultural policies, but also to provide comparative feedback to farmers.



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NEXT STEPS:

-  Registered at the decisional chamber
-  Debate in the report committee of the decisional chamber

National news

ISTIS outlines 2026 institutional priorities: The State Institute for Testing and Registration of Plant Varieties (ISTIS) published its 2026 activity objectives, which include updating support documentation for farmers' access to EU funds, maintaining and improving the information system for variety testing, organising registration activities for plant varieties, and publishing the Official Catalogue of Plant Varieties in Romania. The institution also plans to strengthen cooperation with national and international authorities and organisations, including CPVO and UPOV, while continuing activities related to variety testing centres, technical working groups, and the implementation of sector-specific regulatory measures.

European news

The 2024 European Union report on pesticide residues in food: The European Food Safety Authority published an annual report assessing pesticide residue levels in food, showing that, in 2024, 9842 samples were analysed as part of the EU-coordinated multiannual control programme subset, of which 1.2% were found to be non-compliant. National sampling procedures were used in 86,449 samples, where the non-compliant rate was 1.8%. The increased import control programme accounted for 39,433 samples with a 3.6% non-compliant rate. For Romania, compared with 2023, in 2024 the number of samples with residues below MRL has been reduced (from 40.72% in 2022 to 38.48% in 2024) and the number of samples with exceeding has been increased (from 2.90% in 2023 to 3.25% in 2024).

European Parliament committee discusses food and feed safety simplification package: The European Parliament's ENVI and AGRI Committee held an exchange of views on the European Commission's food and feed safety simplification package, focusing on measures aimed at reducing administrative burden and improving the coherence of existing legislation. Discussions addressed the need to streamline procedures and facilitate implementation for operators and authorities, while maintaining high standards of food and feed safety and consumer protection.

Agri-food organisations call for faster plant protection product authorisations: A coalition of European agri-food organisations, including Copa-Cogeca, CropLife Europe and Euroseeds, has called on EU institutions to use the Food and Feed Safety Omnibus Simplification Package to accelerate and simplify plant protection product (PPP) authorisation procedures across the EU. The signatories argue that current approval processes under Regulation 1107/2009 remain excessively lengthy, fragmented and burdensome, limiting access to both conventional and biocontrol solutions and reducing the availability of effective crop protection tools for farmers.

Agri-food organisations call for swift adoption of NGT regulation: A coalition of 31 organisations representing the agri-food value chain has called for the rapid adoption of the EU Regulation on new genomic techniques without further amendments, arguing that the current Trilogue agreement provides a balanced and science-based framework. The signatories highlight the potential of NGTs to support innovation, sustainability and the development of more resilient crop varieties, while stressing the importance of providing legal certainty and timely access to new breeding technologies for the agricultural sector. The vote is scheduled for May 19.

Agri-food organisations call for stronger recognition of agricultural research and innovation: Euroseeds and other agri-food organisations have called for stronger recognition of agricultural and food research and innovation within the EU competitiveness agenda, highlighting their role in supporting food security, sustainability and economic growth. In a joint statement, the signatories stress the importance of maintaining dedicated support for agri-food innovation in future EU policies and funding programmes, particularly in areas linked to plant breeding, biotechnology and sustainable agricultural production.

Resolution on genetically modified sugar beet KWS20-1: European Parliament resolution of 16 December 2025 on the draft Commission Implementing Decision regarding genetically modified sugar beet KWS20-1, requesting the European Commission to withdraw its draft implementing decision, arguing that the proposal exceeds the implementing powers provided under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 and is not consistent with EU law and the objective of ensuring a high level of protection for human and animal health, the environment and consumer interests, was published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Evaluation regarding Aspergillus tubingensis strain AE-CN: The European Food Safety Authority published updated safety evaluation of the food enzyme catalase from the non-genetically modified Aspergillus tubingensis strain AE-CN, concluding that this food enzyme does not give rise to safety concerns under the intended conditions of use.