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Legislative updates

Published normative acts

- 01 Law no. 8/2026 on the approval of Government Emergency Ordinance no. 34/2025 amending art. 8 of Government Emergency Ordinance no. 67/2023 on the establishment of a temporary measure to combat the excessive increase in prices of some agricultural and food products, as well as art. 13 of Government Emergency Ordinance no. 84/2023 on the establishment of a consultation and coordinated response mechanism in the context of the implementation of the export authorization system introduced by Ukraine for agricultural products
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INITIATIVE STATUS:

09.01.2026 - The law was promulgated by the President of Romania.

The law approves GEO No. 34/2025 (with amendments), which extends until **September 30, 2025**, the price cap on basic foodstuffs (GEO 67/2023) and until **December 31, 2026**, the regulations on imports from Ukraine for certain agricultural products (GEO 84/2023), in order to protect purchasing power and the stability of the agricultural market.

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National news

President Dan on the Mercosur agreement: President Nicușor Dan announced that Romania voted in favor of the Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Mercosur states, emphasizing that this vote came as a result of the fact that Bucharest negotiated, together with other European capitals, additional elements to protect Romanian and European producers, especially in the agricultural sector. The president also highlighted that the considerable reduction in customs duties on imports also offers opportunities to the Romanian agri-food sector, and as regards pesticides or other substances, everything must be produced to the high standards of the EU to be imported here.

Consultation on DR-17 intervention: The Ministry of Agriculture launched a public consultation for the consultative version of the Applicant's Guide for intervention DR-17 - Investments in the hops and/or table grapes sectors, within the CAP Strategic Plan 2023–2027. The consultation is open until 19.01.2026.

ISTIS Activity Report for 2025: The State Institute for Variety Testing and Registration published the Activity Report for 2025, containing data regarding variety testing.

Updates on the OECD accession: The Minister of Finance, Alexandru Nazare, was on an official visit to Paris between January 11-13, 2026, an event that marks one of the final stages in Romania's accession process to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, which included a series of bilateral meetings with key leaders of the organization to strengthen the political and technical support necessary for the accession process. In addition, Romania received the Formal Approval for fulfilling the environmental conditions in the OECD accession process.

Pro Agricultura Transilvaniae Gala 2026: The Association of Hungarian Farmers of the Mureș Organization, in partnership with LAPAR, the Romanian Employers' Association of Alba County, and Agroiinteligența will organize the Pro Agricultura Transilvaniae Gala 2026 will gather on January 17 at the Student Culture House, Alba Iulia, which will bring together farmers from the associative and academic environment, as the agenda includes professional lectures, debates and an awards ceremony.

European news

Updates regarding the EU – Mercosur Agreement: The Council of the European Union adopted two decisions authorizing the signing of the EU-Mercosur Partnership Agreement (EMPA), which will allow for strengthened cooperation in areas such as sustainable development, environment and climate action, digital transformation, human rights, mobility, counter-terrorism and crisis management, and the Interim Trade Agreement (iTA) between the EU and Mercosur on January 9, which will provide tariff reductions and opens access to new markets for a wide range of goods and services in sectors such as agriculture, the automotive industry, the pharmaceutical industry and the chemical industry. The agreements will first need to be approved by the European Parliament and can then be formally concluded by the Council. For the EMPA to enter into force, it will also need to be ratified by all EU member states.

The European Parliament will vote on January 21 on whether to ask the EU's top court for an opinion on the EU-Mercosur trade agreement, which could freeze the ratification procedure for months. If the text passes, it will halt ratification until the Court issues its opinion, and could even force changes to the deal if it is found to be non-compliant with EU treaties.

MEP Daniel Buda, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development in the European Parliament, announced that he will request the establishment of a special committee to monitor the agreement between the European Union and Mercosur regarding its implementation, from the perspective of the impact on European agriculture.

Dan Motreanu appointed as EPP representative for the new CAP: Dan Motreanu has been appointed as the EPP Group's lead member in the Committee on Regional Development for the legislative opinion on the Common Agricultural Policy for the period 2028-2034. The MEP stated that his priority would be to ensure that farmers are not competing with communities, that rural areas are not competing with cities and are not neglected.

Genetically modified soybean MON 87705 assessment: The European Food Safety Authority published an assessment of genetically modified soybean MON 87705 for renewal authorization under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003, concluding that there is no evidence in renewal the application GMFF-2023-21236 for new hazards, modified exposure or scientific uncertainties that would change the conclusions of the original risk assessment on soybean MON 87705.

Developments in Transnistria

State of emergency extended: The Tiraspol regime has extended the state of economic emergency by 30 days in the context of the maintenance of the exceptional economic situation and the continuous deterioration of socio-economic indicators, caused by the reduction in natural gas supplies. The cement plant in Râbnița has suspended its activity, and the Moldavian Metallurgical Plant is operating at partial capacity, while heating in schools and administrative buildings in Transnistria was interrupted during the winter holidays, with several localities experiencing power outages.