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No relevant legislative updates were registered last week.

National news

Minister Barbu on Mercosur product testing: During a meeting with farmers in Vrancea, Minister Florin Barbu stated that Romania currently does not have the laboratories and equipment necessary to test any pesticides or genetically modified products imported from Mercosur. Thus, the minister explained that Romania requested additional guarantees and refused to sign the memorandum, as well as introducing an import licensing system, warning of the economic impact of the Mercosur agreement.

NSP submission calendar updated: The Payment Agency for Rural Development and Fishing published an updated estimated launch calendar for the submission sessions of Funding Applications related to interventions under Pillar II of the CAP SP 2023 – 2027.

European news

EP request regarding EU-Mercosur agreement conformity: The European Parliament decided to request the European Court of Justice to assess whether the EU-Mercosur agreement is in conformity with the EU treaties. A second resolution also demanding a legal assessment was rejected. The legal basis of the EU-Mercosur partnership agreement (EMPA) and the interim trade agreement (iTA) will now be reviewed by the ECJ. The European Parliament will continue its examination of the texts while awaiting the opinion of the EU Court. Only then will Parliament be able to vote to grant consent (or not) to the Agreement.

Documents published by EFSA: The European Food Safety Authority published the following documents:

- Modification of the existing maximum residue levels for prothioconazole in various crops
- Assessment of genetically modified soybean MON 87769 for renewal authorisation under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003
- Assessment of genetically modified soybean MON 94313
- Safety evaluation of the food enzyme abstract aspergillopepsin I from the non-genetically modified *Aspergillus niger* strain CCTCC M 2023234.

AGRI meeting between January 28 – 29: During a meeting to be held between January 28 – 29, the AGRI Committee will receive an update regarding the NGT proposal negotiations, an interim report on the proposal for the multiannual financial framework for 2028-2034, as well as an exchange of views with the Commission on proposals on Common Agricultural Policy 2028–2034 and on amendments to the Common Market Organization Regulation.

ENVI meeting between January 28 – 29: During a meeting to be held between January 28 – 29, the ENVI Committee will vote on objections regarding genetically modified maize T25 (ACS-ZMØØ3-2), as well as genetically modified cotton GHB614 × LLCotton25, and genetically modified cotton T304-40, calling on the Commission to withdraw their decisions.