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Legislative updates

National news

European news

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No relevant legislative updates were registered.

National news

No important events/statements last week.

European news

ENVI vote on NGTs and other issues: The ENVI Committee voted on the provisional agreement reached on the proposal for a regulation on plants obtained by certain new genomic techniques and their food and feed, amending Regulation (EU) 2017/625. The vote follows the conclusion of interinstitutional negotiations, and it will allow the file to proceed under the early second-reading procedure, which entails the Council adopting its first-reading position based on the provisional agreement. This vote marks an important step towards formal adoption, with Council confirmation expected in February or early March, followed by final votes in ENVI and plenary, likely in April. The Committee also adopted resolutions objecting to the renewal of authorizations for genetically modified maize T25 (ACS-ZMØØ3-2) and cotton GHB614 × LLCotton25. Although these resolutions are non-binding, the Commission is legally required to take the Parliament's position into account.

Reactions regarding the NGTs vote: Euroseeds commented that the vote expresses confidence that the European Union will soon have the necessary framework for breeders to invest and develop the new plant products farmers and growers need and expect, while COPA-COCEGA considers the provisional EU agreement reached on 4 December 2025 between the European Parliament and the Council to be balanced and workable, and the best achievable outcome at this stage to strengthen farmers' toolboxes while supporting food security and sustainability, and called on the European Parliament to endorse the agreement in plenary.

Consultation on plant variety rights legislation: The European Commission launched a call for evidence aimed at assessing EU legislation on plant variety rights. The evaluation will analyze the robustness of the system in addressing the challenges affecting the plant breeding sector and the agri-food chain more generally, also at the international level. It will take into consideration current and emerging needs as well as current and potential new technological developments. It will look into the actual costs and benefits of the Regulation and its effects on the different stakeholders. The evaluation will also assess whether there is any unnecessary administrative burden or process complexity. The findings of the evaluation will help consider whether it is necessary to change this legislation. The consultation is open until April 20, 2026.

Commission delivers further CAP simplification: The European Commission adopted nine further acts under the CAP's secondary legislation to reduce unnecessary bureaucracy and regulatory burden, in line with its commitment to simplification and to strengthening the competitiveness of the farming sector and the wider agri-food value chain. These changes follow the simplification roadmap of 14 May 2025 and, in some cases, save farmers across all Member States up to EUR 215 million annually.

Cyprus Presidency briefed European Parliament committees on priorities: Maria Panayiotou, Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment, identified the following as priorities: innovation, sustainable farming, and simplification, as well as a set of robust crisis-proof measures. She added that the Presidency is committed to a constructive discussion on the next long-term budget as well

as the new Common Agriculture Policy. Adequate funding for the CAP and a stable, resilient, and affordable food supply chain are also priorities, she said. The Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment, Maria Panayiotou, highlighted the importance of water resilience as a security, economic stability, and public health concern.

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

- Manual for reporting 2025 antimicrobial resistance data under Directive 2003/99/EC and Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1729
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