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No relevant legislative updates were registered.

National news

AFIR launched the submission session for DR-16 projects: The Agency for Financing Rural Investments announced the opening of the funding application session for DR-16 “Investments in the vegetable and/or potato sector”, starting on January 19, 2026. This call invites eligible beneficiaries, such as farmers and agricultural cooperatives, to apply for financial support under this measure, which aims to modernize and strengthen infrastructure and production in the vegetable and potato value chain as part of Romania’s rural development program.

Update on pesticide residue analysis: The National Phytosanitary Authority published an updated set of results from its ongoing monitoring of pesticide residues in agricultural produce as of December 19, 2025. The tests assess the presence of pesticide residues in fruits, vegetables and other plant products to ensure compliance with safety standards and protect consumer health.

Romania’s cereal resources have dropped: According to recent agricultural statistics, Romania’s total cereal and cereal-product resources in 2024 decreased significantly compared to 2023, totaling around 50.72 million tons, which is about 6.38 million tons less than the previous year. This decline was driven by a reduction in domestic cereal production and smaller contributions from imports, even though stocks were somewhat higher. The change reflects a contraction in overall cereal availability, with key staples like corn contributing less to total resources.

European news

Agri-industry groups welcome provisional NGTs agreement: The European agricultural associations COCERAL, FEDIOL, and FEFAC issued a joint statement praising the provisional agreement reached by the European Parliament and the Council on the proposed NGTs Regulation, emphasizing that the agreement excludes mandatory labelling and traceability requirements for Category 1 NGT plants and products, which these groups argue is essential to avoid discriminatory treatment and maintain global trade flows, and urging the European Parliament and Council to swiftly adopt the agreement to provide regulatory predictability for the sector.

AGRI to vote on ENVI's opinion regarding plant reproductive material proposal: In a meeting to be held on January 12, 2026, the AGRI Committee will vote on ENVI's opinion on the proposal for a regulation on plant reproductive material and decide which amendments will be included in the report.

Developments in Transnistria

Experts see grounds for possible return of MGRES power purchases while Chişinău opposes: Experts from the WatchDog community in Chişinău argue that there are legal loopholes that could allow the Transnistrian power plant MGRES, controlled by Russian-linked Inter RAO, to again compete to supply electricity to Moldova's right bank, even though Chişinău stopped such purchases in January 2025. They say MGRES could bid in national energy auctions at competitive prices and potentially win contracts, raising concerns about indirectly funding the separatist region. Moldova's government rejects this scenario, reaffirming plans to reduce dependence on Russian-linked energy and extending public service obligations for state energy company Energocom, while Tiraspol expresses interest in resuming exports.