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#CAP 2023 - 2027 sanctions

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INITIATIVE STATUS:

27.07.2026 - published in the Official Gazette, Part I, no. 608

This order modifies **the sanction systems applicable to beneficiaries of CAP 2023-2027 compensatory interventions** , by introducing social conditionality, the GAEC 7 derogation for farms of up to 30 ha and new rules on agri-environmental commitments, which changes the method of calculating payments, exclusions and recoveries for farmers and agricultural holdings.

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INTRARE ÎN VIGOARE:

27.07.2026

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L455/2026

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#biodiversity strategy

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INITIATIVE STATUS:

29.07.2026 - sent for report to the Environment Committee (amendment deadline: 04.08.2026, report deadline: 05.08.2026)

This legislative proposal approves **the National Strategy and Action Plan for Biodiversity Conservation 2026-2030** , establishing a framework for companies in agriculture, forestry, energy, transport, tourism, construction and resource exploitation that will tighten the integration of biodiversity criteria in the planning, authorization and financing of projects. By adopting the Strategy , **Milestone 31 (Reform 2, Component 2) of the PNRR** is fulfilled.

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NEXT STEPS:

-  Debate in the report committee of the first notified chamber
-  Debate in the plenary session of the first notified chamber

National news

MADR clarified the application of Order No. 44/2026 following LAPAR's request: The League of Romanian Agricultural Producers' Associations announced that the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MADR) responded to its request for clarification regarding the interpretation of Order No. 44/2026, confirming that the new documentary requirements for proving active farmer status will apply only from the 2027 application campaign. As a result, farmers submitting direct payment applications in 2026 are not required to provide the additional supporting documents introduced by the Order. MADR also clarified that, from 2027, farmers will have to demonstrate the establishment and maintenance of crops through documents such as seed and planting material purchase invoices, agricultural input purchase documents, internal records of sowing or planting operations, consumption records and documents issued by service providers. Regarding seed-related provisions, the Ministry confirmed that, where crops are established by a third-party contractor, compliance with certified seed requirements will be verified based on the quantity of seed used, supported by the contractor's documentation and the official seed certification documents or equivalent proof.

ISTIS published the second 2026 Bulletin of Official Plant Descriptions (BOPS): The State Institute for Variety Testing and Registration (ISTIS) published the Bulletin of Official Plant Descriptions (BOPS) No. 2/2026, presenting the official descriptions of newly tested and registered plant varieties in Romania.

European news

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

- Literature horizon scan for new scientific data on plants, microorganisms and animals, and their products obtained by new genomic techniques reviewing new scientific data, published up to March 2026, on plants, microorganisms, animals and related products obtained through new genomic techniques. The assessment examined the quality and relevance of the identified studies and considered whether they could affect EFSA's existing scientific opinions on the risks of NGTs compared with conventional breeding and established genomic techniques, as well as the applicability of current risk-assessment guidelines. EFSA concluded that none of the studies retrieved identified new hazards or risks that had not already been considered in its previous scientific opinions.
- Protocols for the development of the guidance on the risk assessment of PPP to non-target arthropods, in-soil organisms and non-target terrestrial plants setting out the problem formulation, evidence requirements and methodological approach for the Tier 1 risk assessment under the revision of its terrestrial ecotoxicology guidance. Prepared by EFSA's Environmental Risk Assessment Working Group and the Panel on Plant Protection Products and their Residues (PPR Panel), the document forms part of mandate M-2024-00086, which aims to develop three new guidance documents covering the environmental risk assessment of non-target arthropods other than bees, in-soil organisms and non-target terrestrial plants.