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On Wednesday 29 October, FRUCOM presented it and its members work on the EU – US trade and tariffs developments during a meeting of the working group of the European Snacks Association.

FRUCOM highlighted the work done with its members, the European Commission (DG TRADE and DG AGRI in particular), and collaboration with other associations.

The consensus position reached by FRUCOM members on the EU proposal to liberalise imports from the US was explained, particularly the 500,000 metric tonnes TRQ for nuts. First, FRUCOM members agree that this TRQ should be managed so that the share of the quota for unprocessed nuts and for processed nuts, should reflect the historical trade flows. Second, FRUCOM members agree to try and have the TRQ managed with quota sub-periods.

FRUCOM also had an exchange with DG AGRI on 28 October to discuss what options the Commission has in terms of addressing the concerns of FRUCOM for the TRQ for nuts.

DG AGRI explained that the first point is to understand whether the Commission's proposal on US tariff liberalisation foresees enabling legislation for this outcome (e.g. language in the proposal text empowering the Commission to adopt implementing legislation which covers the management of the quotas).

If the Commission's proposal does not include a clause for the Commission to adopt implementing legislation on this area, DG AGRI explained that the first step is for the industry to present a request, in writing and substantiated with the relevant supporting information and arguments, for such implementing legislation to be adopted by the Commission. The Commission would have to evaluate this request.

Finally, FRUCOM had a call with the European Snack Association on Monday 3 November, where it was agreed to hold an exchange with CAOBISCO (European confectionery association) and BDSI (German confectionery association) to share intelligence on the progress of the EU-US trade dossier before the different co-legislators.

It will be recalled that on 4 November, the European Parliament's Trade Committee (INTA) will hold an exchange on the Adjustment of customs duties on the import of certain goods originating in the United States of America and opening of tariff quotas for imports of certain goods originating in the United States of America.

- ALL PRODUCTS
  - [Official Journal: amendment of Annex I to the EU tariff and statistical nomenclature and the Common Customs Tariff](#)

The Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/1926 of 22 September 2025 amending Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff was published on 31 October in the Official Journal of the European Union.

This Regulation enacts the following:

Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff is amended as follows:

(1) In Part Two, Section XX, Chapter 95 of Annex I, the additional note 1 is deleted.

(2) Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Regulation (Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/1926).

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/1926 entered into force on the day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Article 1, point (1) has applied from 1 November 2025.

Article 1, point (2) shall apply from 1 January 2026.

This is a routine update of EU tariff and statistical nomenclature and the Common Customs Tariff. Therefore, from 1 January 2026, Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 will be replaced by a complete and up-to-date version of the Combined Nomenclature or 'CN', together with the autonomous and conventional rates of duty resulting from measures adopted by the Council or by the Commission.

None of these updates affect products of concern to FRUCOM members.

More information: [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg\\_impl/2025/1926/oj](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2025/1926/oj)

- [Agri-food chain sustainability roundtable meeting 28 October - notes](#)

On 28 October, FRUCOM participated in, and hosted, the meeting of the Agri-food chain sustainability roundtable in Brussels.

A new representative from FRESHFEL was welcomed.

#### 1.PPWR

The Commission is not very active on developing their secondary legislation. So far they have been working on waste sorting labels and PFAs.

FoodDrinkEurope created a task force on Annex V. The categorisation of multipacks in Annex V, point 1 is still unclear (Single-use plastic grouped packaging). This Task Force is working on elaborating a proposal to the EU Commission, and provide them with a decision tree or alternative model.

There is no confirmation that PPWR will be revised. EUROPEN and a Commission official have said it wouldn't happen.

PROFEL and FRUCOM are also concerned with point 4 of Annex V from PPWR, which concerns single-use plastic portion packs. A UK consultancy has created a group to discuss it and PROFEL is a part of it.

The deadline for the Commission to publish the guidelines to clarify Annex V is January 2027.

It is apparently confirmed, orally, that there will be a full exemption for pallet wrapping as transport packaging.

#### 2.Omnibus I

Most partners here follow it from far. It is agreed at EU level that SMEs are exempted from the CSRD and CSDDD. The main concern is the limitation to TIER 1 suppliers when asking due diligence information and for the sustainability reporting and the calculation of the carbon footprint.

### 3.The Food and Feed Safety Simplification

Members follow this topic, even though it is very technical. It deals mainly with hygiene rules and plant protection products.

An issue for concern could be the mirror clause for products in the market but also imported products. It seems the Commission is looking to be non-controversial with this revision, as opposed to other simplification measures.

### 4.2040 Climate Targets

This topic is becoming very political and is subject to change.

### 5.Green Claims Directive

This file is still on pause, but it is still included on the Commission's work plan. So developments should be happening soon or in the future. For now there is no news about trilogues starting. The completion of this file looks complicated as the mandates from the EU Council and the EU Parliament are very different.

### 6.Empowering consumers Directive

European Snacks Association happy to briefly present the main provisions of the Empowering Consumers for the Green Transition Directive (adopted in 2024) which must be transposed by March 2026 and will already change the way our members use environmental claims.

In September 2026 there is a hard stop for when the Directive applies, and there is not transition period foreseen. Words like "green", "nature" will not be usable anymore, unless specified. Climate neutrality claims are forbidden however, as claiming based on offsets is not permitted. Also, quite a few member states have not translated or transposed the text, so there is some legal uncertainty going forward.

### 7. For the next meeting:

#### 1.Discussion of a common Webinar

Potentially do it on the Empowering Consumers Directive

#### 2.Addressing sustainability as a European trade association

- Pesticides: EU publishes draft MRLs for azocyclotin, chlorfenapyr, cyhexatin, diazinon, dicofol, endosulfan, fenarimol, fenpropathrin and profenofos on several products

The EU has published a draft Regulation amending Annexes II, III and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for azocyclotin, chlorfenapyr, cyhexatin, diazinon, dicofol, endosulfan, fenarimol, fenpropathrin and profenofos in or on certain products.

The MRLs for azocyclotin and cyhexatin will be lowered to the LOD (0.01) for the following products:

- Oranges (current 0.2).
- Apples (current 0.2).
- Wine grapes (current 0.3).

The MRLs for diazinon will be lowered to the LOD (0.01) for the following products:

- Almonds (current 0.05).
- Brazil nuts, cashew nuts, chestnuts, coconuts, hazelnuts/cobnuts, macadamias, pecans, pine nut kernels, pistachios, walnuts (current 0.02).
- Cranberries (current 0.2).
- Pineapples (current 0.3).
- Radishes (current 0.1).
- Garlic, shallots, spring onions/green onions and Welsh onions (current 0.02).
- Onions (current 0.05).
- Sweet peppers/bell peppers (current 0.05).
- Sweet corn (current 0.02).
- Linseeds, peanuts/groundnuts, soybeans, castor beans, poppy seeds, sesame, sunflower, rapeseed/canola, mustard, cotton, pumpkin, safflower, borage, gold of pleasure, hemp (current 0.02).

The MRLs for profenofos will be lowered to the LOD (0.01) for the following products:

- Almonds, Brazil nuts, cashew nuts, chestnuts, coconuts, hazelnuts/cobnuts, macadamias, pecans, pine nut kernels, pistachios, walnuts (current 0.02).

- Mangoes (current 0.2).
- Garlic, shallots, spring onions/green onions and Welsh onions (current 0.02).
- Tomatoes (current 10).
- Cotton seeds (current 3).
- Linseeds, peanuts/groundnuts, soybeans, castor beans, poppy seeds, sesame, sunflower, rapeseed/canola, mustard, cotton, pumpkin, safflower, borage, gold of pleasure, hemp (current 0.02).

The MRLs for fenpropathrin will be lowered to the LOD (0.01) for the following products:

- Grapefruits, oranges, lemons, limes, mandarins (current 2).
- Strawberries (current 2).
- Melons (current 1).

The MRLs for fenarimol will be lowered to the LOD (0.01) for the following products:

- Grapefruits, oranges, lemons, limes, mandarins (current 0.02).
- Almonds, Brazil nuts, cashew nuts, chestnuts, coconuts, hazelnuts/cobnuts, macadamias, pecans, pine nut kernels, pistachios, walnuts (current 0.02).
- Apples, pears, quinces, medlars, loquats/Japanese medlars (current 0.1).
- Apricots, peaches (current 0.5)
- Cherries (sweet) (current 1.5).
- Plums (current 0.02).
- Table and wine grapes, strawberries (current 0.3).
- Raspberries (current 0.1).
- Currants, gooseberries (current 1).
- Blackberries, dewberries, rose hips, mulberries (black, white), azaroles/Mediterranean medlars, elderberries (current 0.02).
- Bananas (current 0.2).
- Dates, figs, table olives, kumquats, carambolas, kaki/Japanese persimmons, jambuls/jambolans, kiwi fruits, litchis/lychees, passionfruits/maracujas, prickly pears/cactus fruits, star

apples/cainitos, american persimmons/virginia kaki, avocados, bananas, mangoes, papayas, granate apples/pomegranates, cherimoyas, guavas, pineapples, breadfruits, durians, soursops/guanabanas (current 0.02).

- Garlic, onions, shallots, spring onions/green onions and welsh onions (current 0.02).
- Tomatoes, sweet peppers/bell peppers, aubergines/eggplants, okra/ladies fingers, sweetcorn (current 0.02).
- Cucumbers, gherkins, courgettes, melons, pumpkins (current 0.2).
- Broccoli, cauliflowers, brussels sprouts, head cabbages, chinese cabbages/pe-tsai, kales, kohlrabis (current 0.02).
- Beans (with pods), beans (without pods), peas (with pods), peas (without pods), lentils (current 0.02).
- Asparagus, cardoons, celeries, Florence fennels, globe artichokes, leeks, rhubarbs, bamboo shoots, palm hearts (current 0.02).
- Linseeds, peanuts/groundnuts, soybeans, castor beans, poppy seeds, sesame, sunflower, rapeseed/canola, mustard, cotton, pumpkin, safflower, borage, gold of pleasure, hemp (current 0.02).

The draft and annex are available at:

<https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/comitology-register/core/api/integration/ers/493167/110097/1/attachment>

<https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/comitology-register/core/api/integration/ers/493163/110097/1/attachment>

- **Food safety: question to FRUCOM on microbiological criteria**

FRUCOM recently got a question regarding microbiological criteria for foods. [Commission Regulation \(EC\) No 2073/2005](#) on microbiological criteria for foods, lays down food safety criteria for relevant foodborne bacteria, their toxins and metabolites, such as *Salmonella*, *Listeria monocytogenes*, *Enterobacter sakazakii*, staphylococcal enterotoxins and histamine in specific foods.

The [Technical guidance document](#) on shelf-life studies for *Listeria monocytogenes* in RTE foods provides specialised laboratories with detailed and practical information on how to conduct shelf-life studies (especially durability studies and challenge tests) for *Listeria monocytogenes* in RTE foods.

The [Guidelines on sampling](#) the food processing areas and equipment describes sampling procedures to be performed by food business operators manufacturing RTE food which may pose a *L. monocytogenes* risk for public health in order to detect *L. monocytogenes* on the surfaces of RTE food processing areas and equipment.

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