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European Commission recommends a voluntary sustainability reporting standard for small and medium-sized undertakings

The European Commission published the Commission Recommendation (EU) 2025/1710 of 30 July 2025 on a voluntary sustainability reporting standard for small and medium-sized undertakings in the Official Journal of the European Union on 5 August 2025.

This Recommendation presents a constitutes a voluntary sustainability reporting standard for small and medium-sized undertakings.

This standard is an intermediary solution to address market demand until a voluntary standard based on the Voluntary SME standard developed by EFRAG is adopted by means of a delegated act under the omnibus simplification proposal.

When this takes place will depend on the pace and conclusion of negotiations between the co-legislators (Council and Parliament).

In the meantime, the Commission believes it is urgent and necessary to help SMEs to respond to the information requests that they already receive from financial institutions, large companies and other stakeholders.

Following the adoption of this Recommendation, large corporates and financial intermediaries should limit, as far as possible, requesting information from SME value chain partners to information that is coherent with the disclosures included in the VSME.

Through this Recommendation, the Commission recommends that non-listed SMEs and micro-undertakings that wish to voluntarily report sustainability information should do so in accordance with the VSME standard developed by EFRAG. To this end, the use of self-declarations by non-listed SMEs and micro-undertakings is deemed proportionate. This

means that there is no obligation to provide assurance to the information reported by non-listed SMEs and that a self-declaration by the SME is sufficient.

Micro-undertakings are undertakings which on their balance sheet dates do not exceed the limits of at least two of the three following criteria:

- (a) balance sheet total: EUR 450 000 ;
- (b) net turnover: EUR 900 000 ;
- (c) average number of employees during the financial year: 10.

Small undertakings shall be undertakings which on their balance sheet dates do not exceed the limits of at least two of the three following criteria:

- (a) balance sheet total: EUR 5 000 000 ;
- (b) net turnover: EUR 10 000 000 ;
- (c) average number of employees during the financial year: 50.

Member States may define thresholds exceeding the thresholds in points (a) and (b) of the first subparagraph. However, the thresholds shall not exceed EUR 7 500 000 for the balance sheet total and EUR 15 000 000 for the net turnover.

Medium-sized undertakings shall be undertakings which are not micro-undertakings or small undertakings and which on their balance sheet dates do not exceed the limits of at least two of the three following criteria:

- (a) balance sheet total: EUR 25 000 000 ;
- (b) net turnover: EUR 50 000 000 ;
- (c) average number of employees during the financial year: 250.

More information: https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_202501710

Pesticides: EFSA considers fosetyl no longer as an ED substance

EFSA published its conclusion on the Updated peer review of the pesticide risk assessment of the active substance fosetyl. Fosetyl is used as a fungicide on grapes, citrus and pome fruits. The conclusions from 2018 were updated with regard to the endocrine-disrupting properties following a mandate received from the European Commission in October 2019. However, now new data was provided and based on the new data it can be concluded that:

In the area of ecotoxicology, the technical specification for one applicant is not covered by the ecotoxicological batches. A data gap was identified for further information to address the risk to aquatic organisms for phosphonic acid. In addition, data gaps were

identified to perform the risk assessment for honeybees. In the areas of mammalian toxicology data gaps were identified.

Finally, further information is needed to address the risk to non-target terrestrial plants. With regard to the assessment of the endocrine disruption (ED) properties, based on the available data and assessment, it can be concluded that fosetyl does not meet the ED criteria for humans and non-target organisms.

Fosetyl is a commonly detected substance, however rarely exceedances.

More information:

<https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.2903/j.efsa.2025.9513>

Switzerland – US trade: Swiss tariffs on US goods unchanged, no countermeasures currently planned

Following the decision by the US administration on July 31, 2025 to apply a 39% tariff on Swiss imports, the Swiss government issued a press release on 4 August confirming that the Swiss Federal Council (the highest executive authority in the country) had decided to continue negotiations with the US.

The President of the Swiss Confederation and the Vice President of the Federal Council flew to the United States on Tuesday, 5 August 2025 to facilitate meetings with the US authorities and hold talks with a view to improving the tariff situation for Switzerland.

The press release also confirms that the Federal Council of Switzerland is “not currently considering any countermeasures” against imports from the United States. This was confirmed again in a press release on 7 August.

Tariffs by Switzerland on US goods therefore remain unchanged.

For example, according to Tares, Switzerland’s customs tariffs on US shelled whole almonds (tariff number 0802.1200) and for pistachio in shell (tariff number 0802.5100) from the US remains 0 Fr/ 100 kg, and for walnuts in shell for retail sale (tariff number 0802.3190) it is 3 Fr /100 kg.

More information: <https://www.wbf.admin.ch/en/newnsb/Yw4HktwZKuGFzC3aG32OQ>

Tares: https://www.bazg.admin.ch/bazg/en/home/services/services-companies/services-firmen_einfuhr-ausfuhr-durchfuhr/zolltarif-tares.html

EU-US trade: EU adopts regulation to suspend for 6 months its rebalancing countermeasures against US tariffs – concerns processed cranberry products, peanut butter, almonds, pistachios, walnuts, pecans, processed prune products, and peanuts

On 5 August, the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/1727 of 5 August 2025 suspending commercial rebalancing measures concerning certain products originating in the United States of America and certain products exported from the Union to the

United States of America imposed by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/1564 was published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

The Regulation suspends Articles 1, 2 and 3 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/1564, which concerns the rebalancing measures against certain products originating from the United States of America and certain products exported from the Union to the United States of America.

Entry into force

The Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/1727 of 5 August 2025 shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union (6 August, 2025)

Duration

In the recital of the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/1727 of 5 August 2025 states that it shall remain in force for six months and that the Commission should keep the suspension under review in light of further developments in the trade relations with the United States, and may take further actions.

More information: https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2025/1727/oj

For more information about the FRUCOM member products concerned in the EU rebalancing measures, visit: <https://frucom.eu/circulars/5492:eu-us-tariffs-eu-publishes-combined-countermeasures-regulation-applying-to-us-imports-in-response-to-various-us-tariff-measures,-concerns-various-frucom-products.html>

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