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| **FRUCOM ACTIVITIES****Agenda/link FRUCOM Working group meeting dried fruit and nuts 12 March**The agenda for the next online meeting of the working group on Wednesday 12th March 4.30PM-5.30PM CET is available here: [WG dried fruit and nuts\_AGENDA March2025](https://frucom.eu/component/attachments/attachments.html?task=attachment&id=2647) The speaker on EU-US Trade, Pauline Bastidon, Director, Trade & Economic Affairs, SpiritsEurope and coordinator of the EU-US tariffs coalition, is confirmed. Join the meeting nowMeeting ID: 331 839 022 634Passcode: fP2EN3CK**FRUCOM meeting with DG SANTE on official controls: request for members' input**FRUCOM will have an in-person meeting with the Head of Unit Peter Bokor and officials responsible for Regulation 2019/1793 on the temporary increase of **official controls and emergency measures**, following Mr. Tim Gumbel’s change of function. Members **are kindly asked to provide input/questions, preferably before March 12th.****Contaminants: FRUCOM Alternaria overview meeting**FRUCOM is organising an overview meeting at the end of March, analysing data provided by members on Alternaria.The meeting date will be announced shortly, pending responses by participants.Please select your availability using the link below until **12 March, end of day, Brussels time:**<https://doodle.com/group-poll/participate/dGzp4lKb>**ALL PRODUCTS****European Parliament debates Omnibus, due diligence, sustainability reporting and ‘Vision for Agriculture and Food’**During the 10-13 March 2025 Strasbourg plenary session, Members of the European Parliament will debate recent Commission policy proposals.Omnibus I PackageOn Monday 10 March, the European Parliament will debate the European Commission’s Omnibus I Package, which proposes revisions to the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD) and Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD).This first debate will begin with a Commission statement on the proposed package and precedes anticipated trilogue negotiations on the proposed package once the Council and Parliament have adopted their positions on draft legislative measures.The debate can be followed here: <https://multimedia.europarl.europa.eu/en/webstreaming/plenary-session_20250310-0900-PLENARY> Vision for Agriculture and FoodOn Thursday 13 March, the Parliament will debate with the European Commission its ‘Vision for Agriculture and Food’ communication, which was announced by Ursula von der Leyen in the political guidelines for her new Commission and adopted on 19 February 2025.It will be recalled that this Vision for Agriculture and Food adopted a very critical view of the standards of imported agriculture and food products.- The Commission will pursue, in line with international rules, a stronger alignment of production standards applied to imported products, notably on pesticides and animal welfare.- The Commission will establish a principle that the most hazardous pesticides banned in the EU for health and environmental reasons are not allowed back to the EU through imported products. To advance on this, the Commission will launch in 2025 the Impact Assessment that will consider the impacts on the EU’s competitive position and the international implications and, if appropriate, propose amendments to the applicable legal framework.- The Commission will also assess the issue of the export of hazardous chemicals, including pesticides, that are banned in the EU.- A dedicated task force will be established, pulling expertise and forces from the Commission and Member States, which will significantly increase the Union’s response to further strengthening the control on imports, including a powerful strengthening of controls on the ground.The debate can be followed here: <https://multimedia.europarl.europa.eu/en/webstreaming/plenary-session_20250313-0900-PLENARY>**EU College of Commissioners visit to India paves way for next round of EU-India FTA negotiations**The European Commission and Indian officials will hold the tenth round of negotiations of the EU-India FTA from 10 to 14 March in Brussels.This follows a visit by the College of Commissioners of the European Commission to India at the end of February, which was seen as a push for momentum on the FTA negotiations.According to press reports, India and EU hope to conclude the negotiations by the end of 2025.**Food Fraud: January 2025 EU agri-food fraud suspicions****Main findings:**The report retrieved **220** suspicions from **639** RASFF notifications, categorizing them by product and fraud category. It also includes information on product tampering, record tampering, and other non-compliances.Suspicions per product category:* + - Fish and fish products – **3** (lower fat content than declared, misleading denomination "squid rings", transport temperature).
		- Crustaceans and products thereof - **2** (additives exceedance, residues of veterinary medicines).
		- Nuts, nut products and seeds – **2** (pesticide residues).
		- Fruit and vegetables – **63** (unapproved processes, undeclared process, pesticide residues).

More information: <https://food.ec.europa.eu/document/download/3e4c8ebf-258a-4952-bcc2-7fd7f21f8d42_en?filename=ff_ffn_monthly-report_202501.pdf>**RASFF NOTIFICATION: 2025/10 (03/03/2025 - 09/03/2025)**Please find below a FRUCOM report compiling RASFF notifications of week 2025/10 (03/03/2025 - 09/03/2025).Information provided in the report is based on RASFF notifications published on the DG SANTE’s online database[FRUCOMRASFF2025\_Week10](https://frucom.eu/component/attachments/attachments.html?task=attachment&id=2646)  |

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