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| **ALL PRODUCTS****EU-US tariffs: Commission response to letter from FRUCOM about opposition to inclusion of almonds & cranberries in retaliation list**FRUCOM received on 30 April a reply from the European Commission Directorate General for Trade to the letter sent by FRUCOM to the Commissioner for Trade on the EU retaliation lists, and opposition to inclusion of almonds and cranberries.The Commission response be downloaded here: [Ares 5278257 - Commission reply FRUCOM Boulova](https://frucom.eu/component/attachments/attachments.html?task=attachment&id=2714)The letter from FRUCOM sent in 26 March can be found here: [FRUCOM Letter Commissioner Maro efovi - EU-US steel and aluminium\_](https://frucom.eu/component/attachments/attachments.html?task=attachment&id=2715)**EU Parliament: Plenary session to debate US trade measures, AGRI Committee adopt tariff opinion on Russian agri-imports**On Tuesday 6 May, the European Parliament will hear Council and Commission statements and hold a plenary debate on A unified EU response to unjustified US trade measures.This will begin at 9am CET and can be followed live or recorded on the Parliament plenary page <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/plenary/en/home.html>Meanwhile the European Parliament’s AGRI committee votes in the evening of 5 May on its opinion for the European Commission proposal on additional duties on certain Russian and Belarussian agricultural products and fertilisers.These additional duties would apply to imports of certain agricultural goods that are currently classified under Chapters 1, 2, 4 to 24, 29, 33, 35, 38, 41, 43, 50, 51, 52 and 53 of the Combined Nomenclature (CN).Of concern to FRUCOM would be Chapters 05 Products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included, Chapter 08 Edible fruits and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons and 20 Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants.The proposal significantly and with immediate effect increases the applicable import tariffs for the agricultural goods from the Russian Federation or the Republic of Belarus. In addition, those goods that originate in or are exported directly or indirectly from the Russian Federation or the Republic of Belarus would be barred from access to the Union’s tariff rate quotas.The indicative plenary sitting date for the first reading is 21/05/2025.More information: <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/agri-vote-on-custom-duties-on-goods-from/product-details/20250429CAN74667>**Marketing Standards: Commission clarifications on invoices and accompanying documents**FRUCOM has received clarifications on Regulation Regulation 2023/2429 on Marketing Standards.The Italian Ministry of Agriculture has provided the following information based on feedback received from the Commission:Simplified labelling information, which allows for "EU", "non-EU" and "EU and non-EU labels", is only applied for mixtures at retail stage. Therefore, it does not apply to invoices and accompanying documents, which must include the full indication of origin.The document is available below (automatically translated):[risposta a Fruitimprese quesito reg 2023-2429\_signed en](https://frucom.eu/component/attachments/attachments.html?task=attachment&id=2709)**Additives: EFSA assessment of acesulfame K (E 950)**EFSA published its conclusion on the Re‐evaluation of acesulfame K (E 950) as food additive. This additive has been approved to be used in sweet-sour preserves of fruit and vegetables. Acesulfame K (E 950) was found to be stable under various conditions; at pH lower than 3 with increasing temperatures, it is degraded to a certain amount. Based on the available data, no safety concerns arise for genotoxicity of acesulfame K (E 950) and its degradation products.EFSA established an acceptable daily intake (ADI) of 15 mg/kg body weight (bw) per day based on the highest dose tested without adverse effects in a chronic toxicity and carcinogenicity study in rats. It is noted that the highest estimate of exposure to acesulfame K (E 950) was generally below the ADI in all population groups.More information: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/9317>**Pesticides: EFSA ED assessment for etoxazole**EFSA published its conclusion on the peer review of the pesticide risk assessment for the active substance etoxazole in light of confirmatory data on the endocrine disruption assessment. The conclusions were reached on the basis of the evaluation of the representative uses of etoxazole as an acaricide on pome fruits, plums, peaches, nectarines, apricots, cherries, citrus, grapes, strawberries, tomatoes/eggplants, cucurbits inedible peel, cotton seeds and ornamental plants. The last assessment had major data gaps, now new information regarding ED has been provided. Considering the available information, it can be concluded that etoxazole is unlikely to meet the ED criteria for the EAS-modalities for non-target organisms other than mammals according to (EC)No 1107/2009 for the T-modality, a robust conclusion cannot be reached (issue not finalised, see Section 2.1). Therefore, the confirmatory data requirement with regard to the assessment of the ED potential of etoxazole for non-target organisms other than mammals has not been addressed.There is a small number of data points of Etoxazole in the FRUCOM database, with no exceedances.More information: <https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.2903/j.efsa.2025.9407> **Pesticides: EFSA statement on MRLs for cypermethrins**Conversion factors based on the isomeric composition in the technical mixtures and commercial formulations of alpha‐cypermethrin, zeta‐cypermethrins and cypermethrins (sum of isomers) were used to recalculate MRL values proposed in the 2023 MRL review (and based on existing EU uses, import tolerances or codex maximum residue limits for cypermethrin and zeta‐cypermethrin) into alpha‐cypermethrin.Two lists of MRLs, list MRL 1 expressing the residue as cypermethrin including other mixtures of constituent isomers (sum of isomers) and list MRL 2 expressing the residue as alpha‐cypermethrin, are presented for further consideration by risk managers. In both lists the MRLs proposed are lowered for most of the FRUCOM products close to or to LOQ.There is a significant number of data points on Cypermethrins in the FRUCOM database, with a very small number of exceedances.More information: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/9386> **Pesticides: EFSA assesment of buprofezin**EFSA published its peer review of the pesticide risk assessment of the active substance buprofezin. The representative uses of buprofezin as an insecticide on ornamental plants in greenhouse via spray application. Regarding the assessment of the endocrine disruption (ED) properties, for humans buprofezin meets the ED criteria as laid down in point 3.6.5 of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. For non-target organisms, the assessment of the endocrine disruption potential of buprofezin cannot be concluded. Regarding the ecotoxicology, high reproductive risk for mammals was identified.There are a number of datapoints on Buprofezin in the FRUCOM database, with a very small number of exceedances.More information: <https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.2903/j.efsa.2025.9392>**RASFF NOTIFICATION: 2025/18 (28/04/2025 - 04/05/2025)**Please find below a FRUCOM report compiling RASFF notifications of week 2025/18 (28/04/2025 - 04/05/2025).Information provided in the report is based on RASFF notifications published on the DG SANTE’s online database[FRUCOMRASFF2025\_Week18](https://frucom.eu/component/attachments/attachments.html?task=attachment&id=2711) |

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