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**Report Name:** Israel Seeks Public Comments on Implementation of Changes to EU Regulations Related to Food Contaminants--December 15 2025

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**Report Highlights:**

On December 01, 2025, the Israeli Ministry of Health published a request for public comments on proposed amendments to European Union Regulations 915/2023, 1333/2008, 432/2012, 396/2005. The publication, which has not yet been notified to the World Trade Organization, is open for public comment until December 15, 2025, 23:59 (Israel Standard Time).

## A. The Purpose of Publication

Israel adopted European Union (EU) Regulations and Directives as part of Israel's "Food Reform" initiative (for more on the information see GAIN report: IS2024-0022: Israel Adopts Additional European Union Standards for Agricultural Imports). The Ministry of Health published proposed changes to EU Regulation 915/2023, 1333/2008, 432/2012, 396/2005 for public comments (containing also previous proposed amendments). Under the "Adoption by Reference" mechanism, Israel aligns its food regulations with updates made by the EU. **Regulatory changes are issued for public comment before being formally incorporated into Israeli food legislation.**

## B. Submission of Comments

This publication (which has yet to be notified to the World Trade Organization) is open for **public comments until December 15, 2025, 23:59 (Israel Standard Time)**.

- To submit comments, users must first register on the [Tazkirim](#) website.
- Click the "Comment" button next to the document summary.
- Submit your response and attach up to three support files.
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Commenters must specify their affiliation when submitting a response. The Israel Ministry of Health (MoH) National Food Service (NFS) reserves the right to invite submitters to present their positions before the professional team in the NFS or before the Director of the NFS. The National Food Service may utilize the content of the submitted documents to shape its position before publishing the NFS director's announcement in the records and may also publish them on the NFS website. Please note that the submission of a position paper in response to this request implies consent for publication, as explained above.

## C. Amendment to EU Regulation

All modifications will be subject to the exclusions outlined in Israeli legislation<sup>1</sup> and the final draft notice once adopted.

For more details, please see all related attachments for each amended regulation. A description of the modifications to EU regulation, which Israel plans to adopt, can be found in Table 1.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.nevo.co.il/law\\_html/law01/049\\_062.htm](https://www.nevo.co.il/law_html/law01/049_062.htm)

**Table 1: Modifications of EU Regulations for Adoption into Israeli Legislation**

Name of Amendment for EU Regulation	General Description of Amendment	Implementation Date for EU Amended Regulation	Implementation Date for Israeli Legislation	Transitional Provision
<b>Group 1 – Food Contaminants:</b>				
<a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2025/1891 of 17 September 2025 amending Regulation (EU) 2023/915 as regards maximum levels of inorganic arsenic in fish and other seafood</a> <sup>2</sup>	New maximum levels for inorganic arsenic are established for fish and other seafood, to help reduce the population's exposure to this contaminant.	October 7, 2025	January 1, 2026  Approximately at the time of entry into force in Europe, provided that the notice is published in the official records no later than this date.	Food imported or produced in Israel before the update takes effect may continue to be sold under the previous regulations until its shelf life expires, unless a different transitional rule is specified. The date the release certificate application is submitted to the quarantine station will be considered the food's import date. <sup>3</sup>
<a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2025/1212 of 24 June 2025 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for acetamiprid in or on certain products</a> <sup>4</sup>	<p>(28) MRL updates for acetamiprid in certain food products:</p> <p>1. Plums, linseeds, poppy seeds, mustard seeds, gold of pleasure seeds, and 'honey and other apiculture products.</p> <p>2. MRL for acetamiprid in soyabean should be set at the level of the CXL of 0,01 mg/kg in Annex II to that Regulation.</p> <p>In its statement<sup>5</sup>, EFSA set stricter limits for acetamiprid by lowering both the acceptable daily intake</p>	July 14, 2025	January 1, 2026  Approximately at the time of entry into force in Europe, provided that the notice is published in the official records no later than this date.	Food imported or produced in Israel before the update takes effect may continue to be sold under the previous regulations until its shelf life expires, unless a different transitional rule is specified. The date the release certificate application is submitted to the quarantine station will be considered the food's import

<sup>2</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2025/1891/oj/eng> .

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.nevo.co.il/law\\_html/law01/049\\_062.htm#Seif325](https://www.nevo.co.il/law_html/law01/049_062.htm#Seif325) (Hebrew Only)

<sup>4</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2025/1212/oj/eng>

<sup>5</sup> European Food Safety Authority; Statement on the toxicological properties and maximum residue levels of acetamiprid and its metabolites; EFSA Journal, 2024;22:e8759.

	(ADI) and the acute reference dose (ARfD), and by expanding the residue definition for risk assessment in fruit and leafy crops to include the metabolite IM-2-1.			date.
<a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2025/1305 of 2 July 2025 amending Annexes II, III and IV to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for amidosulfuron, azoxystrobin, hexythiazox, isoxaben, picloram, propamocarb, sodium silver thiosulfate and tefluthrin in or on certain products</a> <sup>6</sup>	<p>(29) MRL updates for amidosulfuron, azoxystrobin, hexythiazox, isoxaben, picloram, propamocarb, sodium silver thiosulfate and tefluthrin in certain food products:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Azoxystrobin</u>: new import tolerance for melons and watermelons set, based on uses in Brazil.</li> <li>2. <u>Hexythiazox</u>: import tolerance for blackberries and raspberries set, based on uses in the United States.</li> <li>3. <u>Picloram</u>: new MRLs set for swine fat and liver, bovine liver, sheep liver, goat liver, equine fat and liver, other farmed terrestrial animal fat, liver and 'others', and 'honey and other apiculture products'. A new residue definition for enforcement now applies to plant products and honey, specifying "picloram, free and conjugated, expressed as picloram," rather than just "picloram."</li> <li>4. <u>Propamocarb</u>: new MRL's set for small radish leaves and radishes and roman rocket/rucola.</li> <li>5. <u>Isoxaben</u>: new MRL's set for dry beans and dry peas.</li> <li>6. <u>Tefluthrin</u>: new MRL's set for horseradishes,</li> </ol>	July 22, 2025	January 1, 2026  Approximately at the time of entry into force in Europe, provided that the notice is published in the official records no later than this date.	Food imported or produced in Israel before the update takes effect may continue to be sold under the previous regulations until its shelf life expires, unless a different transitional rule is specified. The date the release certificate application is submitted to the quarantine station will be considered the food's import date.

<sup>6</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2025/1305/oj/eng>

	<p>Jerusalem artichokes, parsnips, salsifies and parsley roots.</p> <p>7. <u>Amidosulfuron</u>: new MRLs set for barley, oat, rye and wheat.</p> <p>8. Sodium silver thiosulfate: added to Annex IV of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005</p>			
<b>Group 2 – Labeling, Including Messages and Prohibited/Restricted Substances in Food:</b>				
<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/1560 of 30 July 2025 authorizing a health claim made on foods, other than those referring to the reduction of disease risk and to children’s development and health, and amending Regulation (EU) No 432/2012<sup>7</sup></a>	<p>Approval of the Health claim: “Consumption of green kiwifruit contributes to normal bowel function by increasing stool frequency”</p> <p>Provides that permitted health claims must be accompanied by all necessary conditions listed in the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 432/2012.</p>	August 20, 2025	<p>January 1, 2026</p> <p>Approximately at the time of entry into force in Europe, provided that the notice is published in the official records no later than this date.</p>	Food imported or produced in Israel before the update takes effect may continue to be sold under the previous regulations until its shelf life expires, unless a different transitional rule is specified. The date the release certificate application is submitted to the quarantine station will be considered the food's import date.
<b>Group 3 – Food Improvement Agents - FIA</b>				
<a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2025/1337 of 10 July 2025 amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of polyvinylpyrrolidone (E 1202) as a carrier in color tablets for the decorative coloring of poultry eggshells<sup>8</sup></a>	<p>Authorizing the use of polyvinylpyrrolidone (E 1202) as a carrier in color tablets used for the decorative coloring of poultry eggshells.</p>	July 30, 2025	<p>January 1, 2026</p> <p>Provided that the notice is published in the official records no later than this date.</p>	

<sup>7</sup> [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg\\_impl/2025/1560/oj/eng](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2025/1560/oj/eng)

<sup>8</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32025R1337&qid=1760951400011>

**Attachments:**

[01-915.2023-Draft notice regarding the implementation of changes to the European Union regulations- Google Translate.docx](#)

[01-915.2023-Draft notice regarding the implementation of changes to the European Union regulations- Hebrew Original.docx](#)

[02-915.2023-Notice from the Director of the National Food Service - Google Translate.pdf](#)

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[03-915.2023-Regulatory Impact Assessment \(RIA\) - Google Translate.docx](#)

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[01-396.2005-Draft notice regarding the implementation of changes to the European Union regulations- Google translate.docx](#)

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[02-396.2005-Notice from the Director of the National Food Service - Google translate.pdf](#)

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[01-432.2012-Draft notice regarding the implementation of changes to the European Union regulations- Google translate.docx](#)

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[01-1333.2008-Draft notice regarding the implementation of changes to the European Union regulations- Google translate.docx](#)

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