



Simpler food and feed safety rules while
upholding high health standards and
boosting competitiveness of EU
producers



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- This is the 10th omnibus proposal
- Setting a clear target of reducing administrative burdens by least 25% - and at least 35% for small and medium-sized enterprises
- This is a part of the [Vision for Agriculture and Food](#) helping farmers and food and feed businesses to be more competitive and resilient.
- **Specific targets:**
 - To reduce administrative costs and burdens
 - To maintain the EU's very strict requirements for food and feed safety, health and environmental protection
 - Farmers, are expected to have a greater choice of inputs to produce food
 - To make the introduction of innovative products more easy
 - The proposed simplifications will also incentivise farmers to apply more environmentally friendly plant protection products sooner

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- **Key measures proposed are:**

- Accelerating procedures for market access for bio-pesticides, ensuring farmers have a comprehensive toolbox for crop protection;
- Making renewal procedures for pesticides and biocides more targeted, efficient and applied faster;
- In line with the Vision for Agriculture, working towards aligning production standards for imports regarding pesticides residues based on outcomes of the ongoing impact assessment, to ensure a level playing field;
- Easing the obligation to renew feed additive authorisations and digitalising labelling for feed additives;
- Facilitating market access for fermentation products;
- Simplifying accreditation rules for official laboratories;
- Applying a more pragmatic approach to border controls for plant products;
- Adapting bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) surveillance and risk mitigation requirements in accordance with science

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- **Savings:**
 - The simplifications proposed could save over **€1 billion in administrative and compliance costs**
 - Of this over €428 million annually for EU businesses (€227 million for SMEs)
 - As well as €661 million annually for national and EU administrations
 - This includes annual administrative savings amounting to €939 million for both businesses and national administrations and €150 million in compliance costs for business