NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** EUROPEAN UNION  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** European Commission, Health and Food Safety Directorate-General |
| **3.** | **Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):** Preparations of a kind used in animal feeding (HS code(s): 2309) |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[****X]** **All trading partners**  **[****]** **Specific regions or countries:** |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the status of attapulgite as a feed additive within the scope of Regulation (EC) No. 1831/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council (Text with EEA relevance).**Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 3  [https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/EEC/23\_8958\_00\_e.pdf](https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/EEC/23_8958_00_e.pdf" \t "_blank) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The draft act concerns the determination of the legal status of the substance attapulgite as a feed additive within the scope of the EU legislation on feed additives, i.e. Regulation (EC) No. 1831/2003. The measure aims at bringing legal certainty and consistency as regards the conditions of placing on the market and use of attapulgite under the relevant applicable legislation.  It is proposed to provide a transitional period of seven years in order to allow operators to adapt to the new status of attapulgite as a feed additive. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [****X]****food safety, [****X]****animal health, [****]****plant protection, [****]****protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [****]****protect territory from other damage from pests.** |
| **8.** | **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:**  **[****X]** **Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:** Code of practice on Good Animal Feeding CAC/RCP 54-2004  **[****]** **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[****]** **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  **[****]** **None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[****X]** **Yes [****]** **No**  **If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:** |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** July 2023  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** July 2023 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [****]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** Twenty days after publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.  **[****]** **Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 13 June 2023  **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [****X]****National Notification Authority, [****X]****National Enquiry Point.** **Address, fax number and e‑mail address (if available) of other body:**  European Commission  DG Health and Food Safety, Unit A4-Multilateral International Relations  Rue Froissart 101  B-1049 Brussels  Tel: +(32 2) 29 54263  E-mail: [sps@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sps@ec.europa.eu) |
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