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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> European Commission, Health and Food Safety Directorate-General
3.	<b>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):</b> Preparations of a kind used in animal feeding (HS code(s): 2309)
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/108 of 16 January 2026 concerning the authorization of ponceau 4R as a feed additive for its use in baits for freshwater food-producing finfish (Text with EEA relevance). <b>Language(s):</b> English, French and Spanish. <b>Number of pages:</b> 4 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_00479_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_00479_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_00479_00_f.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_00479_00_f.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_00479_00_s.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_00479_00_s.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This Regulation authorizes for the first time in the European Union and for a period of 10 years ponceau 4R as a feed additive belonging to the category "sensory additives" and in the functional group "colourants, (i) substances that add or restore colour in feedingstuffs" for its use in baits for freshwater food-producing finfish. This authorization is based on the favourable conclusions of a scientific assessment of the dossier submitted by the applicant, conducted by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). The terms of the authorization are detailed in the Annex to the Act.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> Code of practice on Good Animal Feeding CAC/RCP 54-2004. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b> <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>

<p><b>[X] Yes [ ] No</b></p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>	
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p> <p>Scientific Opinions:</p> <p>Safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of ponceau 4R for its use in baits for freshwater fish (GIFAP) EFSA <i>Journal</i>, 22(11), e9072. <a href="https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2024.9072">https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2024.9072</a></p> <p>Efficacy of a feed additive consisting of ponceau 4R for its use in baits for freshwater fish (GIFAP) EFSA <i>Journal</i>, 23(6), e9462. <a href="https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2025.9462">https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2025.9462</a> (available in English)</p>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 16 January 2026</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 19 January 2026</p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.</p> <p><b>[X] Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> Not applicable.</p> <p><b>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:</b></p> <p>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: <a href="mailto:sps@ec.europa.eu">sps@ec.europa.eu</a></p>
<b>13.</b>	<p><b>Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>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: <a href="mailto:sps@ec.europa.eu">sps@ec.europa.eu</a></p>