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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> 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): This proposal amends a broad range of legislations with their various product coverages, as indicatively listed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food and feed obtained using genetically modified organisms, as covered by Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003• Preparations of a kind used in animal feeding, as covered by Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003• Live animals as covered by Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009• Maximum residue levels for pesticides in food and feed, as covered by Regulation (EC) No 396/2005• Live animals and certain commodities (bovine collagen and gelatine), as covered by Regulation (EC) No 999/2001• Biocidal Products, as covered by Regulation (EU) No 528/2012• Plants, plant products and other objects referred to in Article 47(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 [only for the amendment of Article 50(3)]• Plant protection products, as covered by Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EC) No 999/2001, (EC) No 1829/2003, (EC) No 1831/2003, (EC) No 852/2004, (EC) No 853/2004, (EC) No 396/2005, (EC) No 1099/2009, (EC) No 1107/2009, (EU) No 528/2012, (EU) 2017/625 as regards the simplification and strengthening of food and feed safety requirements (Text with EEA relevance). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 52 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_00559_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: Amendment to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001: the proposal will make Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 more flexible to ensure that the control measures of that disease can be updated in a swifter and more proportionate manner to enable that it becomes more science-based and more aligned with the relevant Chapter 11.4 of the WOHAT Terrestrial Code. Amendment to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003: clarification of legal status of food and feed obtained using genetically modified organisms. Amendments to Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003: the draft act provides for 1/ unlimited duration of authorisation of feed additives (except coccidiostats and histomonostats) accompanied by safety safeguards, 2/ simplification and clarification of procedures for

modification of feed additives authorisations and 3/ allowing digital labelling of feed additives and premixtures for certain non-safety information.

Amendment to Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009: this part of the proposal removes the obligation in Article 18(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 for Member States to submit a separate annual report on depopulation operations. Information on compliance with animal welfare requirements during depopulation activities will instead continue to be reported through the existing annual reports under Regulation (EU) 2017/625 on official controls.

Amendment to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005: the proposed regulation allows for more flexible transitional measures in cases where Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) are lowered, allows the setting of permanent MRLs based on monitoring data, aligns the terminology "limit of quantification (LOQ)", and introduces the possibility on a case-by-case basis to set MRLs at the LOQ for the most hazardous pesticides (substances with mutagenic, carcinogenic, or reprotoxic properties as well as endocrine disruptors that may cause adverse effects in humans and in non-target organisms, persistent organic pollutants (POP), persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT) and very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB) substances).

Amendment to Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009: the draft Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 proposes a number of changes to lower administrative burden and allow for faster market access, without reducing the existing protection standards for health and the environment.

The proposal aims to accelerate access to innovative biocontrol solutions. This will be achieved by, among others, tackling procedural inefficiencies, defining biocontrol substances, allowing provisional authorisations of products containing biocontrol substances, and reallocating or increasing resources in Member State authorities and the European Food Safety Authority.

The possibility for certain active substances to have unlimited approval periods is proposed, alongside new provisions to allow for the renewal or targeted reassessment of those substances. Existing provisions concerning derogation from the approval criteria and grace periods are also amended.

The proposal also intends to expand market access for plant protection products through stronger mutual recognition of product authorisations between Member States and strengthened support for minor uses. In addition, the proposal intends to clarify provisions related to basic substances, seed treatment and data protection to increase harmonisation of implementation across Member States.

Amendment to Regulation (EU) No 528/2012: the draft Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 proposes to extend the data protection of data of existing active substances still under evaluation in the review programme due to delays in the completion of the review programme.

Amendment to Regulation (EU) 2017/625: two amendments are proposed on the official controls Regulation (OCR): (a) Article 50(3) is amended to provide the possibility to competent authorities of border control posts to split the consignments of plant and plant products before completing the official controls on the entirety of the consignment, in order to release the parts for which official controls have been finalised while other parts still need further controls. (b) Articles 41, 93, 100 and 144 are amended so that the Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts concerning the cases where, and the conditions under which, laboratories may be designated as official laboratories, national reference laboratories and EU reference laboratories, while operating and being accredited in accordance with similar laboratory standards to EN ISO/IEC 17025 and/or not being accredited for all the methods they use for official controls or other official activities.

- 7. Objective and rationale: ☒ food safety, ☒ animal health, ☐ plant protection, ☐ protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, ☐ protect territory from other damage from pests.**

8.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 as regards the amendments to Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): WOAH Terrestrial Code as regards the amendments to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 on additives for use in animal nutrition (SWD(2024) 46 final) Simplification Omnibus Package COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT Accompanying the document Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulations (EC) No 999/2001, (EC) No 1829/2003, (EC) No 1831/2003, (EC) No 852/2004, (EC) No 853/2004, (EC) No 396/2005, (EC) No 1099/2009, (EC) No 1107/2009, (EU) No 528/2012, (EU) 2017/625 as regards the simplification and strengthening of food and feed safety requirements {COM(2025) 1030} (SWD(2025)1030 final)
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): The Regulation(s) shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of their publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 30 March 2026</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</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: sps@ec.europa.eu</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</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: sps@ec.europa.eu</p>