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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> European Commission, Health and Food Safety Directorate-General
<b>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):</b> Preparations of a kind used in animal feeding (HS code(s): 2309)
<b>4. 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>
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/164 of 26 January 2026 concerning the renewal of the authorisation of an aqueous solution of choline chloride and a preparation of choline chloride as feed additives for all animal species and repealing Implementing Regulation (EU) No 795/2013 (Text with EEA relevance). <b>Language(s):</b> English, French and Spanish. <b>Number of pages:</b> 7 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_00719_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_00719_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_00719_00_f.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_00719_00_f.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_00719_00_s.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_00719_00_s.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The substance and the preparation covered by the Act are authorised for a period of ten years as feed additives for all animal species in the additive category 'nutritional additives' and in the functional group 'vitamins, pro-vitamins and chemically well-defined substances having similar effect'. An application was submitted for the renewal of the authorisation of this substance and the preparation in accordance with article 14 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003. 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 authorisation of this substance and the preparation as feed additives for all animal species is renewed under certain conditions detailed in the Annex to the Act. A transitional period is included for the interested parties to meet the new authorisation requirements.
<b>7. 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.
<b>8. 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>

<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b></p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>  Scientific Opinion:  Assessment of the feed additive consisting of choline chloride for all animal species for the renewal of its authorisation (Andrés Pintaluba S.A., Taminco B.V., Balchem Italia S.r.l.)  EFSA <i>Journal</i>, 2025; 23:e9264 (<a href="https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2025.9264">https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2025.9264</a>) available in English)</p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 26 January 2026</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 27 January 2026</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> 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><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> 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:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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>
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