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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

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:

All trading partners

Specific regions or countries:

5. Title of the notified document: Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/154 of 23 January 2026 concerning the authorisation of sepiolitic clay as a feed additive for all animal species other than ruminants for milk production or reproduction, weaned piglets of porcine species, porcine species for fattening, salmonids and chickens for fattening and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/263 as regards the terms of the authorisation of sepiolitic clay as a feed additive for salmonids and chickens for fattening (Text with EEA relevance). **Language(s):** English, French and Spanish. **Number of pages:** 9

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_00727_00_e.pdf

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_00727_00_f.pdf

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_00727_00_s.pdf

6. Description of content: The substance covered by the Act was still authorised without a time limit as a feed additive for all animal species other than ruminants for milk production or reproduction, weaned piglets of porcine species, porcine species for fattening, salmonids and chickens for fattening. An application was submitted for the reauthorisation of this substance for the species mentioned above in accordance with article 10 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), this substance is reauthorised as a feed additive for the species mentioned above in the additive category 'technological additives' and in the functional groups 'binders', under certain conditions detailed in the Annex to the Act.

In addition, Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/263 is amended to increase the maximum content of the additive in complete feed for salmonids and chickens for fattening.

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. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:

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?

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:

Scientific Opinions:

- Safety of a feed additive consisting of Sepiolitic clay for all animal species (MYTA S.A.). EFSA Journal 2025; 23:e9365. <https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2025.9365>
- Safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of Sepiolitic clay for all animal species (Mineria y Tecnologia de Arcillas SA - MYTA). EFSA Journal 2022; 20(5):7344. <https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2022.7344>

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10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 23 January 2026

Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 26 January 2026

11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Trade facilitating measure

12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable

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