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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"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/540 of 11 March 2026 concerning the authorisation of acacia gum as a feed additive for all animal species (Text with EEA relevance). <b>Language(s):</b> English, French and Spanish. <b>Number of pages:</b> 6 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_01723_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_01723_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_01723_00_f.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_01723_00_f.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_01723_00_s.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_01723_00_s.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The substance covered by the Act was authorised as a feed additive for all animal species. An application was submitted for the reauthorisation of this substance 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 all animal species in the additive category 'technological additives' and in the functional groups 'emulsifiers' and 'stabilisers', 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> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b>

<p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of acacia gum (gum Arabic) for all animal species (A.I.P.G. Association for International Promotion of Gums). EFSA Journal, 23(7), e9542, <a href="https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2025.9542">https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2025.9542</a></li> <li>- Safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of acacia gum (gum Arabic) for all animal species (A.I.P.G. Association for International Promotion of Gums). EFSA Journal 2022; 20(4):7252, <a href="https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2022.7252">https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2022.7252</a> (available in English)</li> </ul>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 11 March 2026</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 12 March 2026</p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 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.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>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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