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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): 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: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/538 of 11 March 2026 concerning the authorisation of xanthan gum produced with <i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> ATCC SD 7012 or DSM 23730 or CNCM I-4861 or CIP 74.23 as a feed additive for all animal species other than cats, dogs and aquatic species (Text with EEA relevance). Language(s): English, French and Spanish. Number of pages: 7 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_01750_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_01750_00_f.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_01750_00_s.pdf
6. Description of content: 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 other than cats, dogs and aquatic species in the additive category 'technological additives' and in the functional groups 'stabilisers' and 'thickeners', under certain conditions detailed in the Annex to the Act. A transitional period is included for the interested parties to meet the new authorisation's requirements. As regards the use of the additive for cats, dogs and aquatic species, it remains authorised pursuant to Directive 70/524/EEC pending the adoption of a measure on its reauthorisation in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003.
7. Objective and rationale: <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. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <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 <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):

<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>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <p>Scientific Opinions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safety of a feed additive consisting of xanthan gum (produced with <i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> strains ATCC SD-7012, DSM 23730, CNCM I-4861 and CIP 74.23) for all animal species with the exception of cats and aquatic species (BIOPOLYMER International) EFSA Journal 2025;23(6), e9466. https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2025.9466 - Safety and efficacy of an additive consisting of xanthan gum produced by <i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> strains ■■■■■, ■■■■■ for all animal species (Biopolymer International) EFSA Journal 2021;19(7):6710, 13 pp. https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2021.6710 (available in English)
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 11 March 2026</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 12 March 2026</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <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>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable</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>
<p>13. 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>