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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: ☒ All trading partners ☐ Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/1234 of 11 June 2026 concerning the authorisation of vermiculite as a feed additive for chickens for fattening, chickens reared for laying or reproduction and hens (Text with EEA relevance). Language(s): English, French and Spanish. Number of pages: 3 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_03386_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_03386_00_f.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_03386_00_s.pdf
6.	Description of content: This Regulation authorises for the first time in the European Union and for a period of 10 years vermiculite as a feed additive belonging to the category 'technological additives' and in the functional group 'anticaking agents' for chickens for fattening, chickens reared for laying or reproduction and hens. This authorisation is 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 terms of the authorisation are detailed in the Annex to the Act.
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?

[X] 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 Opinion: Safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of vermiculite for all poultry and ornamental birds, all porcine species, equines, leporids, camelids, pets and other non-food-producing animals (Regal B.V.) EFSA Journal. 2025;23:e9362. https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2025.9362 (available in English)
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 11 June 2026 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 12 June 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. [X] 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 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: 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
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