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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> Draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of laurel leaf essential oil from <i>Laurus nobilis</i> L. as a feed additive for certain animal species. (Text with EEA relevance). <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 5+3 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_03480_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_03480_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_03480_01_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_03480_01_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The draft act concerns the authorisation of an essential oil from the plant <i>Laurus nobilis</i> L. as "flavouring compound" within the scope of the EU legislation on feed additives, i.e. Regulation (EC) No. 1831/2003. The measure aims at authorising this additive for turkeys for fattening, chickens for fattening and minor poultry for fattening, pigs for fattening, pigs for fattening of minor <i>Suidae</i> , cattle for fattening, other ruminants for fattening, <i>Camelidae</i> for fattening, <i>Leporidae</i> for fattening, salmonids and minor finfish (except brood stock), dogs, cats and to withdraw the placing on the market of the additive for the rest of the animals, due to the withdrawal by the applicant of a submitted application for re-authorisation. This measure is required by the regime set out in Article 10 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 with regard to the status of 'existing products', i.e. additives which were allowed under the previous Directive 70/524/EEC.  Transitional periods are laid down for the interested parties to prepare themselves to meet the requirement concerning the new authorisation and withdrawal from the market of the concerned products.
<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"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</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> EFSA opinion on the safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of an essential oil from the leaves of <i>Laurus nobilis</i> L. (laurel leaf oil) for all animal species: <a href="https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.2903/j.efsa.2023.7875">https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.2903/j.efsa.2023.7875</a> (available in English)</p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> September 2026</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> September 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 type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 1 September 2026</p> <p><b>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:</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>
<p><b>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:</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>