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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: Draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of bitter fennel essential oil from <i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> Mill. as a feed additive for all animal species, the authorisation of sweet fennel essential oil from <i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> Mill. as a feed additive for dogs and cats and the withdrawal of sweet fennel essential oil from <i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> Mill. as a feed additive for all animal species other than dogs and cats (Text with EEA relevance). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 6+6 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_03736_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_03736_01_e.pdf
6.	Description of content: The draft act concerns the authorisation of two essential oils from the plant <i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> Mill. 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 bitter fennel essential oil for all animal species and sweet fennel essential oil for dogs and cats and to withdraw the placing on the market of sweet fennel essential oil for all animal species other than dogs and cats, 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.
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: Safety and efficacy of feed additives consisting of essential oils from the fruit and stems of <i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> Mill. ssp. <i>vulgare</i>: Bitter fennel oil for use in all animal species and sweet fennel oil for use in dogs and cats: https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.2903/j.efsa.2023.8348 (available in English)
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): December 2026 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): December 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): 14 September 2026 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: ☒ National Notification Authority, ☒ 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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