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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) 2026/1865 of 29 July 2026 concerning the authorisation of thyme essential oil from <i>Thymus vulgaris</i> L. and/or <i>Thymus zygis</i> L. as a feed additive for all animal species (Text with EEA relevance). Language(s): English, French and Spanish. Number of pages: 5 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_04978_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_04978_00_f.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_04978_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 is reauthorised as a feed additive for all animal species in the additive category 'sensory additives' and in the functional group 'flavouring compounds', 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.
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: Scientific Opinion: Safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of an essential oil obtained from the flowering aerial parts of <i>Thymus vulgaris</i> L. and/or <i>Thymus zygis</i> L. (thyme oil) for use in all animal species (FEFANA asbl). EFSA Journal 2025, 23(12), e9691, https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2025.9691 (available in English)
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 29 July 2026 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 30 July 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): Not applicable 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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