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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> Ethoxyquin (6-ethoxy-1,2-dihydro-2,2,4-trimethylquinoline) as a feed additive and all types of animal feed containing ethoxyquin
<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 suspending the authorisation of ethoxyquin as a feed additive for all animal species and categories (Text with EEA relevance). <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 7 <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/EEC/17_0648_00_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/EEC/17_0648_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The draft measure suspends the existing authorisation of ethoxyquin used as antioxidant feed additive for all animal species, since the conditions for authorisation laid down by the relevant EU legislation are no longer met. According to the opinion of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) of 21 October 2015, there is an overall lack of data submitted to assess the exposure and the safety of ethoxyquin for animals, consumers and the environment. In addition, several potential safety concerns are raised: at least one of the additive's metabolites, ethoxyquin quinone imine, could be genotoxic. Also, the impurity p-phenetidine, which remains in the additive, is a possible mutagen.  The draft suspension act is accompanied by transitional measures in order to allow operators to adapt to the withdrawal obligation.  The suspension measure will be reviewed by 31 December 2020 at the latest.
<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"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b></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> Opinion of the European Food Safety Authority of 21 October 2015, published in the EFSA Journal 2015, 13(11):4272 (available in English)</p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> May 2017</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> May 2017</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> Twenty days after publication in the Official Journal of the European Union. Transitional measures for the application of the measure are provided for.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 7 April 2017</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority, [X] 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 D2-Multilateral International Relations Rue Froissart 101 B-1049 Brussels Tel: +(32 2) 29 54263 Fax: +(32 2) 29 98090 E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu</p>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority, [X] 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 D2-Multilateral International Relations Rue Froissart 101 B-1049 Brussels Tel: +(32 2) 29 54263 Fax: +(32 2) 29 98090 E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu</p>