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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

## Original: English

## 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): Preparation of a kind used in animal nutrition (HS Code: 2309)
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
  - [X] All trading partners
  - [] Specific regions or countries:
- **5. Title of the notified document:** Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/658 concerning the authorisation of essential oil from *Origanum vulgare* L. subsp. *hirtum* (Link) letsw. Var. Vulkan (DOS 00001) as a feed additive for all animal species (Text with EEA relevance). **Language(s):** English, French and Spanish. **Number of pages:** 4

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6. Description of content: Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 provides for the authorisation of additives for use in animal nutrition and for the grounds and procedures for granting such authorisation. Article 4(1) of that Regulation provides for the authorisation of additives. In accordance with Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 in conjunction with Article 7 thereof, an application was submitted for the authorisation of essential oil from Origanum vulgare L. subsp. hirtum (Link) letsw. Var. Vulkan (DOS 00001) as a feed additive for all animal species. The applicant requested the additive to be classified in the additive category 'sensory additives'. That application was accompanied by the particulars and documents required under Article 7(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003. The European Food Safety Authority ('the Authority') concluded in its opinions of 29 November 2017 and 4 July 2019 that, under the proposed conditions of use, the essential oil from Origanum vulgare L. subsp. hirtum (Link) letsw. Var. Vulkan (DOS 00001) does not have an adverse effect on animal health, consumer health or the environment. It also concluded that the additive is considered as a potential irritant to skin and eye and a potential respiratory and skin sensitiser in susceptible individuals. Therefore, the Commission considers that appropriate protective measures should be taken to prevent adverse effects on human health, in particular as regards the users of the additive. The Authority does not consider that there is a need for specific requirements of post-market monitoring. It also verified the report on the methods of analysis of the feed additives in feed submitted by the Reference Laboratory set up by Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003.

- 7. Objective and rationale: [X] 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:
  - [X] 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:
- **10.** Proposed date of adoption (*dd/mm/yy*): 21 April 2021

Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 22 April 2021

- **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:

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