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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
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of guanidinoacetic acid and a preparation of guanidinoacetic acid as feed additives for chickens reared for breeding and chickens reared for laying in feed and in water for drinking, and chickens for fattening in water for drinking (holder of authorisation: Alzchem Trostberg GmbH), and correcting and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1768 (Text with EEA relevance). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 17 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/EEC/23_10954_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/EEC/23_10954_01_e.pdf
6. Description of content: The draft act concerns the authorisation of guanidinoacetic acid, in the form of a substance and of a preparation, as a feed additive for chickens reared for breeding and chickens reared for laying (for use in feed and in water for drinking) and for chickens for fattening (for use in water for drinking). The draft act also corrects and amends the existing authorisation of that additive (for use in feed for chickens for fattening, pigs for fattening and weaned piglets) in order to re-allocate it to the category of 'zootechnical additives' instead of 'nutritional additives', on the basis of the EFSA opinions of 28 September 2022 and 27 January 2016. The draft act also specifies the composition of the additive in the form of a preparation. It is proposed to provide a transitional period in order to allow operators to adapt to the modifications of the existing authorisation, in particular the re-allocation of the additive to the category of 'zootechnical additives', triggering a holder-specific authorisation status. That transitional period would end on the expiry date of the existing authorisation (25 October 2026).
7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input 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.

<p>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EFSA scientific opinion: Safety and efficacy of guanidinoacetic acid for chickens for fattening, breeder hens and roosters, and pigs (2016) https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/EEC/23_10954_02_e.pdf - EFSA scientific opinion: Safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of guanidinoacetic acid for all animal species https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/EEC/23_10954_03_e.pdf (available in English)
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): October 2023</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): October 2023</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Twenty days after publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 11 September 2023</p> <p>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:</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: sps@ec.europa.eu</p>
<p>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:</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: sps@ec.europa.eu</p>