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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> Feed
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Commission Delegated Regulation supplementing Regulation (EU) 2019/4 of the European Parliament and of the Council by establishing specific maximum levels of cross-contamination of antimicrobial active substances in non-target feed and methods of analysis for these substances in feed (text with EEA relevance). <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 6 and 5 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/EEC/23_12867_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/EEC/23_12867_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/EEC/23_12867_01_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/EEC/23_12867_01_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The purpose of this Delegated Regulation is to supplement Regulation (EU) 2019/4 (Medicated Feed Regulation) by establishing, as regards the 24 antimicrobial active substances, specific maximum levels of cross-contamination for these substances in non-target feed and methods of analysis for these antimicrobial active substances in feed.  The maximum levels of cross-contamination are based on scientific risk assessments carried out by the European Food Safety Authority. The European Union Reference Laboratory for feed additives recommended methods of analysis for the above-mentioned 24 antimicrobial active substances in feed.  A cross-contamination level in non-target feed of 1% of the active substance in the medicated feed is proposed, based on experiences gained and representing a good balance between: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- the control of antimicrobial resistance and the levels causing effects on growth promotion or increased yield, based on the scientific opinions of the Authority;</li><li>- feasibility for the feed industry;</li><li>- enforceability by competent authorities.</li></ul> Stricter limits are needed e.g. after the production of medicated feed for fish and to avoid residues in certain food. Furthermore, limits should apply in non-target feed in case of flushing with feed materials after production of medicated feed.

7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <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.
8.	<p><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
9.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Regulation (EU) 2019/4 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018, available in all languages of the European Union at <a href="https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32019R0004&amp;qid=1696515846729">https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32019R0004&amp;qid=1696515846729</a></p>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 4th quarter 2023. <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 1st quarter 2024.</p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): On the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 5 December 2023</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></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: <a href="mailto:sps@ec.europa.eu">sps@ec.europa.eu</a></p>
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