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**Report Name:** European Commission Launches Public Consultation on Possible Revision of Feed Additives Legislation

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**Report Highlights:**

On December 14, 2020, the European Commission launched a public consultation on possible revisions to the European Union (EU) feed additives legislation. The Commission will conduct an impact assessment to evaluate if any adjustments are needed in order to better align the feed additives regulation with the EU Green Deal and Farm to Fork Strategy. Stakeholders have until January 25, 2021 to comment.

**Background:**

In May 2020, the European Union launched its [Farm to Fork Strategy](#) that aspires to make the EU food system fairer, healthier, and more environmentally friendly by “reducing the environmental and climate footprint of the EU food system and strengthen its resilience, ensure food security in the face of climate change and biodiversity laws and lead a global transition towards competitive sustainability from farm to fork.” Additionally, the strategy discusses reduction in the use of antimicrobials and improving animal welfare. With those objectives in mind, on December 14, 2020, the Commission [launched](#) a public consultation on the inception impact assessment to modernize the EU rules on feed additives.

With a revision of the feed additives legislation, the Commission aims to adapt the rules to “address the goals of sustainable farming and to raise awareness of the positive effects for the environment and animal welfare.” The Commission hopes that any revisions will help “facilitate the marketing of sustainable and innovative feed additives and a more sustainable livestock production, avoid carbon leakage through imports while keeping a high level of protection of animal, human health and the environment and streamline the corresponding authorization process, including its information requirements and evaluation criteria.”

**Public Consultation:**

As part of the inception impact assessment, the Commission launched a public consultation that will be followed by an impact assessment and then a draft legislative or non-legislative proposal.

U.S. Stakeholders who would like to comment can do so at the following page:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12624-Food-additives-revision-of-EU-rules>

The deadline for input is 12:00 a.m. Brussels (Universal Time Coordinated + 01:00) on January 25, 2021.

All comments provided through this consultation process may be released as public information.

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.