NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** EUROPEAN UNION  **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 (HS code(s): 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) 2023/1708 of 7 September 2023 concerning the renewal of the authorisation of urea as a feed additive for ruminants with a functional rumen and repealing Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 839/2012 (Text with EEA relevance).**Language(s):** English, French, Spanish. **Number of pages:** 3  [https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/EEC/23\_13235\_00\_s.pdf](https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/EEC/23_13235_00_s.pdf" \t "_blank)  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/EEC/23_13235_00_e.pdf>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/EEC/23_13235_00_f.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The substance specified in this Act was initially authorised for a period of 10 years as feed additives for ruminants with a functional rumen. An application was submitted for the renewal of this authorisation. Further to the favorable assessment by the European Food Safety Authority, the authorisation of this substance is renewed, subject to certain conditions. |
| **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)*:** 7 September 2023  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 8 September 2023 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [****]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** This Regulation entered 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:**  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](mailto:sps@ec.europa.eu) |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [****X]****National Notification Authority, [****X]****National Enquiry Point.** **Address, fax number and e‑mail address (if available) of other body:**  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](mailto:sps@ec.europa.eu) |