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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> European Commission, Health and Food Safety Directorate-General
3.	<b>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> Preparations of a kind used in animal feeding (HS code(s): 2309)
4.	<b>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>
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/2498 of 11 December 2025 concerning the authorisation of 4-hydroxy-2,5-dimethylfuran-3(2H)-one as a feed additive for all animal species, except cats and dogs (Text with EEA relevance). <b>Language(s):</b> English, French and Spanish. <b>Number of pages:</b> 4 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_00407_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_00407_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_00407_00_f.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_00407_00_f.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_00407_00_s.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_00407_00_s.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This Regulation authorises for the first time in the European Union and for a period of ten years 4-hydroxy-2,5-dimethylfuran-3(2H)-one as a feed additive belonging to the category 'sensory additives' and in the functional group 'flavouring compounds' for all animal species except cats and dogs. This authorisation is based on the favourable conclusions of a scientific assessment of the dossier submitted by the applicant, conducted by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). The terms of the authorisation are detailed in the Annex to the Act.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" 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.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> Code of practice on Good Animal Feeding CAC/RCP 54-2004 <input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b> <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>

<p><b>[X] Yes [ ] No</b></p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>	
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>  Scientific Opinion: Safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of 4-hydroxy-2,5-dimethylfuran-3(2H)-one for all animal species other than dogs and cats (ADISSEO France SAS, ADM International Sàrl, Laboratoires Phodé S.A.S., LUCTA S.A., Norel, S.A.) EFSA Journal 2025; 23:e9538. <a href="https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2025.9538">https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2025.9538</a> (available in English)</p>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 11 December 2025</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 12 December 2025</p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.</p> <p><b>[X] Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> Not applicable</p> <p><b>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:</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>
<b>13.</b>	<p><b>Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. 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>