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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

<p>1. Notifying Member: <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</p>
<p>2. Agency responsible: European Commission EU-TBT Enquiry Point, Fax: +(32) 2 299 80 43, E-mail: grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu Website: https://technical-barriers-trade.ec.europa.eu/en/home</p>
<p>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], Other:</p>
<p>4. Products covered (HS codes or national tariff lines. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): This proposal amends a broad range of legislations with their various product coverages, as indicatively listed below:</p> <p>Food and feed obtained using genetically modified organisms, as covered by Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003.</p> <p>Preparations of a kind used in animal feeding, as covered by Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003.</p> <p>Live animals as covered by Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009.</p> <p>Live animals and certain commodities (bovine collagen and gelatine), as covered by Regulation (EC) No 999/2001.</p> <p>Biocidal Products, as covered by Regulation (EU) No 528/2012.</p> <p>Plants, plant products and other objects referred to in Article 47(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 [only for the amendment of Article 50(3)].</p> <p>Plant protection products, as covered by Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009.</p>
<p>5. Details of notified document(s) (title, number of pages and languages, means of access): Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EC) No 999/2001, (EC) No 1829/2003, (EC) No 1831/2003, (EC) No 852/2004, (EC) No 853/2004, (EC) No 396/2005, (EC) No 1099/2009, (EC) No 1107/2009, (EU) No 528/2012, (EU) 2017/625 as regards the simplification and strengthening of food and feed safety requirements (Text with EEA relevance) (COM(2025) 1030 final)</p> <p>Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 as regards the extension of certain data protection periods (COM/2025/1020 final)</p> <p>; (52 page(s), in English), (5 page(s), in English)</p>

Link to notified document(s) and/or contact details for agency or authority which can provide copies upon request:

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/TBT/EEC/26_01342_01_e.pdf
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6. Description of content: Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003: clarification of legal status of food and feed obtained using genetically modified microorganisms.

Amendments to Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003: the draft act provides for 1) unlimited duration of authorisation of feed additives (except coccidiostats and histomonostats) accompanied by safety safeguards, 2) simplification and clarification of procedures for modification of feed additives authorisations and 3) allowing digital labelling of feed additives and premixtures for certain non-safety information.

Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009: this part of the proposal removes the obligation in Article 18(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 for Member States to submit a separate annual report on depopulation operations. Information on compliance with animal welfare requirements during depopulation activities will instead continue to be reported through the existing annual reports under Regulation (EU) 2017/625 on official controls.

Amendment to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001: the proposal will make more flexible Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 to ensure that the control measures of that disease can be updated in a swifter and more proportionate manner to enable that it becomes more science-based and more aligned with the relevant Chapter 11.4 of the WOAH Terrestrial Code.

Amendment to Regulation (EU) No 528/2012: The draft Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 proposes to extend the data protection of data of existing active substances still under evaluation in the review programme due to delays in the completion of the review programme, and also proposes a number of changes to lower administrative burden, including the possibility for certain active substances to have unlimited approval.

Amendment to Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009: The draft Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 proposes a number of changes to lower administrative burden and allow for faster market access, without reducing the existing protection standards for health and the environment.

The proposal aims to accelerate access to innovative biocontrol solutions. This will be achieved by, among others, tackling procedural inefficiencies, defining biocontrol substances, allowing provisional authorisations of products containing biocontrol substances, and reallocating or increasing resources in Member State authorities and the European Food Safety Authority.

The possibility for certain active substances to have unlimited approval periods is proposed, alongside new provisions to allow for the renewal or targeted reassessment of those substances. Existing provisions concerning derogation from the approval criteria and grace periods are also amended.

The proposal also intends to expand market access for plant protection products through stronger mutual recognition of product authorisations between Member States and strengthened support for minor uses. In addition, the proposal intends to clarify provisions related to basic substances, seed treatment and data protection to increase harmonisation of implementation across Member States.

Amendment to Regulation (EU) 2017/625: Two amendments are proposed on the official controls Regulation (OCR): (a) Article 50(3) is amended to provide the possibility to competent authorities of border control posts to split the consignments of plants and plant products before completing the official controls on the entirety of the consignment, in order

to release the parts for which official controls have been finalised while other parts still need further controls. (b) Articles 41, 93, 100 and 144 are amended so that the Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts concerning the cases where, and the conditions under which, laboratories may be designated as official laboratories, national reference laboratories and EU reference laboratories, while operating and being accredited in accordance with similar laboratory standards to EN ISO/IEC 17025 and/or not being accredited for all the methods they use for official controls or other official activities.

7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Amendment to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003: ensure the good functioning of the internal market and increase legal certainty as regards the legal status of food and feed obtained using genetically modified microorganisms.

Amendments to Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003: protection of human health, animal health, environment and users' and consumers' interests in relation to feed additives.

Amendment to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001: protection of animal and human health, removal of unnecessary regulatory and operational burdens, update in alignment with science and international standards.

Amendment to Regulation (EU) No 528/2012: protection of human health or safety; protection of the environment; harmonisation; urgent extension of data protection due to delays in the completion of the EU review programme on biocides.

Amendment of Regulation (EU) 2017/625: (a) amendment of Article 50: to allow the splitting of consignments of plants, plant products and other objects falling under Article 47(1)(c) of that Regulation, at the border, to facilitate the performance of official controls. In cases where such consignments consist of various commodities, there is a need to avoid unnecessary delay or financial loss for the operators of the plant sector while maintaining the level of phytosanitary protection of the Union territory.

(b) amendment of Articles 41, 93, 100 and 144: to allow, under specific conditions, the designation as official laboratories, national reference laboratories and EU reference laboratories, laboratories operating and being accredited in accordance with similar laboratory standards to EN ISO/IEC 17025 and/or not being accredited for all the methods they use for official controls or other official activities.

Amendment to Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009: protection of human health or safety; protection of the environment; harmonisation; facilitating market access for biocontrol substances and products; reduction of burden; innovation.; Protection of human health or safety; Protection of animal or plant life or health; Protection of the environment; Harmonization; Cost saving and productivity enhancement

8. Relevant documents:

- Evaluation of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 on additives for use in animal nutrition ([SWD\(2024\) 46 final](#))
- Simplification Omnibus Package COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT Accompanying the document Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulations (EC) No 999/2001, (EC) No 1829/2003, (EC) No 1831/2003, (EC) No 852/2004, (EC) No 853/2004, (EC) No 396/2005, (EC) No 1099/2009, (EC) No 1107/2009, (EU) No 528/2012, (EU) 2017/625 as regards the simplification and strengthening of food and feed safety requirements {COM(2025) 1030} ([SWD\(2025\)1030 final](#)).
- Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 as regards the extension of certain data protection periods ([COM/2025/1020 final](#))
- As regard the amendments to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 May 2001 laying down rules for the prevention, control and eradication of certain transmissible spongiform encephalopathies. Available in all EU languages. <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2001/999/2025-03-12>., the relevant international standards are set out in Chapter 11.4 of the WOH

Terrestrial Code ([Codes and Manuals - WOAHP - World Organisation for Animal Health](#)).

9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined

Proposed date of entry into force: 20 days from publication in the Official Journal of the EU

10. Provision of comments

Final date for comments: 8 May 2026

60 days from notification

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