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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

## **NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES**

1. Notifying Member: <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u>

## If applicable, name of local government involved:

- 2. Agency responsible: European Commission, Health and Consumers 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): *Pediococcus pentosaceus* (NCIMB 30068) and *Pediococcus pentosaceus* (NCIMB 30044)
- 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) No 754/2014 of 11 July 2014 concerning the denial of authorisation of *Pediococcus pentosaceus* (NCIMB 30068) and *Pediococcus pentosaceus* (NCIMB 30044) as feed additives (Text with EEA relevance) Language(s): English, French and Spanish Number of pages: 2

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- **6. Description of content:** After evaluation by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), the authorisation of the micro-organisms *Pediococcus pentosaceus* (NCIMB 30068) and *Pediococcus pentosaceus* (NCIMW 30044) used as silage additives is denied on the grounds that they are resistant to tetracycline, an antibiotic used in human and veterinary medicine.
- 7. Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [X] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests.
- 8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: The European Food Safety Authority concluded that the above products are resistant to an antibiotic (tetracyclin) used in human and veterinary medicine and that, on the basis of the available data, the risk cannot be excluded that this resistance may be spread to other micro-organisms. Therefore, the safety conditions for authorisation of those additives are no longer met and the Commission has decided to urgently adopt a measure in order to withdraw them from the EU market.

| 9.  | Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:  |   |  |
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|     | [X]  | <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission</b> <i>(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)</i> Task Force on Animal Feeding (TFAF), Intergovernmental Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance (TFAMR)                                     |  |
|     | []   | 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?<br>[X] Yes [] No   |   |  |
|     | inter  | If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the national standard:   |  |
| 10. | Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:   |   |  |
|     | (  | Scientific opinion on the safety and efficacy of <i>Pediococcus pentosaceus</i><br>NCIMB 30068) as a silage additive for all animal species (EFSA Journal<br>2014;12(3):3609). English text available at <u>http://www.efsa.europa.eu/efsajournal</u> |  |
|     | (  | Scientific opinion on the safety and efficacy of <i>Pediococcus pentosaceus</i><br>NCIMB 30044) as a silage additive for all animal species (EFSA Journal<br>2014;12(3):3610). English text available at <u>http://www.efsa.europa.eu/efsajournal</u> |  |
| 11. | Date of entry into force ( <i>dd/mm/yy</i> )/period of application (as applicable):<br>1 August 2014   |   |  |
|     | []   | Trade facilitating measure  |  |
| 12. | Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification<br>Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address<br>(if available) of other body:                     |   |  |
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| 13. | Texts available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry<br>Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:   |   |  |
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