

**Voluntary Report** – Voluntary - Public Distribution

**Date:** July 29, 2022

**Report Number:** CA2022-0025

**Report Name:** Canada Consults on Proposed Guidance for Registration Requirements of Gut Modifier Animal Feed Products

**Country:** Canada

**Post:** Ottawa

**Report Category:** Livestock and Products, Grain and Feed, Trade Policy Monitoring, WTO Notifications

**Prepared By:** Alexandria Watters

**Approved By:** Tyler Babcock

**Report Highlights:**

On July 26, 2022 the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) opened a consultation on proposed guidance for registration requirements of gut modifier products under the animal feeds regulations. The consultation will remain open until September 19, 2022. CFIA considers gut modifiers as specialty products requiring their approval and registration prior to manufacture, sale, or import into Canada.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) announced a 45-day consultation on proposed guidance for the registration requirements of gut modifier animal feed products. The consultation will close September 19, 2022. CFIA notes that gut modifier products are not covered under the exemption from registration criteria provided for certain products in the [Feeds Regulations](#). These products are considered specialty products and require approval and registration prior to manufacture, sale, or import into Canada.

The gut modifier category of feeds products can include single ingredient feeds or be mixed/specialty feeds. Product types within this category are wide ranging and may include viable microbial strains, prebiotics, enzymes, essential oils, and more. Depending on the particular product, it may be regulated in Canada as a veterinary drug rather than a feed product and stakeholders are encouraged to review the [document on classification of veterinary drugs and livestock feeds](#). The following definition is provided in the consultation document for gut modifiers as livestock feed products:

*Gut modifiers: livestock feed products that, once fed, have a mode of action in the gastrointestinal (GI) tract of an animal. This is achieved by acting on the feed itself while in the gut or by modifying the GI environment to provide a benefit to the animal as may be linked to a nutritional effect.*

Background information, regulatory references, and the proposed guidance can be obtained from the CFIA consultation [document](#). CFIA is seeking feedback as to whether the guidance document is clear, if any further clarifications are required, and if any criteria which may reflect on the safety or efficacy of the products has been omitted in the proposed guidance. To provide responses to CFIA concerning the proposed guidance, stakeholders should review the consultation document and provide any comments or questions to the CFIA Animal Feed Program: [cfia.afp-paa.acia@inspection.gc.ca](mailto:cfia.afp-paa.acia@inspection.gc.ca).

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.