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Report Highlights:

On March 25, 2021, the European Commission launched an official public consultation on possible revisions to the European Union (EU) feed additives legislation. The Commission is seeking views on the current legislation and how feed additives can improve sustainability of livestock farming while protecting human health, animal health, and the environment. Overall, the aim is to better align the feed additives legislation with the EU Green Deal and the Farm to Fork Strategy. Stakeholders have until June 17, 2021 to comment.

General Information:

In May 2020, the European Union launched its [Farm to Fork Strategy](#) that aspires to make the EU food system fairer, healthier, and more environmentally friendly by “reducing the environmental and climate footprint of the EU food system and strengthen its resilience, ensure food security in the face of climate change and biodiversity laws and lead a global transition towards competitive sustainability from farm to fork.” Additionally, the strategy discusses reduction in the use of antimicrobials and improving animal welfare. The Commission is planning a revision of the feed additives legislation to modernize the EU rules on feed additives in line with the ambitions under the EU’s Green Deal.

With a revision of the feed additives legislation, the Commission aims to adapt the rules to “address the goals of sustainable farming and to raise awareness of the positive effects for the environment and animal welfare.” The Commission hopes that any revisions will help “facilitate the marketing of sustainable and innovative feed additives and a more sustainable livestock production, avoid carbon leakage through imports while keeping a high level of protection of animal, human health and the environment and streamline the corresponding authorization process, including its information requirements and evaluation criteria.”

On March 25, 2021, the European Commission launched an official public consultation on possible revisions for the feed additives legislation. This consultation is part of the [Have Your Say published initiative and roadmap, “Animal nutrition – modernization of EU rules on feed additives.”](#) and there are several key steps in this process. The initial feedback period occurred between December 14, 2020 and January 25, 2021, which was covered in [this GAIN](#). This current public consultation aims to collect views on the authorization, labeling, and use of feed additives from professional and non-professional stakeholders. It seeks to receive information on how citizens view the strengths and weaknesses of the current legislation and how feed additives improve the sustainability of livestock farming in the EU.

U.S. Stakeholders who would like to comment can do so at the following page:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12624-Food-additives-revision-of-EU-rules/public-consultation>

The deadline for input is midnight on June 16, 2021 or 12:00 a.m. Brussels (Universal Time Coordinated + 01:00) on June 17, 2021. All comments provided through this consultation process may be released as public information. The questionnaire consists of seven sections and it should only be completed once. The revised feed additive legislative proposal is scheduled to be ready by the fourth quarter of 2021. Here are useful links:

- [The Feed Additives Regulation \(Regulation \(EC\) No 1831/2003\)](#) lays down provisions for use, placing on the market, and labelling of feed additives and pre-mixtures in the EU.
- Further information on the evaluation and impact assessment of the Feed Additives Regulation can be found at: https://ec.europa.eu/food/safety/animal-feed/evaluation-eu-legislation_en

Attachments:

No Attachments.