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## **Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade**

## **NOTIFICATION**

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u>
If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):

2. Agency responsible: European Commission

Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:

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- 3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
- 4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Substances to be used for the production of food and feed
- 5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products with regard to organic production, labelling and control (8 pages + 7 pages of annexes, in English).
- 6. Description of content: This draft Commission Regulation amends Article 6a of Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 as regards micro-algae, Article 25e on the use of non-organic aquaculture juveniles, Article 25o(1) on the maximum percentage of seed from non-organic bivalve shellfish hatcheries, Article 29d(4) for the extension of the deadline as regards oenological practices, Article 47 on the use of non-organic juveniles in case of catastrophic circumstances, Annex II that lists authorised pesticides, Annex VI that lists authorised feed additives and finally, Annex VIII which lists the food additives and processing aids allowed in the production of organic food and yeast.
- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Alignment with horizontal legislation and inclusion of new substances requested by Member States

## 8. Relevant documents:

Commission Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 of 5 September 2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products with regard to organic production, labelling and control (*OJ L 250, 18.9.2008, p. 1–84*): <a href="http://eurlex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?gid=1453714292622&uri=CELEX:32008R0889">http://eurlex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?gid=1453714292622&uri=CELEX:32008R0889</a>

Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 of 28 June 2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 (*OJ L 189*, 20.7.2007, p. 1–23): <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1453714362141&uri=CELEX:32007R0834">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1453714362141&uri=CELEX:32007R0834</a>

9. Proposed date of adoption: April 2016

**Proposed date of entry into force:** On the seventh day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

The following points of Article 1 shall apply from the date indicated for them:

- a) point (1) shall apply from [12 months after the date of entry into force of this Regulation]
- b) points (2) and (3) (Article 25e on the use of non-organic aquaculture juveniles and Article 25o(1) on the maximum percentage of seed from non-organic bivalve shellfish hatcheries) shall apply retroactively from 1 January 2016\*
- c) point (8) shall apply from [6 months after the date of entry into force of this Regulation]
- \* Official Journal of the European Union, C 437, 29 December 2015, P 5: <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:C:2015:437:TOC">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:C:2015:437:TOC</a>
- 10. Final date for comments: 60 days from notification
- 11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:

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