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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS AUTHORITY OF INDIA (FSSAI) NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR ANIMAL FEED, FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS ACT 2006 (DATED 27 JANUARY 2020) – SPECIFIC TRADE CONCERN 479

SUBMISSION BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The following submission, received on 20 July 2021, is the statement made by the United States of America at the 14-16 July 2021 WTO SPS Committee, and is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the <u>United States of America</u>.

- 1. The United States again raises concerns with India's directive on animal feed, which was issued on 27 January 2020.
- 2. These concerns are documented in <u>G/SPS/GEN/1804</u>, <u>G/SPS/GEN/1866</u> and <u>G/SPS/GEN/1898</u> and in the Committee's summary reports of the previous meetings.
- 3. As we noted during the June and November 2020 and March 2021 SPS Committee meetings, according to the directive, India only allows imports of the 49 feed types listed in the directive and this list omits several commonly used feed ingredients, such as distillers' dried grains with solubles, alfalfa, timothy hay, and several types of vitamin and mineral feed supplements.
- 4. India noted in the November 2020 and March 2021 SPS Committee meetings that it was willing to work with the United States to clarify the process by which feed ingredients may be added to the official list, and we thank the Government of India for its willingness to cooperate and look forward to bilateral engagement.
- 5. While we appreciate India's general response regarding this list, we continue to request the written process outlining a transparent and science-based methodology for adding new feed ingredients to the list. Further, we again request the Government of India to delay implementation of the measure until the specific written process is notified and Member comments on the proposed measure have been taken into consideration.