Feed additives authorisations: application process

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Draft Regulation as regards the application form for authorisations of feed additives and the designation of target animal species and categories

Draft Annex

What is changing and why?

The European Union (EU) proposes to improve the process of preparing and presenting applications for the authorisation of feed additives by:

- simplifying the application form
- clarifying definitions of animal categories to ensure they cover all possible animal species, and to better distinguish between “major species” and “minor species”
- reducing the minimum duration of efficacy studies required for certain species (e.g. laying hens, salmon, trout).

The current application form, designed in 2008, does not reflect the move from physical to electronic submissions, and so needs to be updated. Experience of the European Commission in handling applications has also shown the need for greater clarity in defining the categories of animals.

Actions

The World Trade Organization (WTO) consultation closed on 24 January 2026.

Timeline

The Regulation is expected to be published in March 2026, and to apply from September 2026.

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