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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Antici Group (Simplification)
Subject:	Omnibus X (Food and feed safety): Explanatory note by the Presidency regarding Cluster C - AGS meeting on 29 April 2026

In view of the AGS meeting on 29 April 2026, delegations will find enclosed an explanatory note by the Presidency of the Presidency compromise text regarding Cluster C (ST 8433/26).

Antici Group on Simplification (AGS)

AGS - 29 April 2026

Omnibus X: Food and Feed Safety, Cluster C – 3rd Presidency compromise text

The purpose of this explanatory note is to provide delegations with additional information, clarifications and reasoning for the amendments proposed by the Presidency.
The explanatory note follows the order of the relevant provisions.
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Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulations (EC) No 999/2001, (EC) No 1829/2003, (EC) No 1831/2003, (EC) No 852/2004, (EC) No 853/2004, (EC) No 396/2005, (EC) No 1099/2009, (EC) No 1107/2009, (EU) No 528/2012, (EU) 2017/625 as regards the simplification and strengthening of food and feed safety requirements

Recitals	
Recital 36	'*residues of GMM*' replaced by '*residual GMM material*'
Recital 37	'*residues of GMM*' replaced by '*residual GMM material*'; sentence moved up ('*Where no removal steps […]*') to improve the coherence of the recital; '*reasonably achievable attempts*' replaced by '*reasonable attempts*' (reverting to COM original text) and '*minimize*' replaced by '*avoid the presence*';
Recital 37a	'*residues of GMM*' replaced by '*residual GMM material*'; new wording to require absence of a safety risk deriving from the presence of residual GMM material; reference to General Food Law added
Recital 48	'*notion*' replaced by '*concept*'
Recital 55	Text added (*'only'*) to clarify the restricted scope of the amendment (limited to Article 16 of Regulation (EC) No 999/2001)
Recital 62	Deletion of '*equivalent to'*, to ensure that the acceptance of other relevant standards is not unduly limited to cases of strict equivalence

Articles	
Article 5	Article 2(10)(b) '*residues of GMM*' replaced by '*residual GMM material*'; '*reasonably achievable attempts*' replaced by '*reasonable attempts*' (reverting to COM original text)
Article 6	- (0) Article 1(2)(c)(iii): '*put into circulation*' replaced by '*transferred*' so as to avoid any misinterpretation as '*placing on the market*'; new text to be added on the label to indicate that the feed additives and premixtures are only suitable for export. - (9): Article 16(4): reference to Annex III of Reg. (EC) No 1831/2003 added
Article 11	- (1): Article 41(b)(ii): deletion of the last sentence (the condition referred in the first sentence of (ii) is sufficient to ensure a wide scope of the derogation from the accreditation); - (4)(a)(i): Article 100(2): removal of "*and where applicable Article 37(4), point (e),*"; - (4)(b): Article 100(6): addition of a predefined deadline for COM to adopt the delegated act concerning the designation of reference laboratories in the area of protective measures against pests of plants

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