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Community Register of Feed Additives

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Report Highlights:
The European Commission published a consolidated register of all feed additives authorized on the European market. The register was published for the first time in November 2005 and will be updated whenever authorizations are modified. The Register does not replace Community legal acts but has only informative purposes.

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Register legally required
Current rules for authorization, marketing and labeling of feed additives are established in Regulation 1831/2003. This Regulation requires the publication of the Community Register for feed additives. The European Commission is responsible for the establishment of the register and has to keep it up to date. The current version of the register basically includes all feed additives that were legally already on the market before Regulation 1831/2003 entered into force. The register can be downloaded from http://europa.eu.int/comm/food/food/animalnutrition/feedadditives/comm_register_07112005.pdf

Regulation 1831/2003
In November 2003, Regulation 1831/2003 on additives for use in animal nutrition entered into force but it became only fully applicable from October 2004. Only feed additives that were granted an authorization following a scientific evaluation by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) may be put on the market and the Regulation sets out rules for the marketing and labeling of feed additives.

The regulation covers the following feed additive categories:
- Technological additives (e.g. preservatives, antioxidants, emulsifiers, stabilizing agents, acidity regulators, silage additives)
- Sensory additives (e.g. flavors, colorants)
- Nutritional additives (e.g. vitamins, minerals, amino acids, trace elements)
- Zootechnical additives (e.g. digestibility enhancers, gut flora stabilizers)
- Coccidiostats and histomonostats

The authorization granted shall be valid for 10 years and shall be renewable. Regulation 1831/2003 also completes the ban on antibiotic growth promoters in feed by prohibiting the use of four antibiotic substances as of January 1, 2006.

Development of the Community register of feed additives
The first publication of the register essentially reflects the situation prior to the entry into force of 1831/2003 and contains products that were authorized under old EU legislation or did not previously require EU authorization.

Previously, most feed additives were authorized under Directive 70/524/EEC. Urea and derivatives, amino acids and their salts and analogues of amino acids were authorized in a separate Directive (82/471/EEC) and silage additives did not require authorization. At the time of publication of 1831/2003 a number of additives were also undergoing review under the old rules.

Only those additives that were notified to the European Commission were eligible to be retained in the Community Register. The notification period ended on November 7, 2004.

The structure of the register
The Register contains the following information: an identification of the additive and its categorization according to the authorization, the date on which the product concerned was first entered in the Register and, where applicable, the expiry date of the existing authorization. The Register also contains the reference to the relevant Community act(s) granting the authorization(s) for the additive. People interested in detailed information on the authorization of additives should consult the specific Community Acts granting the authorization.

These Community acts contain all the particulars included in the authorization such as:

a) the designation of the additive and other elements relevant to the identification of the additive (Community registration or identification number, chemical description or formula, authorization holder if applicable),
b) the conditions of use: such as animal species or categories, maximum and/or minimum contents in complete feedingstuffs, specific other provisions,
c) the dates of applicability of the authorization, and, where applicable, the expiry date of the authorization.

Re-evaluation for authorization under the new rules
Applications for re-evaluation of additives already included in the register and applications for evaluation leading to new authorization now all follow the same procedure.

An application is sent to the Commission, who informs the Member States and the EFSA. Any information and documents on the feed additive is sent directly to EFSA, as well as a written statement that three samples of the feed additive have been sent by the applicant directly to the Community Reference Laboratory (CRL). The analytical methods to determine the presence of an additive in feed and its possible residues in foods are evaluated by the Community Reference Laboratory (CRL).

Two types of authorizations are determined, namely authorizations issued or not issued to the holder of authorization. The type of authorization depends on the category to which the additive belongs.

In both cases, the authorization granted shall be valid for 10 years and shall be renewable. The application for re-evaluation has to be submitted at least one year before the expiry date of the authorization. The actual data for re-evaluation of feed additives previously authorized under 70/524 without a time limit and for bioproteins authorized under 82/471/EEC are not determined yet. However the application has to be submitted within a maximum of seven years after the entry into force of Regulation 1831/2003, i.e. at the latest before November 2010. For silage additives the deadline for submission is seven years after entry into force of the regulation, in other words by November 2010. If the application for re-evaluation is not received in due time, the product will be withdrawn from the market.

		Deadline for submission of the application of re-evaluation
Additives authorized pursuant to Directive 70/524/EEC	Additives authorized with a time limited authorization	At least 1 year before the expiry date of the time limited authorization
	Additives authorized without a time limit	Within a maximum of 7 years after the entry into force of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 (= detailed calendar for re-evaluation may be adopted later)
Products authorized pursuant Directive 82/471/EEC and listed in points 2.1, 3 and 4 of the Annex to this Directive	Urea and derivatives, amino acids & their salts, and analogues of amino acids	Within a maximum of 7 years after the entry into force of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 (= detailed calendar for re-evaluation may be adopted later)
Silage additives	Substances, micro-organisms & preparations used in the Community as silage additives on the market before the 18 October 2004	7 years after the entry into force of Regulation (EC) N°1831/2003 (= before November 2010)

See also: http://europa.eu.int/comm/food/food/animalnutrition/feedadditives/index_en.htm