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(Non-legislative acts)

REGULATIONS

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) No 651/2013

of 9 July 2013

concerning the authorisation of clinoptilolite of sedimentary origin as a feed additive for all animal species and amending Regulation (EC) No 1810/2005**(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2003 on additives for use in animal nutrition⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 9(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 provides for the authorisation of additives for use in animal nutrition and for the grounds and procedures for granting such authorisation. Article 10 of that Regulation provides for the re-evaluation of additives authorised pursuant to Council Directive 70/524/EEC⁽²⁾.
- (2) Clinoptilolite of sedimentary origin was authorised without a time limit in accordance with Directive 70/524/EEC as a feed additive for use on pigs for fattening, chickens for fattening, turkeys for fattening, bovines and salmon by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1810/2005⁽³⁾. That additive was subsequently entered in the Register of feed additives as an existing product, in accordance with Article 10(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003.
- (3) In accordance with Article 10(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 in conjunction with Article 7 thereof, an application was submitted for the re-evaluation of clinoptilolite of sedimentary origin as a feed additive for pigs for fattening, chickens for fattening, turkeys for fattening, bovines and salmon and, in accordance with Article 7 of that Regulation, for a new use for all other animal species, requesting that additive to be classified in the additive category 'technological additives'. That

application was accompanied by the particulars and documents required under Article 7(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003.

- (4) The European Food Safety Authority ('the Authority') concluded in its opinion of 12 December 2012⁽⁴⁾ that, under the proposed conditions of use, clinoptilolite of sedimentary origin does not have an adverse effect on animal health, the environment or, provided that adequate measures to protect users are taken, on human health, and that it has the potential to be efficacious as pellet binder and anticaking agent at 10 000 mg/kg of complete feedingstuff. The Authority does not consider that there is a need for specific requirements of post-market monitoring. It also verified the report on the method of analysis of the feed additive in feed submitted by the Reference Laboratory set up by Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003.
- (5) The assessment of clinoptilolite of sedimentary origin shows that the conditions for authorisation, as provided for in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003, are satisfied. Accordingly, the use of that additive should be authorised as specified in the Annex to this Regulation.
- (6) As a new authorisation is granted in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003, Regulation (EC) No 1810/2005 should be amended accordingly.
- (7) Since safety reasons do not require the immediate application of the modifications to the conditions of authorisation, it is appropriate to allow a transitional period for interested parties to prepare themselves to meet the new requirements resulting from the authorisation.
- (8) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 268, 18.10.2003, p. 29.⁽²⁾ OJ L 270, 14.12.1970, p. 1.⁽³⁾ OJ L 291, 5.11.2005, p. 5.⁽⁴⁾ EFSA Journal 2013; 11(1):3039.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Authorisation

Clinoptilolite of sedimentary specified in the Annex, belonging to the additive category 'technological additives' and to the functional groups 'binders' and 'anticaking agents', is authorised as an additive in animal nutrition, subject to the conditions laid down in that Annex.

Article 2

Amendments to Regulation (EC) No 1810/2005

In Annex II of Regulation (EC) No 1810/2005, the entry E 568, clinoptilolite of sedimentary origin, is deleted.

Article 3

Transitional measures

The additive specified in Annex and feed containing that additive, which are produced and labelled before 30 January 2014 in accordance with the rules applicable before 30 July 2013 may continue to be placed on the market and used until the existing stocks are exhausted.

Article 4

Entry into force

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 9 July 2013.

For the Commission

The President

José Manuel BARROSO

ANNEX

Identification number of the additive	Name of the holder of authorisation	Additive	Composition, chemical formula, description, analytical method	Species or category of animal	Maximum age	Minimum content	Maximum content	Other provisions	End of period of authorisation
						mg/kg of complete feedingstuff with a moisture content of 12 %			
Category of technological additives. Functional group: binders									
1g568	—	Clinoptilolite of sedimentary origin	<i>Additive composition</i> Clinoptilolite of sedimentary origin ≥ 80 % (Powder form). <i>Characterisation of active substance</i> Clinoptilolite (hydrated sodium calcium aluminosilicate) of sedimentary origin ≥ 80 % and clay minerals ≤ 20 % (free of fibres and quartz). CAS Number 12173-10-3 <i>Analytical method</i> ⁽¹⁾ For the determination of clinoptilolite of sedimentary origin in feed additive: X-ray diffraction (XRD).	All animal species	—	—	10 000	1. For safety: it is recommended to use breathing and eyes protections and gloves during handling. 2. Total quantity of clinoptilolite of sedimentary origin from all sources shall not exceed the maximum content of 10 000 mg.	30 July 2023
Category of technological additives. Functional group: anticaking agents									
1g568	—	Clinoptilolite of sedimentary origin	<i>Additive composition</i> Clinoptilolite of sedimentary origin ≥ 80 % (Powder form). <i>Characterisation of active substance</i> Clinoptilolite (hydrated sodium calcium aluminosilicate) of sedimentary origin ≥ 80 % and clay minerals ≤ 20 % (free of fibres and quartz). CAS Number 12173-10-3 <i>Analytical method</i> ⁽¹⁾ For the determination of clinoptilolite of sedimentary origin in feed additive: X-ray diffraction (XRD).	All animal species	—	—	10 000	1. For safety: it is recommended to use breathing and eyes protections and gloves during handling. 2. Total quantity of clinoptilolite of sedimentary origin from all sources shall not exceed the maximum content of 10 000 mg.	30 July 2023

⁽¹⁾ Details of the analytical methods are available at the following address of the European Union Reference Laboratory for Feed Additives: http://irmm.jrc.ec.europa.eu/EURLs/EURL_feed_additives/Pages/index.aspx