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Dear Dr Nepoklonov,

Subject: EU import requirements for feed additives

With reference to your letter of 21 December 2016 (your ref. FS-NV-7/24545) I wish to inform you the following.

Feed (additives or feed material) may be placed on the EU market only if the exporter has a representative within the European Union, responsible before the Competent Authority of the importing EU Member State for compliance of the product with the EU requirements.

Regulation (EC) No. 183/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down requirements for feed hygiene¹ sets the requirements that apply to establishments producing feed. The compliance of the producing establishment with Regulation (EC) No. 183/2005, should be verified, and in particular the feed hygiene requirements applying to each case and conditions including arrangements to ensure traceability.

Article 23 of Regulation (EC) No. 183/2005 provides for the drawing up of a list of establishments in third countries that may be allowed for export to the EU. As this list has not yet been established, in accordance with Article 24 of Regulation (EC) No 183/2005 the requirements of Article 6 of Directive 98/51/EC² apply.

Feed additives intended to be exported to the EU must fulfil the requirements of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council on additives for use in animal nutrition³. Only additives that have been through an authorisation procedure may be placed on the market, following a scientific evaluation demonstrating that the additive has no harmful effects, on human and animal health and on the environment and are in compliance with the requirements established by the European legislation (e.g. labelling requirements, terms of the authorisation regulation mentioning specifications of the additive, species and doses for which it can be used etc.).

¹ <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:02005R0183-20151112&from=EN>

² <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A31998L0051>

³ <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32003R1831&from=EN>

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The Commission has established the European Union Register of Feed Additives, which is regularly updated, and it makes reference/links to the relevant authorisation regulations which include the specific requirements for placing the additive on the EU market. The Register consists of two parts, Annex I⁴ listing the current authorisations and Annex II⁵ listing the additives that will be withdrawn in the short term (where an "Expiry date of Authorisation" is indicated for an additive that is no longer allowed to be placed on the EU market following that date.

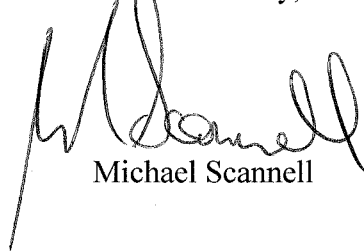
A consolidated list of the authorised additives in feedingstuffs containing provisional and permanent authorisations under Directive 70/524/EEC is also available⁶. This list is already integrated in the European Union Register of feed additives.

DG SANTE webpage on the EU Register⁷ can be also consulted for further information.

With regard to the labelling of feed additives relevant rules in both Regulation (EC) No. 767/2009 on the placing on the market and use of feed⁸ and Regulation (EC) 1831/2003 on additives for use in animal nutrition apply.

We remain at your disposal for any clarification you may require on the above.

Yours sincerely,



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⁴https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/safety/docs/animal-feed-eu-reg-comm_register_feed_additives_1831-03.pdf

⁵https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/safety/docs/animal-feed-eu-reg-comm_register_feed_additives_1831-03_annex2.pdf

⁶ <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52004XC0225%2803%29&from=EN>

⁷ http://ec.europa.eu/food/safety/animal-feed/feed-additives/eu-register_en

⁸ <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2009:229:0001:0028:EN:PDF>