Feed additives: January–February 2024 withdrawals

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EU withdraws certain feed additives

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/1201 of 26 April 2024 withdrawing from the market star anise terpenes from *Illicium verum* Hook.f. as a feed additive

Draft Commission Implementing Regulation withdrawing from the market certain feed additives

Draft Annex

Update

The European Commission has withdrawn a flavouring compound used in animal feed, star anise terpenes, from the EU market. It has also informed the World Trade Organization Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (WTO SPS) Committee that it intends to withdraw certain other flavouring and appetising substances, preservatives, and colourants (G/SPS/N/EU/729).

Impacted products

Feed additives, prepared fodder

What is changing?

The EU has withdrawn from the EU market star anise terpenes from *Illicium verum* as a flavouring compound.

The EU has notified to the WTO that it proposes to withdraw from the EU market certain other feed additives listed in the Annex to its draft act.

Why?

The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA 2023) concluded that the botanical preparation of star anise terpenes contains up to 25% of estragole. This genotoxic and/or carcinogenic compound cannot be considered safe for the target species and consumers when used in a feed additive.

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Timeline

Withdrawal from the EU market of the feed additive star anise terpenes from *Illicium verum* applies from **19 May 2024**.

Recommended Actions

Non-EU countries producing feed additives, compound feed, and feed materials for export to the EU are recommended to check the status of feed additives in the EU Feed Additives register.

To be able to filter and to see more information, it is advised to download the register in Excel format (see foot of Food and Feed Information Portal).

Background

Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 provides for the re-evaluation of additives authorised in accordance with Directive 70/524/EEC, and requires withdrawal from the market of feed additives for which no applications were submitted before a certain deadline. This also concerns applications that were subsequently withdrawn by the applicant.

Resources

EFSA (2023) Safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of a fraction of the essential oil from the fruit and leaves of Illicium verum Hook.f. (star anise terpenes) for use in all animal species. EFSA Journal, 21(10): 1–17.

Sources

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