Feed additives: January–February 2026 authorisations, reauthorisations, and changes

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EU authorises and reauthorises certain feed additives

Commission Implementing Regulations (EU) 2026/85, 2026/93, 2026/96, 2026/98, 2026/103, 2026/119, 2026/154, 2026/164, 2026/167, 2026/168, 2026/171, 2026/178, 2026/180, 2026/348, 2026/352, 2026/353, 2026/356, 2026/402, 2026/404, 2026/460

Update

Overview of the latest European Union (EU) authorisations and reauthorisations of feed additives and their use in animal nutrition in target animals, including changes to existing authorisations.

Impacted products

Feed additives, prepared fodder

What is changing?

Authorisations

In January–February 2026, the EU authorised the feed additives listed in Table 1, based on opinions published by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) [see Resources 3, 5–7, 9, 12, 17, 19–24]. The conditions of use are described in the respective Regulations.

Reauthorisations

In January–February 2026, the EU reauthorised the feed additives listed in Table 2, based on opinions published by EFSA [see Resources 8, 11, 13–16, 18]. The conditions of use are described in the respective Regulations.

Refusal

Regulation 2026/119 refuses authorisation of a preparation of carvacrol as a feed additive belonging to the category of zootechnical additives for weaned piglets.

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Changes

Regulation 2026/98 updates the name of the authorisation holder for a preparation of 3-nitrooxypropanol to dsm-firmenich.

Regulation 2026/154 extends authorisation for the use of sepiolitic clay as a binder and anti-caking agent to include additional species, and increases the maximum content to 20,000 mg/kg feed for salmonids and chickens for fattening.

Regulation 2026/180 changes the name of the authorisation holder for the feed additives serine protease, endo-1,4-beta-xylanase, endo-1,3(4)-beta-glucanase and endo-1,4-beta-glucanase, endo-1,3(4)-beta-glucanase, endo-1,4-beta-xylanase, 6-phytase, protease, and muramidase.

The European Commission has informed the World Trade Organization Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (WTO SPS) Committee that it intends to amend Regulation 2020/1097 authorising lutein-rich and lutein/zeaxanthin extracts from *Tagetes erecta* as feed additives for poultry (except turkeys) for fattening and laying, and Regulation 2025/1928 authorising a preparation of lutein-rich extract of *T. erecta* as a feed additive for turkeys for fattening (G/SPS/N/EU/921).

Why?

Authorisations

Applications for the above authorisations and reauthorisations were submitted and considered by the Reference Laboratory set up by the Feed Additives Regulation 1831/2003.

Refusal

Regulation 2026/119 refuses authorisation of a preparation of carvacrol because the applicant has not adequately demonstrated its efficacy as a feed additive for weaned piglets [see Resources 2, 4].

Changes

Amendments to Regulations 2020/1097 and 2025/1928 are considered necessary due to the similarities in the manufacturing process and composition of the additives authorised [see Resources 1, 10].

Timeline

These authorisations and reauthorisations remain valid until the end dates listed in Tables 1 and 2.

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What are the major implications for exporting countries?

With these authorisations, more feed additives will be available on the market. Authorisations and renewals are valid for 10 years. The use of all preparations and substances specified as feed additives must comply with the provisions of use specified in the Annex to each Regulation.

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 the 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 the Food and Feed Information Portal webpage).

Background

The procedure for authorising the placing on the market and use of feed additives is set out in Regulation (EC) 1831/2003. For the latest updates on feed additives, see the EU Feed Additives register.

Resources

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3 EFSA (2022) Safety and efficacy of 6-phytase produced by Komagataella phaffii CGMCC 7.370 for pigs and avian species (Victory Enzymes GmbH). EFSA Journal, 20: 7701.
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14 EFSA (2025) Assessment of the feed additive consisting of Enterococcus lactis DSM 7134 (Bonvital®) for sows for the renewal of its authorisation (Lactosan GmbH & Co.KG). EFSA Journal, 23: e9353.

15 EFSA (2025) Assessment of the feed additive consisting of Saccharomyces cerevisiae CBS 493.94 (Yea-Sacc®) for dairy cows, minor dairy ruminant species, cattle for fattening and minor ruminant species for fattening for the renewal of its authorisation (Alltech Ireland). EFSA Journal, 23: e9354.

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19 EFSA (2025) Safety and efficacy of Lacticaseibacillus huelsenbergensis DSM 115424 as a silage additive (Lactosan GmbH & Co. KG). EFSA Journal, 23: e9458.

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Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1097 concerning the authorisation of lutein-rich and lutein/zeaxanthin extracts from Tagetes erecta as feed additives for poultry (except turkeys) for fattening and laying and for minor poultry species for fattening and laying

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/1928 concerning the authorisation of a preparation of lutein-rich extract of Tagetes erecta L. as a feed additive for turkeys for fattening

Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 on additives for use in animal nutrition

Sources

Commission Implementing Regulations (EU) 2026/85, 2026/93, 2026/96, 2026/98, 2026/103, 2026/119, 2026/154, 2026/164, 2026/167, 2026/168, 2026/171, 2026/178, 2026/180, 2026/348, 2026/352, 2026/353, 2026/356, 2026/402, 2026/404, 2026/460

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Tables & Figures

Table 1
New authorisations of feed additives (January–February 2026)

Regulation/ notification	Additive	Use	Target	End date[1]
2026/85	Tartrazine	Colourant	Freshwater fish	4 Feb 2036
2026/93	L-lysine sulphate from *Corynebacterium glutamicum* CGMCC 23982	Amino acids, their salts and analogues	All animal species	5 Feb 2036
2026/96	Celery seed essential oil (*Apium graveolens*)	Flavouring compounds	Several species including poultry, pigs, ruminants, *Equidae*, fish (as listed in Annex)	5 Feb 2036
	Caraway essential oil (*Carum carvi*)			
2026/154	Sepiolitic clay	Binder and anti-caking agent	All animal species except: • ruminants (milk production, reproduction) • porcine species (fattening, weaned piglets) • salmonids • chickens (fattening)	15 Feb 2036
2026/178	Eucalyptus tincture from *Eucalyptus globulus*	Flavouring compound	Certain poultry species and pigs for fattening (as listed in Annex)	15 Feb 2036
2026/348	*Lacticaseibacillus huelsenbergensis* DSM 115424	Silage additive	All animal species	10 Mar 2036
2026/352	L-arginine from *Escherichia coli* CCTCC M 20231961	Amino acids, their salts and analogues	All animal species	11 Mar 2036
2026/353	L-histidine and L-histidine monohydrochloride monohydrate from *Corynebacterium glutamicum* KCCM 80389	Amino acids, their salts and analogues	All animal species	11 Mar 2036
		Flavouring compound		
2026/356	Endo-1,4-β-xylanase from *Bacillus subtilis* LMG S-15136	Digestibility enhancer	Gestating sows	11 Mar 2036
2026/402	L-cystine from *Escherichia coli* DSM 34232	Flavouring compound	All animal species	17 Mar 2036
2026/404	6-phytase from *Komagataella phaffii* CGMCC 7.370	Digestibility enhancer	Poultry (fattening, laying/breeding) ornamental birds; piglets; porcine species (fattening/reproduction; sows and boars)	17 Mar 2036

[1] Authorisations/reauthorisations remain valid for 10 years from entry into force until the date mentioned in the column "End date".

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Table 2
Renewed authorisations of feed additives (January–February 2026)

Regulation	Additive	Use	Target	End date[1]
2026/103	*Enterococcus lactis* DSM 7134	Gut flora stabiliser	Sows	5 Feb 2036
2026/164	Choline chloride (aqueous solution and preparation)	Vitamins and related substances	All animal species	16 Feb 2036
2026/167	Clinoptilolite of sedimentary origin	Binder	All animal species	16 Feb 2036
2026/168	*Saccharomyces cerevisiae* CBS 493.94	Gut flora stabiliser	Ruminants for milk production or reproduction; young ruminants for fattening (except lambs); ruminants for fattening (except sheep)	16 Feb 2036
2026/171	Fumaric acid	Flavouring compound	All terrestrial animal species with specific conditions for poultry and pigs	16 Feb 2036
		Preservative		
2026/460	Thiamine hydrochloride	Vitamins	All animal species	19 Mar 2036
	Thiamine mononitrate			

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