MRL removed for 17β-oestradiol in food of animal origin

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Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/860 as regards the substance 17β-oestradiol

What is changing and why?

The European Union has removed the maximum residue limit (MRL) for 17β-oestradiol, including for therapeutic and zootechnical use in mammals.

Regulation 37/2010 sets the MRLs of pharmacologically active substances accepted in foods of animal origin. 17β-oestradiol was allowed in mammals only for therapeutic and zootechnical (to improve the genetics of breeding animals) purposes. That authorisation has now been removed.

Directive 96/22 bans the use of 17β-oestradiol in food-producing animals.

Actions

Food from mammals exported to the EU must not contain 17β-oestradiol. Competent authorities and producers in non-EU countries where 17β-oestradiol may be used for therapeutic and zootechnical purposes should ensure that alternative treatment is given using permitted substances (see Official controls of veterinary drug residues in products of animal origin).

Timeline

Applies from **8 April 2024**.

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