MRLs for ketoprofen in poultry

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MRLs for ketoprofen set in poultry but not eggs

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/2194 of 19 October 2023 amending Regulation (EU) No 37/2010 as regards the classification of the substance ketoprofen with respect to its maximum residue limit in foodstuffs of animal origin

Update

The EU has set a maximum residue level (MRL) for ketoprofen in poultry tissues, but not in poultry eggs.

Impacted products

poultry

What is changing?

The European Commission has established MRLs for ketoprofen in poultry tissues:

- muscle, liver, kidney: 10 µg/kg
- skin and fat in natural proportion: 30 µg/kg.

There is no MRL for poultry that are producing eggs for human consumption, so ketoprofen may not be used in this case.

The Annex to Regulation 37/2010 on pharmacologically active substances and their MRLs in food of animal origin is amended accordingly.

Why?

The European Medicines Agency (EMA) concluded that the MRLs for ketoprofen from chicken tissues can be extended to tissues of other poultry, but not to poultry eggs. This is because no residue depletion data for ketoprofen in eggs were provided.

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Timeline

Date of application: 9 November 2023.

What are the major implications for exporting countries?

Ketoprofen is now allowed in poultry meat tissues with an MRL of 10 µg/kg for muscle, liver, and kidney, and 30 µg/kg for skin and fat in natural proportion.

However, ketoprofen is still banned for poultry producing eggs for human consumption.

Recommended Actions

Countries that export poultry muscle, liver, kidney, and skin and fat in natural proportion must ensure that the established residue limits of ketoprofen in those products destined for the EU are not exceeded.

They must also ensure that ketoprofen is not used for poultry producing eggs for human consumption.

Background

The Annex to Regulation 37/2010 sets out the pharmacologically active substances and their MRLs in food of animal origin. It allows ketoprofen use for cattle, pigs, and horses. In December 2020, Huvepharma nv submitted an application to the EMA regarding MRLs for ketoprofen in chicken.

Resources

European Commission (2023) Control plans for residues of veterinary medicines, pesticides and contaminants.

European Commission: Residues of veterinary medicinal products

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