MRLs for sodium salicylate in poultry

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EU sets MRLs for sodium salicylate in chicken and poultry (other than turkey)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/859 of 18 March 2024 amending Regulation (EU) No 37/2010 as regards the classification of the substance sodium salicylate with respect to its maximum residue limit in foodstuffs of animal origin

Update

The EU has set maximum residue levels (MRLs) for sodium salicylate in tissues of poultry other than turkey. Sodium salicylate may not be used in poultry producing eggs for human consumption.

Impacted products

poultry

What is changing?

The EU has now set the following MRLs for sodium salicylate in tissues of poultry (other than turkey):

- muscle, and skin and fat in natural proportion: 250 µg/kg
- liver: 500 µg/kg
- kidney: 1000 µg/kg.

MRLs for sodium salicylate in turkey were already set under Regulation 37/2010.

Sodium salicylate may not be used in poultry that is producing eggs for human consumption.

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Why?

The European Medicines Agency (EMA) concluded that the MRLs for sodium salicylate from chicken tissues can be extended to those of other poultry (except turkey, for which MRLs are already in place). Sodium salicylate may not be used in poultry producing eggs because inadequate data has been submitted relating to egg consumption.

Timeline

The new MRLs will apply from **8 April 2024**.

Background

The Annex to Regulation 37/2010 sets MRLs for sodium salicylate in turkey. No MRL is required for oral use of sodium salicylate in cattle and pigs. The substance is not allowed for oral use in animals producing milk for human consumption.

In September 2022, Dopharma B.V. submitted an application to the EMA for the use of sodium salicylate in chicken. In October 2023 the EMA, based on the opinion of the Committee for Veterinary Medicinal Products, recommended that MRLs be set for its use in chicken, and that these MRLs should apply also to other poultry except turkey (for which MRLs were already in place).

Resources

Online resources from the European Commission:

- Control plans for residues of veterinary medicines, pesticides and contaminants
- Residues of veterinary medicinal products

Regulation 37/2010 on pharmacologically active substances and their classification regarding maximum residue limits in foodstuffs of animal origin

Sources

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/859 as regards the classification of the substance sodium salicylate with respect to its maximum residue limit in foodstuffs of animal origin

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