Simplification of rules on feed additive authorisations

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Proposal for a Regulation amending Regulations 999/2001, 1829/2003, 1831/2003, 852/2004, 853/2004, 396/2005, 1099/2009, 1107/2009, 528/2012, 2017/625 as regards the simplification and strengthening of food and feed safety requirements

What is changing and why?

In response to criticisms made by stakeholders about the efficiency of the current authorisations procedure, the European Commission proposes the following simplifications to Regulation 1831/2003 on feed additive authorisations.

Duration of authorisations

Feed additives would no longer need renewal every 10 years and would be authorised for an unlimited time. However, the European Union (EU) can still cancel an authorisation if there are safety or effectiveness problems. Coccidiostats and histomonostats will still be limited to 10 years because they are high risk.

Extension of existing authorisations

Most feed additives that are already authorised will automatically become authorised for an unlimited time. This does not apply to coccidiostats and histomonostats, urgent animal welfare authorisations, or cases where renewal has not been requested or is not yet decided.

Applications already submitted

Applications that have been submitted but are not yet decided at the time the new rules apply will be assessed under current rules. If they are approved, the authorisation will then be unlimited.

Modification of authorisations

The Commission proposes to allow changes to an authorisation holder's name without issuing a new Regulation. It also intends to make it easier to modify authorisations that do not have a specific authorisation holder.

Labelling responsibilities

Some non-safety information may be provided digitally instead of on the physical label. All important safety and use information must still appear on the product label.

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Actions

Competent authorities of countries that are members of the World Trade Organization can submit comments on the EU's proposal by emailing the EU SPS Enquiry Point until **30 March 2026**.

All interested stakeholders are invited to give feedback via **Have your say** platform until **14 May 2026** (but may be extended).

Stakeholders wishing to respond must be registered. Those who do not already have an account will first need to **Create an EU login account**, then register their organisation on the EU **Transparency register**.

Timeline

This proposal will be discussed by the Council of the EU (Member States) and the European Parliament, a process that can take up to 2 years. So its application is possible in the second half of 2027.

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