EIGHTEENTH COMMISSION DIRECTIVE

of 11 July 1977

amending the Annexes to Council Directive 70/524/EEC concerning additives in feedingstuffs

(77/471/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 70/524/EEC of 23 November 1970 concerning additives in feedingstuffs [1], as last amended by the Seventeenth Commission Directive 77/179/EEC [2], and in particular Article 6 thereof,

Whereas this Directive provides for the contents of the Annexes to be regularly amended to take account of developments in scientific and technical knowledge ;

Whereas the manufacturing aids gelatine, dextrans, lignosulphonates, silicic acid, calcium silicates, sodium, potassium and calcium stearates, included in Annex II, are widely used in the Member States and are free from harmful effects for animal and human health ; whereas they should therefore be authorized at Community level and in this respect be classified according to their specific effects ;

Whereas the preservative citric acid, included in Annex I, is also used as a coagulant agent for the preparation of feedingstuffs ;

Whereas the use of the antibiotics zinc bacitracin and flavophospholipol for laying hens, included in Annex II, requires further examination ; whereas their period of authorization should therefore be extended ;

Whereas the same is true of the use of the manufacturing aids silica and silicates, with the exception of calcium silicates ; whereas, moreover, it should be specified with regard to their classification that they belong to the group of binders, anti-caking agents and coagulants ;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Directive are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee for Feedingstuffs,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE :

Article 1

The Annexes to the Council Directive of 23 November 1970 concerning additives in feedingstuffs are hereby amended as set out in the following Articles :

Article 2

Annex I is amended as follows :

1. In Part 3 'Emulsifiers, stabilizers, thickeners and gelling agents', add :

EEC No	Additives	Chemical formula, description	Species of animal	Maximum age	Minimum content	Maximum content	Other Provisions
					ppm of complete feedingstuffs		
E 485 E 486	Gelatine Dextrans		All species of animals				All feedingstuffs

[1] OJ No L 270, 14. 12. 1970, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 60, 5. 3. 1977, p. 15.

2. Add the following text:

EEC No	Additives	Chemical formula, description	Species of animal	Maximum age	Minimum content	Maximum content	Other provisions
					ppm of complete feedingstuffs		
	L. Binders, anti-caking agents and coagulants						
E 550	Lignosulphonates		All species of animals				All feedingstuffs
E 551	Silicic acid, precipitated and dried						
E 552	Calcium silicates, free of asbestos						
ex E 470	Sodium, potassium and calcium stearates						Compliance with provisions of Article 10 (1) (b)
E 330	Citric acid						

Article 3

Annex II is amended as follows:

1. In Part A 'Antibiotics' for '30 June 1977' in the column headed 'Period of authorization' read '31 December 1977' for the items No 15 'Zinc bacitracin' and No 16 'Flavophospholipol' with regard to laying hens.
2. Delete Part G 'Manufacturing aids' and insert the following:

EEC No	Additives	Chemical formula description	Species of animal	Maximum age	Minimum content	Maximum content	Other provisions	Period of authorization
					ppm of complete feedingstuffs			
	G. Binders, anti-caking agents and coagulants							
1.	Silica		All species of animals				All feedingstuffs	31 December 1978
2.	Silicates, free of asbestos, with the exception of calcium silicates							

Article 4

The Member States shall, not later than 1 December 1977, bring into force the laws, regulations or administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive. They shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

Article 5

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 11 July 1977.

For the Commission

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