COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2757/1999

of 22 December 1999

amending Annexes I and II of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 laying down a Community procedure for the establishment of maximum residue limits of veterinary medicinal products in foodstuffs of animal origin

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 of 26 June 1990 laying down a Community procedure for the establishment of maximum residue limits of veterinary medicinal products in foodstuffs of animal origin [1], as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2728/1999 [2] and in particular Articles 6, 7 and 8 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) in accordance with Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90, maximum residue limits must be established progressively for all pharmacologically active substances which are used within the Community in veterinary medicinal products intended for administration to food-producing animals;

(2) maximum residue limits should be established only after the examination within the Committee for Veterinary Medicinal Products of all the relevant information concerning the safety of residues fo the substance concerned for the consumer of foodstuffs of animal origin and the impact of residues on the industrial processing of foodstuffs;

(3) in establishing maximum residue limits for residues of veterinary medicinal products in foodstuffs of animal origin, it is necessary to specify the animal species in which residues may be present, the levels which may be present in each of the relevant meat tissues obtained from the treated animal (target tissue) and the nature of the residue which is relevant for the monitoring of residues (marker residue);

(4) for the control of residues, as provided for in appropriate Community legislation, maximum residue limits should usually be established for the target tissues of liver or kidney. However, the liver and kidney are frequently removed from carcasses moving in international trade, and maximum residue limits should therefore also always be established for muscle or fat tissues;

(5) in the case of veterinary medicinal products intended for use in laying birds, lactating animals or honey bees, maximum residue limits must also be established for eggs, milk or honey;

(6) carazolol and penethamate should be inserted into Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90;

(7) *urginea maritima*, *phytolacca americana*, levothyroxine, barium selenate and 3,5-diiodo-L-thyrosine should be inserted into Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90;

(8) an adequate period should be allowed before the entry into force of this Regulation in order to allow Member States to make any adjustment which may be necessary to the authorisations to place the veterinary medicinal products concerned on the market which have been granted in accordance with Council Directive 81/851/EEC [3], as last amended by Directive 93/40/EEC [4], to take account of the provisions of this Regulation;

(9) the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Veterinary Medicinal Products,

HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING REGULATION:

Article 1

Annexes I and II of Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 are hereby amended as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

It shall apply from the 60th day following its publication.

[1] OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 328, 22.12.1999, p. 23.
[3] OJ L 317, 6.11.1981, p. 1.
[4] OJ L 214, 24.8.1993, p. 31.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 22 December 1999.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

ANNEX

A. Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 is amended as follows:

1. Anti-infectious agents

1.2. Antibiotics

1.2.1. Penicillins

Pharmacologically active substance(s)	Marker residue	Animal species	MRLs	Target tissues	Other provisions
'Penethamate	Benzylpenicillin	Porcine	50 µg/kg 50 µg/kg 50 µg/kg 50 µg/kg	Muscle Fat Liver Kidney'	

3. Agents acting on the nervous system

3.2. Agents acting on the autonomic nervous system

3.2.1. Anti-adrenergics

Pharmacologically active substance(s)	Marker residue	Animal species	MRLs	Target tissues	Other provisions
'Carazolol	Carazolol	Bovine	5 µg/kg 5 µg/kg 15 µg/kg 15 µg/kg 1 µg/kg	Muscle Fat Liver Kidney Milk'	

B. Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 is amended as follows:

1. Inorganic chemicals

Pharmacologically active substance(s)	Animal species	Other provisions
'Barium selenate	Bovine, ovine'	

2. Organic comounds

Pharmacologically active substance(s)	Animal species	Other provisions
'3,5-Diiodo-L-thyrosine	All mammalian food-producing species	
Levothyroxine	All mammalian food-producing species'	

4. Substances used in homeopathic veterinary medicinal products

Pharmacologically active substance(s)	Animal species	Other provisions
'Phytolacca americana	All food-producing species	For use in homeopathic veterinary medicinal products prepared according to homeopathic pharmacopoeias, at concentrations in the products not exceeding one part per thousand only
Urginea maritima	All food-producing species	For use in homeopathic veterinary medicinal products prepared according to homeopathic pharmacopoeias, at concentrations in the products not exceeding one part per hundred only For oral use only'