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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2003 on additives for use in animal nutrition[(1)], and in particular Article 9(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 provides for the authorisation of additives for use in animal nutrition and for the grounds and procedures for granting such authorisation.

(2) In accordance with Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 an application was submitted for the authorisation of benzoic acid as a feed additive for minor porcine species for fattening and for reproduction. That application was accompanied by the particulars and documents required under Article 7(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003.

(3) That application concerns the authorisation of benzoic acid as a feed additive for minor porcine species for fattening and for reproduction, to be classified in the additive category ‘zootechnical additives’.

(4) That additive was already authorised as a feed additive for use in weaned piglets by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1730/2006[(2)], in pigs for fattening by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1138/2007[(3)] and in sows by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/900[(4)].

(5) The European Food Safety Authority (‘the Authority’) concluded in its opinion of 28 September 2017[(5)] that, under the proposed conditions of use, the benzoic acid does not have an adverse effect on human health or the environment, and that it has a potential to decrease urinary pH in minor porcine species. However, due to the lack of margin of safety in weaned major piglets, the Authority could not extrapolate the conclusion on the safety to weaned minor porcine species. Therefore it was established the additive is safe for minor porcine species for fattening and for reproduction. The Authority does

not consider that there is a need for specific requirements of post-market monitoring. It also verified the report on the method of analysis of the feed additive in feed submitted by the Reference Laboratory set up by Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003.

(6) The assessment of the benzoic acid shows that the conditions for authorisation, as provided for in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003, are satisfied. Accordingly, the use of that preparation should be authorised as specified in the Annex to this Regulation.

(7) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The additive specified in the Annex, belonging to the additive category ‘zootechnical additives’ and to the functional group ‘other zootechnical additives’, is authorised as an additive in animal nutrition, subject to the conditions laid down in that Annex.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

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

Done at Brussels, 11 July 2018.

For the Commission

The President

Jean-Claude JUNCKER

***Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/983. (See end of Document for details)*

ANNEX

Identification number of the additive	**Name of the holder of authorisation**	**Additive**	**Composition, chemical formula, description, analytical method**	**Species or category of animal**	**Maximum age**	**Minimum content**	**Maximum content**	**Other provisions**	**End of period of authorisation**
						mg of active substance/kg of complete feedingstuff with a moisture content of 12 %			
Category of zootechnical additives. Functional group: other zootechnical additives (urinary pH decrease).									
4d210	DSM Nutritional Products Sp. z o. o.	Benzoic acid	*Additive composition:* Benzoic acid (≥ 99,9 %) *Characterisation of the active substance:* Benzenecarboxylic acid, phenylcarboxylic acid, $C_7H_6O_2$ CAS number 65-85-0 Maximum level of the impurities: Phthalic acid: ≤ 100 mg/kg Biphenyl: ≤ 100 mg/kg *Analytical method*[a] For the quantification	Minor porcine species for fattening and for reproduction	—	5 000	5 000	1. In the directions for use of the additive and premixtures, the storage conditions and stability to heat treatment shall be indicated.. 2. The additive shall not be used with other sources of benzoic acid or benzoates. 3. The directions of use shall be indicated	1 August 2028

a Details of the analytical methods are available at the following address of the Reference Laboratory: https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/eurl/feed-additives/evaluation-reports