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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. 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 the benzoic acid as a feed additive for sows, 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) and in pigs for fattening by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1138/2007(3).

(5) The European Food Safety Authority (‘the Authority’) concluded in its opinions of 14 June 2012(4) and 16 June 2015(5) that, under the proposed conditions of use, the benzoic acid does not have an adverse effect on animal health, human health or the environment, and that it has a potential to introduce a small reduction in urine pH in sows. 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.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/900. (See end of Document for details)*

(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:

Editorial Information

X1 Substituted by Corrigendum to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/900 of 8 June 2016 concerning the authorisation of benzoic acid as a feed additive for sows (holder of authorisation DSM Nutritional Product Sp. z o. o.) (Official Journal of the European Union L 152 of 9 June 2016).

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.

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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/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 [X1 Ltd]	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 of benzoic	Sows	—	5 000	10 000	1. The conditions of use shall be indicated in the following in complementary feed: Complementary feedingstuffs containing benzoic acid shall not be fed to sows as such. Complementary feedingstuffs for sows shall be thoroughly mixed with other feed materials	19 June 2026

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