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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

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 the preparation set out in the Annex to this Regulation. That application was accompanied by the particulars and documents required under Article 7(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003.

(3) The application concerns authorisation of preparation of dried killed cells of red carotenoid-rich bacterium *Paracoccus carotinifaciens* (NITE SD 00017) as a feed additive for salmon and trout, to be classified in the additive category 'sensory additives'.

(4) The European Food Safety Authority (the Authority) concluded in its opinion of 18 September 2007 that that preparation of dried killed cells of red carotenoid-rich bacterium *Paracoccus carotinifaciens* (NITE SD 00017) does not have an adverse effect on animal health, human health or the environment and that it favourably affects the characteristics of animal products[(2)]. It further concluded that that preparation does not present any other risk which would, in accordance with Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003, exclude authorisation. The Authority made a recommendation concerning maximum residue limits. It did 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 Community Reference Laboratory set up by Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Regulation (EC) No 721/2008. (See end of Document for details)*

(5) The assessment of that preparation shows that the conditions for authorisation, 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.

(6) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The preparation specified in the Annex, belonging to the additive category ‘sensory additives’ and to the functional group ‘a (ii). Colourants; substances which when fed to animals add colours to food of animal origin’, 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 20th day following 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	**Additive**	**Composition, chemical formula, description, analytical method**	**Species or category of animal**	**Maximum age**	**Minimum content**	**Maximum content**	**Other provisions**	**Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) in the relevant foodstuffs of animal origin**	**End of period of authorisation**
					mg/kg of complete feedingstuff with a moisture content of 12 %				
Category of sensory additives. Functional group: colourants; substances which when fed to animals add colours to food of animal origin									
2a(ii)167	Red carotenoid-rich *Paracoccus carotinifaciens*	*Active substances*: Astaxanthin ($C_{40}H_{52}O_4$, CAS: 472-61-7) Adonirubin ($C_{40}H_{52}O_3$, 3-Hydroxy-beta,beta-carotene-4,4′-dione CAS: 511-23801) Canthaxanthin ($C_{40}H_{52}O_2$, CAS: 514-78-3) *Additive composition*: Preparation of dried killed cells of *Paracoccus carotinifaciens* (NITE SD 00017) containing: — 20-23 g/kg astaxanthin	Salmon, trout	—	—	100	1. maximum content is expressed as the sum of astaxanthin, adonirubin and canthaxanthin. 2. permitted from the age of 6 months onwards or weight of 50 g. 3. mixture of the additive with astaxanthin or canthaxanthin is allowed provided that the total	For salmon: 10 mg/kg for the sum of adonirubin and canthaxanthin/kg muscle (wet tissue) For trout: 8 mg/kg for the sum of adonirubin and canthaxanthin/kg muscle (wet tissue)	15.8.2018

a Further details of the analytical methods are available at the following address of the Community Reference Laboratory: www.irmm.jrc.be/crl-feed-additives