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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DIRECTIVE

of 9 September 1991

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

(91/508/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 Commission Directive 91/336/EEC (2), and in particular Article 7 thereof,

Whereas Directive 70/524/EEC provides for regular amendment of the content of its Annexes to take account of advances in scientific and technical knowledge; whereas the Annexes have been codified by Commission Directive 91/248/EEC (3);

Whereas a new use of the antibiotic 'salinomycin sodium', the sweetener 'neohesperidine dihydrochalcone', the vitamin D_3 and the trace element 'iron', in the form of a ferrous chelate of amino acids hydrate has been successfully tested in certain Member States; whereas, on the basis of experience gained, it appears that these new uses can be authorized throughout the Community;

Whereas certain studies have cast doubt on the effectiveness of the carotenoid 'violaxanthin', whereas it is advisable to ban the use of this colourant;

Whereas the use of a new coccidiostat has been successfully tested in certain Member States; whereas it is suitable provisionally to authorize this new use at national level while waiting for it to be authorized at Community level;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

The Annexes to Directive 70/524/EEC are hereby amended as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

Member States shall, by 30 November 1992 at the latest, bring into force the laws, regulations or administrative provisions necessary to comply with Article 1. They shall inform the Commission thereof.

When Member States adopt these measures, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or shall be accompanied by such reference on the occasion of their official publication. The methods of making such a reference shall be laid down by the Member States.

Article 3

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 9 September 1991.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

(1) OJ No L 270, 14. 12. 1970, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 185, 11. 7. 1991, p. 31.
(3) OJ No L 124, 18. 5. 1991, p. 1.