COMMISSION DIRECTIVE

of 9 April 1986

fixing the method of calculation for the energy value of compound poultryfeed

(86/174/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 79/373/EEC of 2 April 1979 on the marketing of compound feedingstuffs [1], as last amended by Commission Directive 82/957/EEC [2], and in particular Article 10 thereof,

Whereas, until Community methods have been introduced, the Member States may not, under the said Directive 79/373/EEC, require or permit declaration of the energy value of compound feedingstuffs except where such a declaration was required or permitted on their territory and official methods of calculation were, moreover, already in application at the time when the said Directive was adopted;

Whereas scientific and technical knowledge is now such that the energy value of compound poultryfeed can be calculated by means of a uniform method in all Member States; whereas this method should therefore be adopted and made applicable not only in Member States which require or permit declaration of the energy value on the labels of compound poultryfeed but also in those Member States which had to wait for the adoption of a Community method before requiring or permitting such declarations;

Whereas in case of differences between the result of the official findings for energy value and the value declared by the manufacturer, it is desirable to permit a minimum tolerance to allow for deviations due to the method used for sampling the feedingstuff, the manufacturing process or analytical divergences;

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

In so far as, pursuant to the provisions of Article 5 (4) and (6) of Directive 79/373/EEC, the energy value of compound poultryfeed is declared, Member States shall require the said value to be calculated in accordance with the method described in the Annex to this Directive.

Article 2

Member States shall bring into force by 30 June 1987 at the latest the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive and shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

Article 3

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 9 April 1986.

For the Commission

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Vice-President

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[1] OJ No L 86, 6. 4. 1979, p. 30.
[2] OJ No L 386, 31. 12. 1982, p. 42.