FIFTEENTH COMMISSION DIRECTIVE

of 21 June 1976

amending the Annexes to the Council Directive of 23 November 1970 concerning additives in feedingstuffs

(76/603/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to the Council Directive of 23 November 1970 concerning additives in feedingstuffs [1], as last amended by the Fourteenth Commission Directive of 8 June 1976 [2], and in particular Article 6 thereof,

Whereas this Directive provides for the contents of the Annexes to be regularly amended to take account of developments in scientific and technical knowledge;

Whereas in a previous amendment of the Directive an error occurred regarding the conditions of use of oleandomycin for poultry; whereas this should be corrected;

Whereas the provisions of the Annexes relating to anti-oxidants, emulsifiers and stabilizers need to be adapted to the Community provisions adopted in this regard in the field of foodstuffs;

Whereas the use of the coccidiostats decoquinate and monensin sodium for chickens and robenidine for chickens and turkeys, included hitherto in Annex II have been widely tested in the Community; whereas it should therefore be authorized, subject to certain conditions, at Community level;

Whereas most of the preservatives covered by Community provisions in the field of foodstuffs are also used in the Community for preserving animal feedingstuffs; whereas they should therefore be included in the Annexes;

Whereas the use of certain additives belonging to the groups of antibiotics, coccidiostats and other medicinal substances, emulsifiers, stabilizers, thickeners and gelling agents, colouring matters, growth promoters and manufacturing aids, already included in Annex II, requires further examination; whereas their period of authorization should therefore be extended;

Whereas livestock production conditions for young animals in certain Member States require the use of antibiotics in Annex I at higher levels than those laid down therein; whereas this use should be authorized at national level under restricted conditions which cannot involve risks for animal or human health;

Whereas the use of the antibiotic avoparcin for chickens and swine has been successfully tested in certain Member States; whereas it should be authorized, subject to certain conditions, at least at national level, pending its admission at Community level;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

The Annexes to the Council Directive of 23 November 1970 concerning additives in feedingstuffs are hereby amended as set out in the following Articles.

[1] OJ No L 270, 14. 12. 1970, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 160, 22. 6. 1976, p. 11.

Article 2

Annex I shall be amended as follows:

1. Part A 'Antibiotics'.

   For the additive E 704 'oleandomycin', the figure '5' in the column headed 'Minimum content' and the figure '20' in the column headed 'Maximum content', relating to 'turkeys' and 'other poultry excluding ducks, geese, laying hens, pigeons' shall be replaced by the figures '2' and '10' respectively.

2. Part B 'Anti-oxidants'.

   The existing provisions shall be replaced by the following text:

EEC No	Additives	Chemical formula description	Species of animal	Maximum age	Minimum content	Maximum content	Other provisions
					ppm of complete feedingstuffs		
	B. Anti-oxidants						
E 300	L-Ascorbic acid		All species of animals				All feedingstuffs
E 301	Sodium L-ascorbate						
E 302	Calcium L-ascorbate						
E 303	5,6-diacetyl-L-ascorbic acid						
E 304	6-palmityl-ascorbic acid						
E 306	Tocopherol-rich extracts of natural origin						
E 307	Synthetic alpha-tocopherol						
E 308	Synthetic gamma-tocopherol						
E 309	Synthetic delta-tocopherol						
E 311	Octyl gallate					100: alone or with the other gallates	
E 312	Dodecyl gallate						
E 320	Butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA)					150: alone or together	
E 321	Butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT)						
E 324	Ethoxyquin						

3. Part D 'Coccidiostats and other medicinal substances'.
The following items shall be added:

EEC No	Additives	Chemical formula description	Species of animal	Maximum age	Minimum content (ppm of complete feedingstuffs)	Maximum content (ppm of complete feedingstuffs)	Other provisions
E 756	Deco-quinate	ethyl 6-decyloxy-7-ethoxy-4-hydroxiquinoline-3-carboxylate	Chickens for fattening		20	40	Use prohibited at least three days before slaughter
E 757	Monen-sin-sodium	Ester complex of sodium butyrate $C_{36}H_{61}O_{11}Na$	Chickens for fattening		100	125	Use prohibited at least three days before slaughter
E 758	Robeni-dine	1,3 bis (p-chloro-benzylideneamino) guanadine hydrochloride	Chickens for fattening, turkeys		30	36	Use prohibited at least five days before slaughter

4. Part E 'Emulsifiers' shall be deleted and replaced by the following text:

EEC No	Additives	Chemical formula description	Species of animal	Maximum age	Minimum content (ppm of complete feedingstuffs)	Maximum content (ppm of complete feedingstuffs)	Other provisions
	E. Emulsifiers, stabilizers, thickeners and gelling agents						
E 322	Lecithins						
E 400	Alginic acid		All species of animals				
E 401	Sodium alginate						
E 402	Potassium alginate						
E 403	Ammonium alginate		All species of animals with the exception of aquarium fish				All feedingstuffs
E 404	Calcium alginate						
E 405	Propylene glycol alginate (1,2-propanediol alginate)		All species of animals				
E 406	Agar						
E 407	Carrageenan (carrageen)						
E 408	Furcelleran, furcellaran						

EEC No	Additives	Chemical formula description	Species of animal	Maximum age	Minimum content (ppm of complete feedingstuffs)	Maximum content (ppm of complete feedingstuffs)	Other provisions
E 410	Locust bean gum (carob gum)		All species of animals				All feedingstuffs
E 411	Tamarind seed flour						
E 412	Guar gum (guar flour)						
E 413	Tragacanth						
E 414	Acacia (arabic gum)						
E 420	Sorbitol						
E 421	Mannitol						
E 422	Glycerol						
E 440	Pectins						
E 460	Microcrystalline cellulose						
E 461	Methylcellulose						
E 462	Ethylcellulose						
E 463	Hydroxypropylcellulose						
E 464	Hydroxypropylmethyl-cellulose						
E 465	Methylethylcellulose						
E 466	Carboxymethylcellulose (sodium salt of carboxy-methyl-cellulose)						
E 470	Sodium, potassium and calcium salts of edible fatty acids alone or in mixtures, derived either from edible fats or distilled edible fatty acids						
E 471	Mono- and di-glycerides of fatty acids						
E 472	Mono and di-glycerides of food fatty acids esterfied with the following acids: a) acetic b) lactic c) citric d) tartaric e) mono-acetyltartaric and di-acetyltartaric						

EEC No	Additives	Chemical formula description	Species of animal	Maximum age	Minimum content (ppm of complete feedingstuffs)	Maximum content (ppm of complete feedingstuffs)	Other provisions
E 473	Sucroesters (esters of saccharose and edible fatty acids)		All species of animals				All feedingstuffs
E 474	Sucroglycerides (mixture of esters of saccharose and mono- and diglycerides of edible fatty acids)						
E 475	Polyglycerol esters of non polymerized edible fatty acids						
E 477	Mono-esters of propyleneglycol (1,2-propanediol) and edible fatty acids, alone or in mixture with diesters						
E 480	Stearoyl-2-lactylic acid						
E 481	Sodium stearoyl-2-lactylate						
E 482	Calcium stearoyl-2-lactylate						
E 483	Stearyl tartrate						

5. Part G 'Stabilizers' shall be deleted and replaced by the following text:

EEC No	Additives	Chemical formula description	Species of animal	Maximum age	Minimum content (ppm of complete feedingstuffs)	Maximum content (ppm of complete feedingstuffs)	Other provisions
			G. Preservatives				
E 200	Sorbic acid		All species of animals				All feedingstuffs
E 201	Sodium sorbate						
E 202	Potassium sorbate						
E 203	Calcium sorbate						
E 236	Formic acid						
E 237	Sodium formate						
E 238	Calcium formate						
E 260	Acetic acid						
E 261	Potassium acetate						
E 262	Sodium diacetate						