Marketing of compound feedingstuffs and circulation of feed materials

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OBJECTIVE: to amend Directive 79/373/EEC on the marketing of compound feeding stuffs and Directive 96/25/EC on the circulation of feed materials. SUBSTANCE: Very often feed materials for animals are produced and used as such by livestock farmers without being put into circulation; they are not then subject to the rules introduced by Directive 96/25/EC. It is therefore proposed to extend the field of application of Directive 96/25/EC and to amend its title accordingly so that in future the Community rules will legally encompass not only the putting into circulation of feed materials but also their use. The amendment will have the effect that the principle that feed materials must be sound, genuine and of merchantable quality will apply in future to all products used as animal feed. It is also proposed to require that feed materials must not present a threat to the environment. With regard to the amendment to Directive 79/373/EEC, the proposed measures provide that the registration number must also be shown on the label or in the document accompanying compound feeding stuffs, as is required already in the case of the approval number.