Procedure file

Basic information

CNS - Consultation procedure Directive	1993/1019(CNS)	Procedure completed
Additives in feedingstuffs (amend. direct. 70/524/EEC) Subject 3.10.08.01 Feedingstuffs, animal nutrition		

Key players

European Parliament			
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	1944	23/07/1996

Key events

08/07/1993	Legislative proposal published	COM(1993)0251	Summary
13/09/1993	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
22/02/1994	Vote in committee		Summary
21/02/1994	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A3-0102/1994	
18/04/1994	Debate in Parliament		
19/04/1994	Decision by Parliament	T3-0224/1994	
02/08/1994	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(1994)0372	Summary
23/07/1996	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		Summary
23/07/1996	End of procedure in Parliament		
17/09/1996	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Committee dossier	AGRI/3/04865

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		COM(1993)0251 OJ C 218 12.08.1993, p. 0006	09/07/1993	EC	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report		CES1305/1993 OJ C 052 19.02.1994, p. 0018	21/12/1993	ESC	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A3-0102/1994 OJ C 091 28.03.1994, p. 0007	22/02/1994	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T3-0224/1994 OJ C 128 09.05.1994, p. 0038-0096	19/04/1994	EP	
Modified legislative proposal		COM(1994)0372 OJ C 242 30.08.1994, p. 0012	03/08/1994	EC	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act

Directive 1996/51
OJ L 235 17.09.1996, p. 0039 Summary

Additives in feedingstuffs (amend. direct. 70/524/EEC)

This proposal sought to amend Directive No 70/524/EEC on additives in feedingstuffs, to adapt the provisions on the authorisation procedure to the new current principles which require that licences to bring into circulation high-technology additives of very precise composition be granted to specific responsible individuals. In this way recent problems due to the introduction into the Community of poor copies of additives originating in non-Member States would be avoided in future. With the same objective of protecting public health, a regular reassessment of the lists of additives was proposed. In addition, to avoid problems of distortion of competition due to frequent delays in the transposition of directives and any disputes between Member States arising out of national licensing procedures, it was suggested that new additives be licensed by a decision, and that provisional licensing of additives meeting a minimum set of conditions be extended to the whole of the Community. This mechanism would be introduced at the end of a transitional system, described in the proposal. ?

Additives in feedingstuffs (amend. direct. 70/524/EEC)

The report by Mrs Mechtild ROTHE (EPP, GER) concerned two Commission proposals. The first, for a decision laying down the groups of additives used in animal nutrition being the subject of an authorization linked to the person responsible for marketing them, was unanimously rejected by the committee. The second proposal for a directive amending Directive 70/524/EEC concerning additives in feedingstuffs was approved by a large majority. Before the vote on this part of her report, Mrs ROTHE, explained that she had taken into account the points made previously in the committee concerning resistance to additives. She had thus tabled a compromise amendment to the effect that additives should not select resistance factors and if they did, tests should be carried out to ensure that they did not carry multiple resistance, were not transmissible and that there was no cross-resistance to therapeutic antibiotics. This amendment was adopted by the committee.?

Additives in feedingstuffs (amend. direct. 70/524/EEC)

The Commission's amended proposal incorporates 2 of the 5 amendments adopted by the European Parliament in plenary. It introduces a new recital highlighting that the rules of Directive 87/153/EEC need to be applied in order to ensure that the additive does not select factors resistant to antibiotics and that there is no cross resistance and it adds a paragraph stipulating a deadline of one year for clearing stocks of additives, pre-mixed feeds and feedingstuffs which do not comply with all the requirements of the directive. However, the Commission rejected the amendments seeking to: - integrate the content of the proposal for a decision laying down the groups of additives into the proposal for a directive (according to the Commission, the directive cannot be used to grant high-tech additive manufacturers exclusive rights); - make provision for the administration of additives other than in feedingstuffs to be allowed only in the case of pre-mixed vitamins and/or trace elements; - amend the comitology procedure (which is perfectly in keeping with Council decision 87/373/EEC).?

Additives in feedingstuffs (amend. direct. 70/524/EEC)

OBJECTIVE: to amend the procedure for authorizing additives in feedingstuffs, in order to overcome the technical and monitoring difficulties involved in implementing Directive 70/524/EEC. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Directive 96/51/EC amending Council Directive 70/524/EEC concerning additives in feedingstuffs. SUBSTANCE: the amended authorization procedure comprises: - the definition of two groups of additives ('high tech' substances and 'generic' substances to allow the granting of authorizations under two different sets of conditions; - a procedure whereby the manufacturers forward the dossier to the Standing Committee for Feedingstuffs through the Member States, with a view to their evaluation and authorization by the Commission; - a specific authorization for each substance, issued under a Commission decision; - a limitation on authorizations for 'high tech' substances to one or more legal persons; - an obligation to update the evaluation and authorization of additives after ten years; - a revision of the provisions relating to the confidentiality of information contained in applications for authorization; - the abolition of the current positive list, accompanied by transitional arrangements allowing the entry into free circulation of substances currently authorized, while requiring a re-evaluation and extension of the authorization for certain groups. The Council also decided on the future introduction of fees, to be charged by the Member States for the work involved in considering applications. DEADLINE FOR TRANSPOSITION INTO NATIONAL LEGISLATION: 1 April 1998 and 1 October 1999 according to the legislation. ?

Additives in feedingstuffs (amend. direct. 70/524/EEC)

Following the political agreement reached at the sitting of 20 to 21 May 1996, the Council adopted the Directive by qualified majority, with the German delegation voting against the proposal.