

REGULATIONS

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2017/940

of 1 June 2017

concerning the authorisation of formic acid as a feed additive for all animal species

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2003 on additives for use in animal nutrition ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 9(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 provides for the authorisation of additives for use in animal nutrition and for the grounds and procedures for granting such authorisation.
- (2) In accordance with Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 an application was submitted for the authorisation of formic acid. That application was accompanied by the particulars and documents required under Article 7(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003.
- (3) That application concerns the authorisation of formic acid as a feed additive for all animal species to be classified in the category 'technological additives'.
- (4) The European Food Safety Authority ('the Authority') concluded in its opinion of 30 April 2015 ⁽²⁾ that, under the proposed conditions of use, the preparation of formic acid does not have an adverse effect on animal health, human health or the environment. The Authority also concluded that the preparation is effective in inhibiting or reducing the number of bacterial pathogens in feed material and compound feed. The Authority does not consider that there is a need for specific requirements of post-market monitoring. It also verified the report on the methods of analysis of the feed additive in feed submitted by the Reference Laboratory set up by Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003.
- (5) The assessment of the preparation of formic acid shows that the conditions for authorisation, as provided for in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003, are satisfied. Accordingly, the use of that preparation should be authorised as specified in the Annex to this Regulation.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Authorisation

The preparation specified in the Annex, belonging to the additive category 'technological additives' and to the functional group 'hygiene condition enhancers', is authorised as an additive in animal nutrition, subject to the conditions laid down in that Annex.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 268, 18.10.2003, p. 29.

⁽²⁾ EFSA Journal 2015; 13(5):4113.

*Article 2***Entry into force**

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 1 June 2017.

For the Commission

The President

Jean-Claude JUNKER

ANNEX

Identification number of the additive	Additive	Chemical formula, description, methods of analysis	Species or category of animal	Maximum age	Minimum content	Maximum content	Other provisions	End of period of authorisation
					mg of formic acid/kg of complete feedingstuff with a moisture content of 12 %			
Technological additives: hygiene condition enhancers								
1k236	Formic acid	<i>Additive composition</i> Formic acid (≥ 84,5 %) Liquid form <i>Characterisation of the active substance</i> Formic acid ≥ 84,5 % H ₂ CO ₂ CAS No: 64-18-6 <i>Analytical method</i> ⁽¹⁾ For the determination of formic acid: ion chromatography method equipped with electrical conductivity detection (IC-ECD).	All animal species	—	—	10 000	1. In the directions for use of the additive and premixture, the storage conditions shall be indicated. 2. The mixture of different sources of formic acid shall not exceed the permitted maximum content in complete feedingstuffs. 3. For users of the additive and premixtures, feed business operators shall establish operational procedures and organisational measures to address potential risks resulting from its use. Where those risks cannot be eliminated or reduced to a minimum by such procedures and measures, the additive and premixtures shall be used with personal protective equipment, including breathing protection, safety glasses and gloves.	21.6.2027

⁽¹⁾ Details of the analytical methods are available at the following address of the Reference Laboratory: <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/eurl/feed-additives/evaluation-reports>