



## **FEFANA calls for a transition period for the use of additives in water**

**The use of additives in water is a reality on the market place for several decades. This has been regulated, accepted or admitted by most of the European Member States. Furthermore, the use of additives in water has shown its value for the farming system in Europe.**

**While Regulation No 1831/2003 on additives in animal nutrition creates the possibility for feed additives to be used in water (if this condition of use is registered) and allowed a transition period for the use of additives in feedingstuffs, FEFANA considers that a transition period until 2010 should be created for this use at the European level.**

**The transition period should:**

- **be built on the existing Article 10 (as an addition to the original notification)**
- **ensure commitment of the feed additive Industry**
- **allow the continuation of use under the conditions applicable in the different Member States**

**FEFANA proposes for practical reasons that applicants and/or their representatives having notified their feed additive according to Article 10 of Regulation No 1831/2003 should be allowed a period of 3 months to complement their initial notification with the inclusion of the possibility of use of these additives in water. By complementing their notification, the applicants commit themselves to provide the relevant information to the authorities within the re-evaluation of their additives, by submitting appropriate data in their dossier before the 07.11.2010.**

### ***Background***

For some months, there has been a debate within the European political arena on the use of feed additives in water, which has led to some misunderstandings and problems on the market place. Member States and the European Commission have realised that the use of certain additives in water is a market reality and should be dealt with.

In answer to a previous request from the European Commission, FEFANA indicated that all additives could be used in water with the exception of coccidiostats and histomonostats. This position was linked to the fact that certain additives (e.g. preservative, anticaking additive) are used for the formulation of products used in water. However, only some of the additives registered are used for a specific purpose in water.

The conditions for use of additives in water have been defined in some Member States in different forms and have worked for decades for the benefit of industry and farm owners. FEFANA supported the possibility created by the Regulation No 1831/2003 to register feed additives for use in water. However, FEFANA recognises that Regulation No 1831/2003 lacks a transitional period for maintaining such use given the prevailing conditions for their use and sale in the different Member States. In order to discourage distortion of trade within the Community given that these

products continue to be widely sold, FEFANA proposes the setting up of a transitional period for such uses with the aim of encouraging companies to provide full application as per Regulation No 1831/2003 by 2010, should they wish to assure the products authorisation for use in water.

From a practical point of view, FEFANA proposes that the transitional period should be built on the notification already accepted as fulfilling the requirements set in Article 10 of Regulation No 1831/2003 and shall generally consist of complementary information provided on the basis of the initial notification supplied by the applicants before November 2004.