

Additives guidelines, compatibility of microbial additives with coccidiostats and histomonostats

Regulation 1831/2003 states in its Art. 3.4:

"4. Unless otherwise specified, the mixing of additives to be sold directly to the end-user shall be allowed, subject to compliance with the conditions for use laid down in the authorization for each single additive. Consequently, the mixing of authorized additives shall not be subject to specific authorizations other than the requirements laid down in Directive 95/69/EC."

We would like to draw attention on the proposed wording of the draft guidelines for feed additives (ref: 426 guidelines rev2 23.3.2007), Annex II section III, paragraph 3.1.3 –Biological interactions-:

"Attention should also be paid to known or potential biological interactions between the additive and veterinary medicines and/or components of the diet relevant to the species concerned (e.g. compatibilities of microbial additive with coccidiostats and histomonostats)."

This requirement seems in contradiction with the above article. It would certainly impose an additional burden on microbial feed additives, without contributing to their safety assessment. Indeed, the compatibility of a given live micro-organism with coccidiostats and histomonostats does not bear on its safety for the target animal, the environment or the consumer.

Our industry is committed to supplying our customers with information on possible incompatibilities, in order to secure optimal efficacy of the additive in the market conditions. At the same time we would like to avoid that introduction of a new coccidiostat or histomonostat on the market could hinder the use of a well-proven microbial additive already on the market.

FEFANA strongly ask for having the § 3.1.3 out from the guidelines.