

Third update of the EU catalogue of feed materials: further clarity on fermented feed products

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The third update of the EU catalogue of feed materials has been published in the [Official Journal of the EU](#)¹.

Amongst the amendments, a new provision that clarifies the status of feed materials (and compound feed containing them) manufactured by fermentation and/or which have a natural presence of microorganisms has been included (ref. §6 of PART A – General provisions). It states that the presence of live microorganisms shall not be intended for further multiplication of the microorganism(s) and shall not be linked to a function exerted by microorganism(s) according to Annex I of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 on additives in animal nutrition.

Claims on characteristics and effects of feeds and their composition as a whole are permitted as per article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 767/2009 on the placing on the market and use of feed. The new version of the EU catalogue clarifies that in the case of presence of live microorganisms, claims on fermented products and/or by-products and compound feed containing them shall not refer to the presence or content of live microorganisms (e.g. strain number or CFU count), unless the latter is authorised for the claimed function under Regulation (EC) 1831/2003. For example, fermented milk products such as yoghurts usually contain live microorganisms. They may be used in feed (e.g. as former foodstuffs) since the purpose is clearly not the multiplication of the microorganisms, but there cannot be any claim related to the presence of the live microorganisms (e.g. strain number or CFU count) or a functionality linked to their presence unless they are authorized for the claimed function under Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003. Similarly, feed products containing microorganisms and used as starter materials to produce fermented feed or to preserve forages on farm would comply with this provision only if these microorganisms or products are duly authorised for that purpose.

FEFANA and its Member companies contributed actively to this update which is the result of a constructive dialogue with feed chain partners who are members of the EU Feed Chain Task Force on the Catalogue of Feed Materials, coordinated by FEFAC, COPA-COGECA and CEFS².

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¹ Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/1017 of 15 June 2017 amending Regulation (EU) No 68/2013 on the Catalogue of feed materials: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2017/1017/oj>

² <http://www.fefac.eu/news.aspx?CategoryID=2063&EntryID=23712>