Harmonised Classification of Hazardous Substances: FEFANA listing of CLP-GHS enlarged to include Organic Acids

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FEFANA is fully committed to promote the safe use of feed additives by workers and our industry considers its responsibility towards society and its customers that products are handled properly and safely. Therefore FEFANA members have successfully developed a CLP-GHS listing of Organic Acids and their salts, which is now added to that of other categories of substances previously published by the association, such as Vitamins and Carotenoids.

In 2012 FEFANA actually started working on the consolidation of the classification for certain categories of substances based on the GHS and in alignment with the EU legislation on CLP. The GHS was adopted at international level by the United Nations and provides a system to harmonise the criteria for classification of substances and mixtures relating to physical and health hazards during handling (e.g. worker safety), environmental hazards, as well as the labelling and packaging’s rules. Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on Classification, Labelling and Packaging of substances and mixtures (the so-called "CLP Regulation") implements the general principles of the GHS within the EU.

While Annex VI of the CLP Regulation lists the existing harmonised classification and labelling of substances according to the GHS, it does not cover every substance currently defined as a feed additive. Furthermore, the EU legislator mandates manufacturers and importers of the same substance to make every effort to agree on a single classification for that substance. In order to achieve this objective and to fulfil its commitment to promote worker safety, FEFANA has made great efforts to consolidate the classification of several substances.

More information and the relevant listings are available on the FEFANA CLP-GHS dedicated webpage at: http://fefana.org/clp-ghs.html

Acronyms:
GHS: Globally Harmonised System
CLP: Classification, Labelling and Packaging

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