

NEWS: MARKET WITHDRAWAL REGULATION (EU) No 451/2012

*To: FAMI-QS Certified Companies, Certification Bodies
and Feed Chain Partners*

Brussels, 14 June 2012 --- Market withdrawal of certain 'silage additives' by Commission implementing Regulation (EU) No 451/2012 of 29 May 2012 is now applicable.

Why a Series of Market Withdrawal Regulations?

According to Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003, only additives that have been accepted after going through an authorization procedure may be placed on the market. Applications for re-evaluation of the notified products included in the Register must have been submitted by 8 November 2010. If the application for re-evaluation has not been received before this specific deadline, the provisions of Article 10 (5) of Regulation (EC) 1831/2003 will apply "*...a Regulation shall be adopted [...] requiring the additives concerned to be withdrawn from the market. ...*". Regulation (EU) No 451/2012 is the first one of a series of market withdrawal regulations to be published for various categories of additives for which no application for reauthorization was made.

Regulation (EU) No 451/2012

On 29 May 2012, the European Commission implemented this Regulation (EU) No 451/2012 regarding the market withdrawal of certain 'silage additives'. This Regulation shall enter into force on 19 June 2012. The feed additives, belonging to the functional group 'silage additives' within the category 'technological additives' ¹, specified in the Annex of Regulation (EU) No 451/2012 shall be withdrawn from the market.

As such, FAMI-QS Secretariat would like to draw your attention on two major elements:

1. These feed additives, and also if used in the production of premixtures, may continue to be placed on the market until 19 June 2013.
2. Moreover, silage produced with these additives or with premixtures above mentioned may continue to be placed on the market and used until 19 June 2014.

As far as FAMI-QS is concerned, this implies that these additives cannot be maintained under the scope of FAMI-QS certification after the set dates. Nevertheless, it does not prevent to submit applications for granting an authorization for these additives in the future. If any development occurs, FAMI-QS will keep our Partners and Operators informed.

Please check the following link to access the list:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:140:0055:0063:EN:PDF>

¹ The Regulation also includes the withdrawal of « Hexamethylene tetramine » as technological silage additive for all species with the exception of bovines, ovines, pigs, poultry, rabbits, horses, and goats (Annex Part B).

About FAMI-QS

FAMI-QS Asbl is the management and coordination center for the FAMI-QS code of practice. It is the only certifiable code specifically aimed at specialty feed ingredients and their mixtures for animal nutrition. The code addresses safety, quality and regulatory compliance in order to minimize the risk that unsafe specialty feed ingredients enter the food and feed chain. It offers independent certification for all operators placing these products on the market. Based on partnership with international certification bodies and third countries institutional partners, it includes more than 600 certified sites spread across more than 45 countries. The current FAMI-QS President is Dr. Dieter Greissing of *Evonik Industries AG*.

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