Food safety: additive in feedingstuffs and in drinking water for animal nutrition

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Hedwig KEPPELHOFF - WIECHERT (EPP-ED, Germany) on additives in animal nutrition. (Please refer to the document dated 5/11/02.) Parliament also added the following amendments: -unless otherwise specified, the mixing of additives to be sold directly to the end user will be allowed, subject to compliance with the conditions for use laid down in the authorisation for each single additive. The mixing of additives does not, therefore, require specific authorisation other than the requirements laid down in Directive 95/69/EC. -if no decision is taken on the renewal of an authorisation before its expiry date, the period of authorisation is automatically extended until the Commission takes a decision. -mixtures and premixtures containing flavourings and appetite stimulants will be exempt from the labelling requirement for each additive. This does not apply to flavouring and appetite stimulants subject to a quantitative limitation when used in feed and water. -the ten-year data protection period will be extended by one year for each new species of additives for which use extension authorisation is granted. In specific cases where urgent authorisation is needed to ensure the protection of animal welfare, the commission may, by special derogation, provisionally authorise use for a maximum of five years, with the possibility of extension subject to a satisfactory outcome of the post-market monitoring programme.