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FOR INFORMATION TO THE FEED CHAIN STAKEHOLDERS AND USERS OF ETHOXYQUIN AS FEED ADDITIVE

Status of the assessment of safety and efficacy of ethoxyquin as feed additive for all animal species

The Antioxidants Authorisation Consortia - ANTOSIAC - has submitted to the European Commission Services a significant amount of data during 2017 and 2018 for assessment by the European Safety Authority (EFSA). In our view these data packages are certainly appropriate to address the major uncertainties and concerns that were raised in the EFSA Scientific Opinion of 2015 in relation to the safety of ethoxyquin for animals and consumers of animal products.

During 2019, ANTOSIAC is performing and contracting studies for generation of the data package to enable completion of the assessment of environmental safety related to the use of ethoxyquin in feed for terrestrial and aquatic animals. The studies in marine compartment are ongoing and are expected to be submitted by end April 2019 and the environmental studies related to the use in feed for terrestrial animals shall be finalised by end 2019.

We are well aware and also concerned with the upcoming deadlines for marketing and use of ethoxyquin in certain feed materials. Although we would favor the publication of an EFSA opinion on the safety for animals and consumers at this point in time or around May-June 2019, just after submission of the marine environment studies, this decision is not under our control. Finally, it remains to be confirmed if the Commission Services will be in a position to revise the suspension regulation¹ while the environmental safety has not been finalised for all relevant compartments, even with the publication of a positive EFSA opinion on safety for the animals and consumers.

¹ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/962 of 7 June 2017 suspending the authorisation of ethoxyquin as a feed additive for all animal species and categories