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Unofficial Translation:

Kingdom of Morocco
Ministry Of Agriculture,
Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development, Water and Forests

Order of the Minister of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development, Water and Forests N°……of …… (…) regarding the registration of additives used in the manufacture of animal feed

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Visa of the General Secretariat of the government

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The Minister of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development, Water and Forests,

Having regard to Decree no. 2-23-557 of 5 kaada 1445 (14 May 2024) relating to the quality, health safety and labeling of feed for food-producing animals, in particular article 14,

Order:

Article 1: The registration of any new additive used for the manufacture of animal feed on the list provided for in Article 14 of the Decree No. 2-23-557 is made at the request of the manufacturer, importer or distributor of said additive.

The registration application is established according to the model available from the competent department of the National Office for Food Safety (ONSSA). It must be accompanied by a file consisting of an administrative part and a technical part containing the following information and documents:

a) Administrative part including:

- The product data sheet drawn up according to the model provided for this purpose by ONSSA.
- The applicant's data sheet is drawn up according to the model provided for this purpose by the ONSSA.
- For imported additives, an official document, including a copy of the positive list, showing that the additive in question is officially registered in its country of origin as a feed additive.
- Hormone-free certificate
- For additives derived from genetically modified organisms (GMOs), an official commitment from the manufacturer confirming the destruction of GMOs at the end of the manufacturing process

- The certificate attesting to the absence of products of animal origin except for the gelatin used for coating the additives
- The certificate attesting that the dioxin level does not exceed accepted international standards
- The certificate attesting that the cumulative radioactivity thresholds do not exceed the standards set by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

b) Technical part including

1) The analytical file of the additive including:

- Its identity and monograph (name, type of additive, physical condition, quantitative and qualitative composition)
- Its physicochemical and technological properties (stability, physicochemical interactions)
- Terms of employment (intended uses in animal feed, minimum and maximum levels of incorporation, contraindications, other uses)
- Its manufacturing process (manufacturing methodology)
- Its control methods for establishing the quantitative and qualitative composition, stability during the preparation and the content in premixes and foods
- Its control methods in feed
- Its methods of controlling residues in animal and animal-derived products, where applicable
- Analysis report duly dated and signed by the technical manager of the laboratory having carried out the analysis
- A sample in sufficient quantity for conformity analysis, if applicable
- Labeling conforming to the requirements in force

2) The effectiveness study file:

- Provide an efficacy study demonstrating the additive's expected effects in the target species.

3) The safety study file for the additive including:

- A study of its safety on target species
- The study of its residues in animal products and products of animal origin
- The study of its excreted residues and their effects on the environment, if any.

Article 2: The competent department of the above-mentioned ONSSA has a period of **sixty (60) days** from the date of submission of the file to study and evaluate it.
When a specific expertise must be carried out to complete the evaluation of the file, the above-mentioned deadline is suspended until this expertise is carried out, which may not exceed 9 months. In this case, the service notifies the user, by any appropriate means of communication, of the new deadline for its response.
If, upon examination of the file, it appears that the additive for which registration is requested:

- Is not intended for use by health-approved or authorized establishments or companies
- Or presents a risk to human or animal health or to the environment

- Or does not meet the requirements laid down by this decree

The service sends the interested party, by any means proving receipt, including electronically, a reasoned rejection notices and invites them to retrieve their file.

For the assessment of the elements constituting the file, the competent department mentioned above may request any additional information or document from the applicant, who then has a period not exceeding one (1) month to provide them. After this period, if the information or document has not been provided or if it is not complete, or if it does not comply with the department's request, the file is considered not to meet the requirements of this decree. The competent department of ONSSA will send a reasoned letter to the applicant for this purpose, closing the file.
The deadline provided for the filing of the additional information or documents mentioned above suspends the sixty (60) day period mentioned in the first paragraph.

Article 3: Any registration of an additive on the list referred to in Article 1 above has a validity period of ten (10) years maximum, renewable under the same conditions.

However, if the additive concerned is found to be harmful to human or animal health, it shall be immediately removed from the said list. Notification of this withdrawal shall be sent to the beneficiary of the registration.

Article 4: Premixes, complementary foods or compound foods consisting entirely of registered additives do not require prior authorization for their importation. However, the importer, manufacturer or distributor must ensure that the said products that he places on the market comply with the regulatory requirements in force.

When a product contains one or more non-registered additives, and before placing the said product on the market, the importer, manufacturer or distributor must register them in accordance with Article 1 above.

Article 5: Any importer, manufacturer or distributor of an additive, premix, complementary feed or compound feed placed on the market must immediately inform ONSSA of any change concerning the product or one of its constituents of which he is aware, regarding:

- New knowledge or information on the effects of the additive on human or animal health or on the environment
- Changes in additive composition
- Changes relating to the composition of the premix, complementary feed or compound feed
- Administrative changes or changes to other aspects, such as packaging or labelling

Article 6: Any importer, manufacturer or distributor of an additive, premix, complementary feed or compound feed must ensure the traceability of these products and keep all related documents for a minimum period of one year from the expiry or durability date of the product concerned.

It must implement a procedure for product withdrawal and recall, in accordance with the legislative and regulatory provisions in force.

Article 7: This decree will be published in the Official Bulletin.

Rabat, On…… (…….)

The Minister of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development and Water and Forests

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