

## COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2021/422

of 9 March 2021

**concerning the authorisation of a preparation of *Enterococcus faecium* DSM 7134 as a feed additive for laying hens (holder of authorisation: Lactosan GmbH & Co KG)**

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2003 on additives for use in animal nutrition <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 9(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 provides for the authorisation of additives for use in animal nutrition and for the grounds and procedures for granting such authorisation.
- (2) In accordance with Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 an application was submitted for the authorisation of a preparation of *Enterococcus faecium* DSM 7134. That application was accompanied by the particulars and documents required under Article 7(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003.
- (3) The application concerns the authorisation of the preparation of *Enterococcus faecium* DSM 7134 as a feed additive for laying hens, to be classified in the category 'zootechnical additives'.
- (4) The European Food Safety Authority ('the Authority') concluded in its opinion of 30 September 2020 <sup>(2)</sup> that, under the proposed conditions of use, the preparation of *Enterococcus faecium* DSM 7134 does not have an adverse effect on animal health, consumer safety or the environment. It also concluded that this preparation is not a dermal or ocular irritant but a potential dermal and respiratory sensitiser. Therefore, the Commission considers that appropriate protective measures should be taken to prevent adverse effects on human health, in particular as regards the users of the additive. The Authority also concluded that the preparation has the potential to be efficacious as zootechnical additive in feedingstuffs. The Authority does not consider that there is a need for specific requirements of post-market monitoring. It also verified the report on the methods of analysis of the feed additive in feed submitted by the Reference Laboratory set up by Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003.
- (5) The assessment of the preparation of *Enterococcus faecium* DSM 7134 shows that the conditions for authorisation, as provided for in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003, are satisfied. Accordingly, the use of the product should be authorised as specified in the Annex to this Regulation.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

## Article 1

The preparation specified in the Annex, belonging to the additive category 'zootechnical additives' and to the functional group 'gut flora stabilisers', is authorised as an additive in animal nutrition, subject to the conditions laid down in that Annex.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 268, 18.10.2003, p. 29.

<sup>(2)</sup> EFSA Journal 2020;18(11):6277.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 9 March 2021.

*For the Commission*  
*The President*  
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

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## ANNEX

Identification number of the additive	Name of the holder of authorisation	Additive	Composition, chemical formula, description, analytical method	Species or category of animal	Maximum age	Minimum content	Maximum content	Minimum content	Maximum content	Other provisions	End of period of authorisation
						CFU/kg of complete feedingstuff with a moisture content of 12 %		CFU/l of water for drinking			

**Category of zootechnical additives. Functional group: gut flora stabilisers**

4b1840	Lactosan GmbH & Co.KG.	<i>Enterococcus faecium</i> DSM 7134	<i>Additive composition</i> Preparation of <i>Enterococcus faecium</i> DSM 7134 containing a minimum of: Powder: $1 \times 10^{10}$ CFU/g of additive Granules (microencapsulated): $1 \times 10^{10}$ CFU/g of additive	Laying hens	-	$1 \times 10^9$	-	$5 \times 10^8$	-	1. In the directions for use of the additive and premixtures, the storage conditions and stability to heat treatment shall be indicated. 2. For use of the additive in water for drinking the homogenous dispersion of the additive shall be ensured. 3. For users of the additive and premixtures, feed business operators shall establish operational procedures and organisational measures to address potential risks resulting from its use. Where those risks cannot be eliminated or reduced to a minimum by such procedures and measures, the additive and premixtures shall be used with personal protective equipment, including breathing protection, glasses and gloves.	30.3.2031
			<i>Characterisation of the active substance</i> Viable cells of <i>Enterococcus faecium</i> DSM 7134								
			<i>Analytical method</i> <sup>(1)</sup> For enumeration: Spread plate method using bile esculin azid agar (EN 15788).  For identification: Pulsed Field Gel Electrophoresis (PFGE).								

<sup>(1)</sup> Details of the analytical methods are available at the following address of the Reference Laboratory: <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/eurl/feed-additives/evaluation-reports>