FSA/FSS opinions on twelve applications for feed additives: Summary

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Document subject and purpose

In this document we publish the Food Standards Agency (FSA)/ Food Standards Scotland (FSS) opinions on twelve applications for feed additives for use in animal feed. These opinions take into account the safety assessments for each application, as well as potential impacts that would result from the authorisation of these feed additives, and other legitimate factors that Ministers may want to consider before making a decision regarding authorisation.

Our safety assessment process

Our risk assessors deliver the science behind our advice. They are responsible for identifying and characterising hazards and risks to health and assessing levels of exposure. Where the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) had commenced an assessment of an application prior to the end of the transition period for the UK exiting the EU (applications in Annexes A to L), the FSA/FSS safety assessors will take the EFSA opinion into account as part of its safety assessment, where it has been published by EFSA. For applications in this consultation, the FSA/FSS have had access to all supporting documentation that was provided to EFSA for the purposes of forming its opinion as this information was provided to the FSA/FSS by the applicant. After safety assessment, the FSA/FSS have agreed with EFSA conclusions in its opinions.

Application for Annex M, RP1059 3-nitrooxypropanol (3-NOP) (Bovaer® 10), has undergone a full FSA/FSS safety assessment, including full review of the applicant dossier for ruminants (animals that chew the cud) for milk production and for reproduction. The views of the Animal Feed and Feed Additives Joint Expert Group (AFFAJEG) and the Advisory Committee on Animal Feedingstuffs (ACAF) have been taken into account in the FSA/FSS safety assessment for this application.

The opinions will be considered by Ministers to inform decision-making on whether to authorise the individual feed additives for use in England, Scotland and Wales. The opinions are being published in parallel with FSS.

The FSA/FSS opinion for each feed additive is published within a separate annex, including the regulated product ID number and title of the application. A link to the individual safety assessments is provided in each annex.