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Follow-up on Regulations – May 2017

What do you do on Mondays? Every first working day of the week, we at OVOCOM upload an [overview](#) of the most relevant legal texts published the week before. That way, FCA companies, certification bodies and registered consultants may quickly and easily consult the latest news in terms of European, Belgian and French Legislation (Animal Feed Sector).

Additionally, on a monthly basis, we take a step back to dive into one or more recently published legislative texts.

Several texts which cover very different topics have been published during the month of May. Our 'selection of the month' concerns an amino acid, a new definition of fish meal and fish oil and, finally, MRLs for 'medicines in animal feed'.

Tryptophan

[Implementing regulation \(EU\) 2017/873](#) provides the authorization for L-tryptophan produced by *Escherichia coli* as a feed additive for all animal species (nutritional additives – amino acids, their salts and analogues).

This authorization fits in the 'renewal' process of the 'old' authorizations because in 1988, L-tryptophan was authorized without a time limit (Directive 88/485/EEC).

The concerned additive can be produced by several strains of *E. coli*.

Please note that it will be mandatory to mention the moisture content on the label.

The placing on the market in the form of a preparation is authorised. Finally, we would like to clarify that, for ruminants, L-tryptophan shall be rumen protected.

The regulation provides transitional measures for the additive authorized by Directive 88/485/CEE (and for feed containing this additive).

Fishmeal and fish oil



We have consecrated our [follow-up on regulations of January 2017](#) (newsletter number 14/2017) to the publication of [regulation \(EU\) 2017/110](#).

This regulation intended the use of a certain species of starfish, in a very clear framework in fishmeal.

Only, the definition of 'fishmeal' was limited to fish, molluscs and crustaceans as 'raw material'.

There was no question of using invertebrates such as these starfish or the annelid worm *Alitta virens* (or *Nereis virens*) (alternative protein source in the diet carnivorous aquaculture fish) allowing the reduction of feed cost and of the dependence on fishmeal.

Since the production processes of fishmeal and fish oil are closely related, it was also necessary to change the definition of fish oil. In the meantime, this has been done by publishing [regulation \(EU\) 2017/786](#). These modified definitions have become effective as from 28/05/2017.

MRLs for 'veterinary medicinal products'

[Regulation \(EU\) 2017/880](#) concerns food of animal origin. It establishes principles and minimum criteria for the use of MRLs for a pharmacologically active substance in a particular foodstuff destined for another foodstuff, both of which were derived from the same species, and for the use of MRLs for a pharmacologically active substance in one or more species destined for other species ("extrapolation").

Despite the fact that it does not immediately concern the animal feed sector, this document can be interesting for 2 reasons :

- it accepts the extrapolation of an MRL for a particular foodstuff to another foodstuff, sometimes of another species
- in the future, the document will undoubtedly allow us to have a better interpretation of MRLs already encountered on the level of other products of animal origin. This can be interesting for certain raw materials used in our sector.

As an example, a certain MRL for the salmon could be extrapolated at the level of all fishes. Similarly, it will be possible to extrapolate an existing MRL for bovine milk to milk from any type of ruminant.

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