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Thank you for your question of 22 March (our reference: Ares(2019)2049708) concerning feed additives which could be used in organic production when listed in Annex VI of Commission Regulation (EC) No 889/2008<sup>1</sup>. You are asking if the suppliers of such additives need to issue a declaration stating that their additives can be used in organic production.

In accordance, with Article 14(1)(d)(iv) of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007<sup>2</sup>, “*non-organic feed materials from plant origin, feed materials from animal and mineral origin, feed additives, certain products used in animal nutrition and processing aids shall be used only if they have been authorised for use in organic production*”. In addition, Article 22(g) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 states that feed additives may be used in the processing of organic feed and feeding of organic animals if listed in Annex VI.

There is no provision under the current organic rules requiring suppliers of feed additives listed in Annex VI to issue a specific declaration stating that their products can be used in organic production. Hence, the suppliers of feed additives listed in the Annex VI of Commission Regulation (EC) No 889/2008, do not need to issue any declaration.

However, I would recall Article 60 of Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 concerning indications on processed feed, and in particular its paragraph 2 which provides for the following: “*Subject to the requirements laid down in points (a) and (b) of paragraph 1, the following statement **is permitted** in the case of products comprising variable quantities of feed materials from the organic production method and/or feed materials from products in conversion to organic farming and/or products as referred to in Article 22 of this Regulation: ‘may be used in organic production in accordance with Regulations (EC) No 834/2007 and (EC) No 889/2008’.*”

<sup>1</sup> Commission Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 of 5 September 2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products with regard to organic production, labelling and control (OJ L 250, 18.9.2008, p. 1–84).

<sup>2</sup> Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 of 28 June 2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 (OJ L 189, 20.07.2007, p. 1-23).

The present opinion is provided on the basis of the facts as set out in your email of 22 March on the understanding that in the event of a dispute involving Union law, it is, under the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union, ultimately for the Court of Justice of the European Union to provide a definitive interpretation of the applicable Union law.

Yours faithfully,



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