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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2026/178

of 23 January 2026

concerning the authorisation of eucalyptus tincture from *Eucalyptus globulus* Labill. as a feed additive for certain animal species

(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 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 9(2) and Article 10(5) 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. Article 10(2) of that Regulation provides for the re-evaluation of additives authorised pursuant to Council Directive 70/524/EEC ⁽²⁾.
- (2) The substance eucalyptus tincture from *Eucalyptus globulus* Labill. was authorised without a time limit in accordance with Directive 70/524/EEC as a feed additive for all animal species. This substance was subsequently entered in the Register of Feed Additives as existing product, in accordance with Article 10(1), point (b), of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003.
- (3) In accordance with Article 10(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 in conjunction with Article 7 thereof, an application was submitted for the authorisation of eucalyptus tincture from *Eucalyptus globulus* Labill. as a feed additive for all animal species, requesting the additive to be classified in the additive category 'sensory additives' and in the functional group 'flavouring compounds'. The application was accompanied by the particulars and documents required under Article 7(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003.
- (4) The applicant requested the additive to be authorised for use also in water for drinking. However, Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 does not allow the authorisation of 'flavouring compounds' for use in water for drinking. Therefore, the use of this additive in water for drinking should not be allowed.
- (5) The European Food Safety Authority ('the Authority') concluded in its opinion of 18 April 2024 ⁽³⁾ that eucalyptus tincture from *Eucalyptus globulus* Labill. is of no concern for short-living animals (animal intended for fattening) up to certain maximum concentrations further specified for each species. It stated that no conclusions could be drawn for long-living animals and reproductive animals in the absence of analytical data on the occurrence of mono- or diformylated adducts of acylphloroglucinols with terpenes in the tincture and in the absence of toxicity data. Furthermore, it concluded that eucalyptus tincture from *Eucalyptus globulus* Labill., when used up to the specified maximum concentrations for each species, is not expected to pose a safety concern for consumers or a risk to the environment. The Authority concluded that eucalyptus tincture from *Eucalyptus globulus* Labill. should be considered as irritant to skin and eyes, and as a dermal and respiratory sensitiser. The Authority further concluded that since the leaves from *Eucalyptus globulus* Labill. and their preparations are recognised to flavour food and their function in feed would be essentially the same as that in food, no further demonstration of efficacy is considered necessary. It also verified the report on the method of analysis of the feed additives in feed submitted by the Reference Laboratory set up by Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 268, 18.10.2003, p. 29, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2003/1831/oj>.

⁽²⁾ Council Directive 70/524/EEC of 23 November 1970 concerning additives in feedingstuffs (OJ L 270, 14.12.1970, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/1970/524/oj>).

⁽³⁾ EFSA Journal, 22(5), e8801. <https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2024.8801>.

- (6) Subsequently, the applicant withdrew the application for authorisation of eucalyptus tincture from *Eucalyptus globulus* Labill. for all animal species and categories except turkeys for fattening, chickens for fattening and minor poultry for fattening, pigs for fattening, pigs for fattening of minor *Suidae*, calves for fattening, sheep and goats for fattening, cattle for fattening and other ruminants for fattening, *Camelidae* for fattening, rabbits for fattening, salmonids (other than brood stock) and minor finfish (other than brood stock).
- (7) In view of the above, the Commission considers that eucalyptus tincture from *Eucalyptus globulus* Labill. satisfies the conditions provided for in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 as regards turkeys for fattening, chickens for fattening and minor poultry for fattening, pigs for fattening, pigs for fattening of minor *Suidae*, calves for fattening, sheep and goats for fattening, cattle for fattening and other ruminants for fattening, *Camelidae* for fattening, rabbits for fattening, salmonids (except brood stock) and minor finfish (except brood stock). Accordingly, the use of that additive should be authorised as specified in the Annex to this Regulation.
- (8) The Commission considers that the presence of a substance of concern, methyleugenol, requires the setting of a maximum content for the additive in complete feed and that a mixture of eucalyptus tincture from *Eucalyptus globulus* Labill. with other botanical additives is permitted provided that the levels of methyleugenol in feed materials and compound feed remain below those that would result from the use of a single additive at the maximum or recommended content for the relevant species or animal category. In addition, the Commission considers that appropriate protective measures should be taken to prevent adverse effects on the health of the users of the additive.
- (9) According to Article 10(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003, the Commission is to adopt a Regulation requiring the withdrawal from the market of feed additives for which no applications were submitted before the deadline provided for in Article 10(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003. Similarly, a Regulation should be adopted concerning feed additives for which an application was submitted but subsequently withdrawn.
- (10) In the case of feed additives for which an application has been withdrawn for certain animal species or categories, the withdrawal from the market should only concern those animal species or categories.
- (11) Therefore, eucalyptus tincture from *Eucalyptus globulus* Labill. should be withdrawn from the market as regards the animal species and categories which are not the subject of the authorisation granted by this Regulation.
- (12) Since safety reasons do not require the immediate application of the modifications to the conditions of authorisation of the substance concerned, it is appropriate to provide for a transitional period for interested parties to prepare themselves to meet the new requirements resulting from the authorisation.
- (13) In addition, in so far as the feed additive is withdrawn from the market, it is also appropriate to allow for a transitional period within which existing stocks of the additive concerned, and of premixtures, feed materials and compound feed which have been produced with that additive, may be used up also in respect of the animal species and categories of animals which are not covered by the authorisation granted by this Regulation, in order to allow interested parties to adapt to the obligation to withdraw those products from the market.
- (14) 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

Authorisation

The substance specified in the Annex, belonging to the additive category 'sensory additives' and to the functional group 'flavouring compounds', is authorised as additive in animal nutrition, subject to the conditions laid down in that Annex.

Article 2

Withdrawal from the market

The feed additive eucalyptus tincture from *Eucalyptus globulus* Labill., as authorised pursuant to Directive 70/524/EEC, shall be withdrawn from the market in respect of the animal species and categories other than those mentioned in the Annex.

Article 3

Transitional measures related to the authorisation

1. The feed additive eucalyptus tincture from *Eucalyptus globulus* Labill., as authorised pursuant to Directive 70/524/EEC and premixtures containing that additive, which are intended for turkeys for fattening, chickens for fattening and minor poultry for fattening, pigs for fattening, pigs for fattening of minor *Suidae*, calves for fattening, sheep and goats for fattening, cattle for fattening and other ruminants for fattening, *Camelidae* for fattening, rabbits for fattening, salmonids (except brood stock) and minor finfish (except brood stock), and which are produced and labelled before 15 August 2026 in accordance with the rules applicable before 15 February 2026 may continue to be placed on the market and used until the stocks concerned are exhausted.
2. Compound feed and feed materials containing the feed additive referred to in paragraph 1, which are intended for turkeys for fattening, chickens for fattening and minor poultry for fattening, pigs for fattening, pigs for fattening of minor *Suidae*, calves for fattening, sheep and goats for fattening, cattle for fattening and other ruminants for fattening, *Camelidae* for fattening, rabbits for fattening, salmonids (except brood stock) and minor finfish (except brood stock), and which are produced and labelled before 15 February 2027 in accordance with the rules applicable before 15 February 2026 may continue to be placed on the market and used until the stocks concerned are exhausted.

Article 4

Transitional measures related to the withdrawal from the market

1. Existing stocks of the feed additive eucalyptus tincture from *Eucalyptus globulus* Labill. may continue to be placed on the market and used in respect of the animal species and categories other than those mentioned in the Annex until 15 February 2027.
2. Premixtures produced with the feed additive referred to in paragraph 1 may continue to be placed on the market and used in respect of the animal species and categories other than those mentioned in the Annex until 15 May 2027.
3. Compound feed and feed materials produced with the feed additive referred to in paragraph 1 or with the premixtures referred to in paragraph 2 may continue to be placed on the market and used in respect of the animal species and categories other than those mentioned in the Annex until 15 February 2028.

*Article 5***Entry into force**

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, 23 January 2026.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

ANNEX

Identification number of the feed additive	Name of the additive	Composition, chemical formula, description, analytical method	Species or category of animal	Maximum age	Minimum content	Maximum content	Other provisions	End of period of authorisation
					mg of additive/kg of complete feed with a moisture content of 12 %			
Category: Sensory additives. Functional group: Flavouring compounds								
2b185-t	Eucalyptus tincture	<i>Additive composition</i> Tincture from the leaves of <i>Eucalyptus globulus</i> Labill. Liquid form <i>Characterisation of active substance</i> Eucalyptus tincture: Tincture, as defined by the Council of Europe ⁽¹⁾ , obtained from the dried leaves of <i>Eucalyptus globulus</i> Labill. by extraction with a water/ethanol solvent mixture, pressing and filtration. CoE number: 185 Specifications: Dry matter content: 1,77 – 1,98 % Total phenolic compounds ⁽²⁾ : ≤ 0,491 % Gallic acid: ≤ 0,303 % Ellagic acid: ≤ 0,018 % Flavonoids ⁽³⁾ : ≤ 0,032 % 1,8-Cineole (eucalyptol): ≤ 0,0036 % Methyleugenol: ≤ 0,00012 % <i>Analytical method</i> ⁽⁴⁾ For the characterisation of the feed additive: — spectrophotometry for the determination of total polyphenols and total flavonoids	Turkeys for fattening	-	-	5	1. The additive shall be incorporated into the feed in the form of a premixture.	15 February 2036
			Chickens for fattening and minor poultry for fattening	-	-	4		
			Pigs for fattening	-	-	7	2. In the directions for use of the additive and premixtures, the storage conditions and stability to heat treatment shall be indicated.	
			Pigs for fattening of minor <i>Suidae</i>	-	-	6		
			Calves for fattening	6 months	-	16	3. Mixture of eucalyptus tincture with other botanical additives is permitted provided that the levels of methyleugenol in feed materials and compound feed are lower than the ones resulting from the use of a single additive at the maximum or recommended level for the relevant species or animal category.	
			Sheep and goats for fattening	-	-	14		
			Cattle for fattening; other ruminants for fattening except sheep, goats and calves for fattening up to 6 months; <i>Camelidae</i> for fattening	-	-	14		

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					mg of additive/kg of complete feed with a moisture content of 12 %			
		— gas chromatography coupled with flame ionisation detection (GC-FID) for the determination of 1,8-cineole (phytochemical marker) — high performance thin-layer chromatography (HPTLC) for the determination of gallic acid (phytochemical marker)	Rabbits for fattening Salmonids and minor finfish except brood stock	- -	- -	6 15	4. For users of the additive and premixtures, feed business operators shall establish operational procedures and organisational measures to address potential risks resulting from their use. Where those risks cannot be eliminated by such procedures and measures, the additive and premixtures shall be used with personal skin, eye and breathing protective equipment.	

⁽¹⁾ Natural sources of flavourings – Report No 2 (2007).

⁽²⁾ Expressed as gallic acid equivalents (GAE).

⁽³⁾ Expressed as quercetin equivalents.

⁽⁴⁾ Details of the analytical methods are available at the following address of the Reference Laboratory: https://joint-research-centre.ec.europa.eu/eurl-fa-eurl-feed-additives/eurl-fa-authorisation/eurl-fa-evaluation-reports_en.