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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2026/2113

of 23 September 2026

concerning the authorisation of rosemary essential oil from *Salvia rosmarinus* Spenn. as a feed additive for all 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) 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 an 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 rosemary essential oil from *Salvia rosmarinus* Spenn., previously identified as *Rosmarinus officinalis* L., 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 an 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 rosemary essential oil from *Salvia rosmarinus* Spenn. 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 also for use 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 16 September 2025 ⁽³⁾ that rosemary essential oil from *Salvia rosmarinus* Spenn. is considered of no safety concern for target short-living animals and very unlikely to induce adverse effects for target long-living and reproductive animals and any other animal species at certain maximum concentrations further specified in that opinion for each species. Furthermore, it concluded that no safety concern would be expected for consumers of animal products from the use of rosemary essential oil from *Salvia rosmarinus* Spenn., under the proposed conditions of use, and that its use, under the proposed conditions of use, is not expected to pose a risk to the environment. The Authority concluded that rosemary essential oil from *Salvia rosmarinus* Spenn. should be considered as irritant to skin and eyes and as skin and respiratory sensitiser. It also stated that unprotected users may be exposed to methyleugenol and estragole when handling rosemary essential oil from *Salvia rosmarinus* Spenn.. The Authority further concluded that since rosemary and its 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 additive 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, 23(10), e9685. <https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2025.9685>.

- (6) In view of the above, the Commission considers that rosemary essential oil from *Salvia rosmarinus* Spenn. satisfies the conditions provided for in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003. Accordingly, the use of that substance should be authorised as specified in the Annex to this Regulation. The Commission considers that the presence of estragole and methyleugenol, substances of concern belonging to the group of *p*-allylalkoxybenzenes, in rosemary essential oil from *Salvia rosmarinus* Spenn. requires the setting of maximum content for this feed additive in complete feed. It also considers that a simultaneous use of rosemary essential oil from *Salvia rosmarinus* Spenn. with other feed additives is permitted provided that the combined content of *p*-allylalkoxybenzenes (methyleugenol, estragole, elemicin, safrole, myristicin, dillapiole, and apiole) in feed materials and compound feed remains below the content that would result from using the authorised feed additive with the highest content of those substances at its maximum or recommended maximum content for the relevant animal species or 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.
- (7) 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.
- (8) 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 an additive in animal nutrition, subject to the conditions laid down in that Annex.

Article 2

Transitional measures

1. The feed additive rosemary essential oil from *Salvia rosmarinus* Spenn., as authorised pursuant to Directive 70/524/EEC and premixtures containing this additive, which are produced and labelled before 14 April 2027 in accordance with the rules applicable before 14 October 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 produced and labelled before 14 October 2027 in accordance with the rules applicable before 14 October 2026 may continue to be placed on the market and used until the stocks concerned are exhausted, if they are intended for food-producing animals.
3. Compound feed and feed materials containing the feed additive referred to in paragraph 1, which are produced and labelled before 14 October 2028 in accordance with the rules applicable before 14 October 2026 may continue to be placed on the market and used until the stocks concerned are exhausted, if they are intended for non-food producing animals.

*Article 3***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 September 2026.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

Identification number of the 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 active substance/kg of complete feed with a moisture content of 12 %			

Category: Sensory additives. Functional group: Flavouring compounds

2b406-eo	Rosemary essential oil	<i>Additive composition</i> Essential oil from the aerial parts of <i>Salvia rosmarinus</i> Spenn. (homotypic syn. <i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i> L.) Liquid form <i>Characterisation of the active substance</i> Rosemary essential oil: Essential oil, as defined by the Council of Europe (¹), obtained from the fresh or dried flowering aerial parts of <i>Salvia rosmarinus</i> Spenn. by steam distillation and further condensation of volatile constituents and separation from the aqueous phase by decantation. EC numbers: 942-976-9 / 616-767-5 / 283-291-9 (²) CAS numbers: 8000-25-7 (²) FEMA number: 2992 CoE number: 406 <i>Specifications:</i> — 1,8-Cineole (eucalyptol): 14-62 % — Camphor: 5-24 % — α-Pinene: 7-26 % — Camphene: < 15 % — β-Pinene: 1-12 % — Methyleugenol: $\leq 0,039$ % — Estragole: $\leq 0,027$ %	Turkeys for fattening	-	-	20,8	- The additive shall be incorporated into the feed in the form of a premixture. - In the directions for use of the additive and premixtures, the storage conditions and the stability to heat treatment shall be indicated. - Simultaneous use of rosemary essential oil with other feed additives is permitted provided that the combined content of p-allylalkoxybenzenes (methyleugenol, estragole, elemicin, safrole, myristicin, dillapiole, and apiol) in feed materials and compound feed remains below the content that would result from using the authorised feed additive with the highest content of those substances at its maximum or recommended maximum content for the relevant animal species or category.	14.10.2036
			Chickens for fattening and minor poultry for fattening	-	-	18,0		
			All poultry reared for laying or breeding	-	-	20,8		
			Ornamental birds	-	-	20,8		
			All poultry for laying or breeding	-	-	20,8		
			Pigs for fattening	-	-	20,8		
			Pigs for fattening of minor <i>Suidae</i>	-	-	20,8		
			Piglets (suckling and weaned) of all <i>Suidae</i>	-	-	20,8		

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					mg active substance/kg of complete feed with a moisture content of 12 %			
		<i>Analytical method</i> ⁽³⁾ For the determination of 1,8-cineole and camphor (phytochemical markers) in the feed additive: — Gas chromatography coupled with flame ionisation detection (GC-FID) (ISO 1342)	All <i>Suidae</i> for reproduction	-	-	20,8	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.	
			Calves for fattening	6 months	-	20,8		
			Sheep and goats	-	-	20,8		
			Cattle for fattening; other ruminants for fattening except sheep, goats and calves for fattening up to 6 months old; <i>Camelidae</i> for fattening	-	-	20,8		
			All other ruminants; all other <i>Camelidae</i>	-	-	20,8		
			<i>Equidae</i>	-	-	20,8		
			<i>Leporidae</i>	-	-	20,8		
			Salmonids and minor fin fish	-	-	20,8		

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					mg active substance/kg of complete feed with a moisture content of 12 %			
			Dogs	-	-	20,8		
			Cats	-	-	14,1		
			Ornamental fish	-	-	20,8		
			Other species and categories	-	-	14,1		

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

⁽²⁾ Here it only refers to the essential oil from the aerial parts of *Salvia rosmarinus* Spenn.

⁽³⁾ 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.