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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2026/2120

of 24 September 2026

concerning the authorisation of lavender tincture from *Lavandula angustifolia* Mill. as a feed additive for all animal species and the withdrawal of lavender tincture from *Lavandula angustifolia* × *L. latifolia* 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) 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 substances lavender tincture from *Lavandula angustifolia* Mill. and lavender tincture from *Lavandula angustifolia* × *L. latifolia* were authorised without a time limit in accordance with Directive 70/524/EEC as feed additives for all animal species. These substances were subsequently entered in the Register of Feed Additives as existing products, 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 lavender tincture from *Lavandula angustifolia* Mill. and of lavender tincture from *Lavandula angustifolia* × *L. latifolia* as feed additives for all animal species, requesting the additives 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 substances concerned 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 these additives in water for drinking should not be allowed.
- (5) The European Food Safety Authority ('the Authority') concluded in its opinion of 25 June 2025 ⁽³⁾ that lavender tincture from *Lavandula angustifolia* Mill. is of no safety concern for the target species for fattening and that it is very unlikely to induce adverse effects for any other species and for long-living and reproductive animals, at certain maximum concentrations further specified in that opinion for each species. Furthermore, it concluded that no safety concern for consumers nor a risk to the environment would be expected from the use of lavender tincture from *Lavandula angustifolia* Mill. up to the specified maximum concentrations for each species. The Authority concluded that lavender tincture from *Lavandula angustifolia* Mill. should be considered as irritant to skin and eyes, and as a dermal and respiratory sensitiser. The Authority indicated that unprotected users might be exposed to methyleugenol when handling the additive and that therefore, in order to reduce the risk, the exposure of the users to the substance should be minimised. It further concluded that since the flowers of *Lavandula angustifolia* Mill. 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. The Authority 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. In addition, the Authority stated that the applicant submitted no data for any tincture from *Lavandula angustifolia* × *L. latifolia*.

⁽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 2025, 23(7), e9550. <https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2025.9550>.

- (6) Subsequently, the applicant withdrew the application for authorisation of lavender tincture from *Lavandula angustifolia* × *L. latifolia* for all animal species.
- (7) In view of the above, the Commission considers that lavender tincture from *Lavandula angustifolia* Mill. satisfies the conditions provided for in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003. 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 methyleugenol, a substance of concern belonging to *p*-allylalkoxybenzenes group, in lavender tincture from *Lavandula angustifolia* Mill., requires the setting of a maximum content for this feed additive in complete feed. It also considers that the simultaneous use of lavender tincture from *Lavandula angustifolia* Mill. 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.
- (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) Therefore, lavender tincture from *Lavandula angustifolia* × *L. latifolia* should be withdrawn from the market for all animal species.
- (11) Since safety reasons do not require the immediate application of the modifications to the conditions of authorisation of lavender tincture from *Lavandula angustifolia* Mill., it is appropriate to provide for a transitional period for interested parties to prepare themselves to meet the new requirements resulting from the authorisation.
- (12) In addition, in so far as lavender tincture from *Lavandula angustifolia* × *L. latifolia* 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, in order to allow interested parties to adapt to the obligation to withdraw those products from the market.
- (13) 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

Withdrawal from the market

The feed additive lavender tincture from *Lavandula angustifolia* × *L. latifolia*, as authorised pursuant to Directive 70/524/EEC, shall be withdrawn from the market for all animal species.

*Article 3***Transitional measures related to the authorisation**

1. The feed additive lavender tincture from *Lavandula angustifolia* Mill., as authorised pursuant to Directive 70/524/EEC and premixtures containing that additive, which are produced and labelled before 15 April 2027 in accordance with the rules applicable before 15 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 15 October 2027 in accordance with the rules applicable before 15 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 15 October 2028 in accordance with the rules applicable before 15 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 4***Transitional measures related to the withdrawal from the market**

1. Existing stocks of the feed additive lavender tincture from *Lavandula angustifolia* × *L. latifolia* may continue to be placed on the market and used until 15 October 2027.
2. Premixtures produced with the feed additive referred to in paragraph 1 may continue to be placed on the market and used until 15 January 2028.
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 until 15 October 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, 24 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 of additive/kg of complete feed with a moisture content of 12 %			

Category: Sensory additives. Functional group: Flavouring compounds

2b257-t	Lavender tincture	<i>Additive composition</i>	Turkeys for fattening	-	-	81	- 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 stability to heat treatment shall be indicated. - Simultaneous use of lavender tincture with other feed additives is permitted provided that the combined content of <i>p</i>-allylalkoxybenzenes (methyleugenol, estragole, elemicin, safrole, myristicin, dillapiol, 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.	15.10.2036
		Tincture from dried flowers of <i>Lavandula angustifolia</i> Mill.	Chickens for fattening and minor poultry for fattening	-	-	60		
		Liquid form	All poultry reared for laying or breeding	-	-	89		
		<i>Characterisation of active substance</i>	Ornamental birds	-	-	89		
		Lavender tincture:	All poultry for laying and breeding	-	-	89		
		Tincture, as defined by the Council of Europe (CoE) ⁽¹⁾ , obtained from the dried flowers of <i>Lavandula angustifolia</i> Mill. by extended extraction with a water-ethanol solvent mixture, pressing and filtration.	Pigs for fattening	-	-	129		
		EC number: 289-995-2 CAS number: 90063-37-9 CoE number: 257	Pigs for fattening of minor <i>Suidae</i>	-	-	129		
		Specifications:	Piglets (suckling and weaned) of all <i>Suidae</i>	-	-	108		
		— Dry matter: 1,62 %-1,76 % — Total polyphenols ⁽²⁾: ≤ 0,222 % — Flavonoids ⁽³⁾: ≤ 0,0279 % — Linalool: ≤ 0,0170 % — Linalyl acetate: ≤ 0,0035 % — 1,8-Cineole (eucalyptol): ≤ 0,0133 % — Camphor: ≤ 0,0190 % — Rosmarinic acid: ≤ 0,0058 % — Methyleugenol: ≤ 0,0008 % — Thujones: ≤ 0,00001 %	All <i>Suidae</i> for reproduction	-	-	157		

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					mg of additive/kg of complete feed with a moisture content of 12 %			
		<i>Analytical method</i> (*) For the characterisation of the feed additive: — Spectrophotometry for the determination of total polyphenols and total flavonoids; — Gas chromatography coupled with flame ionisation detection (GC-FID) for the determination of linalool, linalyl acetate, 1,8-cineole and camphor; — High performance liquid chromatography with spectrophotometric (UV) detection for the determination of rosmarinic acid.	Calves for fattening	6 months	-	269	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.	
			Sheep and goats	-	-	237		
			Cattle for fattening; other ruminants for fattening except sheep, goats and calves for fattening up to 6 months old; <i>Camelidae</i> for fattening	-	-	237		
			All other ruminants; all other <i>Camelidae</i>	-	-	154		
			<i>Equidae</i>	-	-	237		
			<i>Leporidae</i>	-	-	95		
			Salmonids and minor fin fish	-	-	270		
			Dogs	-	-	284		
			Cats	-	-	237		

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					mg of additive/kg of complete feed with a moisture content of 12 %			
			Ornamental fish	-	-	500		
			Other species and categories	-	-	60		

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

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

⁽³⁾ Expressed as hyperoside 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.