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REGULATORY DIRECTIVE ON THE USE OF ETHOXYQUIN IN FEED FOR FOOD-PRODUCING ANIMALS

1.0. Purpose:

- 1.1. Regulatory Directive on the use of Ethoxyquin in feed of food-producing animals stipulates that feed for food-producing animals shall not contain ethoxyquin.
- 1.2. Ethoxyquin is widely used in animal feed as an antioxidant to protect it against lipid peroxidation (rancidity). It cannot be used in any food for human consumption, but it can pass from animal feed to animal products (fish, poultry meat, eggs), hence human beings can be exposed to the antioxidant.

2.0. Scope:

2.1. This is a Regulatory Directive to manufacturers of animal feed, on the use of Ethoxyquin as an antioxidant in animal feeds for food-producing animals.

3.0. Directive Details:

- **3.1.** The use of ethoxyquin in animal feed intended for food-producing animals is banned.
- **3.2.** Ethoxyquin has high antioxidant capacity and low production costs, and it is one of the best known feed antioxidants for domestic animals and fish. However, it is indicted in a wide range of health-related problems in some animals and in humans and as a possible cause of cancer.

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