COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 954/1999

of 5 May 1999

amending Annex III to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 laying down a Community procedure for the establishment of maximum residue limits of veterinary medicinal products in foodstuffs of animal origin

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 of 26 June 1990 laying down a Community procedure for the establishment of maximum residue limits of veterinary medicinal products in foodstuffs of animal origin [1], as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 953/1999 [2], and in particular Articles 7 and 8 thereof,

(1) Whereas, in accordance with Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90, maximum residue limits must be established progressively for all pharmacologically active substances which are used within the Community in veterinary medicinal products intended for administration to food-producing animals;

(2) Whereas maximum residue limits should be established only after the examination within the Committee for Veterinary Medicinal Products of all the relevant information concerning the safety of residues of the substance concerned for the consumer of foodstuffs of animal origin and the impact of residues on the industrial processing of foodstuffs;

(3) Whereas, in establishing maximum residue limits for residues of veterinary medicinal products in foodstuffs of animal origin, it is necessary to specify the animal species in which residues may be present, the levels which may be present in each of the relevant meat tissues obtained from the treated animal (target tissue) and the nature of the residue which is relevant for the monitoring of residues (marker residue);

(4) Whereas, for the control of residues, as provided for in appropriate Community legislation, maximum residue limits should usually be established fo the target tissues of liver or kidney; whereas, however, the liver and kidney are frequently removed from carcases moving in international trade, and maximum residue limits should therefore also always be established for muscle or fat tissues;

(5) Whereas, in the case of veterinary medicinal products intended for use in laying birds, lactating animals or honey bees, maximum residue limits must also be established for eggs, milk or honey;

(6) Whereas, in order to allow for the completion of scientific studies, cypermethrin, alphacypermethrin and cefquinome should be inserted into Annex III to Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90;

(7) Whereas a period of 60 days should be allowed before the entry into force of this Regulation in order to allow Member States to make any adjustment which may be necessary to the authorisations to place the veterinary medicinal products concerned on the market which have been granted in accordance with Council Directive 81/851/EEC [3], as last amended by Directive 93/40/EEC [4], to take account of the provisions of this Regulation;

(8) Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Veterinary Medicinal Products,

HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex III to Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 is hereby amended as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 60th day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

[1] OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 1.
[2] See page 23 of this Official Journal.
[3] OJ L 317, 6.11.1981, p. 1.
[4] OJ L 214, 24.8.1993, p. 31.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 5 May 1999.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Annex III to Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 is amended as follows:

1. Anti-infectious agents

1.2. Antibiotics

1.2.4. Cephalosporins

Pharmacologically active substance(s)	Marker residue	Animal species	MRLs	Target tissues	Other provisions
'Cefquinome	Cefquinome	Porcine	50 µg/kg 50 µg/kg 100 µg/kg 200 µg/kg	Muscle Skin + fat Liver Kidney	Provisional MRLs expire on 1.1.2000'

2. Antiparasitic agents

2.2. Agents acting against ectoparasites

2.2.3. Pyrethroids

Pharmacologically active substance(s)	Marker residue	Animal species	MRLs	Target tissues	Other provisions
'Alphacypermethrin	Cypermethrin (sum of isomers)	Bovine, ovine	20 µg/kg 200 µg/kg 20 µg/kg 20 µg/kg 20 µg/kg	Muscle Fat Liver Kidney Milk Further provisions in Council Directive 93/57/EC (OJ L 211, 23.8.1992, p. 1) are to be observed	Provisional MRLs expire on 1.1.2002
		Chicken	50 µg/kg 50 µg/kg 50 µg/kg 50 µg/kg 50 µg/kg	Muscle Skin + fat Liver Kidney Eggs	

Pharmacologically active substance(s)	Marker residue	Animal species	MRLs	Target tissues	Other provisions
Cypermethrin	Cypermethrin (sum of isomers)	Bovine, ovine, caprine	20 µg/kg	Muscle	Provisional MRLs expire on 1.1.2002'
			200 µg/kg	Fat	
			20 µg/kg	Liver	
			20 µg/kg	Kidney	
			20 µg/kg	Milk Further provisions in Council Directive 93/57/EC (OJ L 211, 23.8.1992, p. 1) are to be observed	
		Porcine	20 µg/kg	Muscle	
			200 µg/kg	Skin + fat	
			20 µg/kg	Liver	
			20 µg/kg	Kidney	
		Chicken	50 µg/kg	Muscle	
			50 µg/kg	Skin + fat	
			50 µg/kg	Liver	
			50 µg/kg	Kidney	
			50 µg/kg	Eggs	
		Salmonidae	50 µg/kg	Muscle and skin in natural proportions	