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EEA EFTA Comments on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the placing on the market and use of feed COM(2008) 124 final

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In general, the EEA EFTA Member States (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) agree with the proposed Regulation, but would suggest making it compulsory to declare phosphorus in complete feed to fish.

1. GENERAL COMMENTS

1. The EEA EFTA Member States (Iceland, Liechtenstein¹ and Norway) welcome the proposal from the Commission for a Regulation on the placing on the market and use of feed. In general, the EEA EFTA Member States agree with the proposal, and are pleased to note this important revision of the feedingstuffs legislation take place.

2. SPECIFIC COMMENTS

2. The EEA EFTA Member States would like to make a comment regarding the proposals for labelling particulars for food-producing animals (Annex V). Chapter II of Annex V lists the analytical constituents which are compulsory or optional to declare.

3. The declaration of phosphorus is listed as optional for all species as regards complete feed. The EEA EFTA Member States would like to draw attention to the current legislation, by which, we understand, the declaration of phosphorus is compulsory for fish, except ornamental fish. In this respect, please see Council Directive 79/373/EEC on

¹ By means of Joint Committee Decision No 97/2007 of 28 September 2007, Liechtenstein has been exempted from the application of legislation in the field of feedingstuffs.

the circulation of compound feedingstuffs, as amended by Commission Directive 98/87/EC.

4. The release of phosphorus into nature has effects on the environment. The EEA EFTA Member States therefore consider that it should still be compulsory to declare phosphorus in complete feed to fish. Consequently, in the table contained in Chapter II, under “complete feed” we would suggest adding “Fish, except ornamental fish” in the column containing compulsory declarations, alongside “phosphorus”.

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