

**Question for written answer E-004391/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Approval of live microbial biosolutions as feed additives

Living microorganisms are increasingly being used as natural feed additives with the potential to improve feed efficiency and reduce methane emissions. The EU rules, however, do not yet set out any practically applied or tested approval processes for live microorganisms used for environmental purposes, although synthetic additives can be approved as zootechnical additives under Article 6(1)(d) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003.

Can the Commission please answer the following questions:

1. In principle, do Articles 5 (safety/efficacy) and 7 (application requirements) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 allow the approval of live microorganisms as feed additives when the requirements are met?
2. Will Commission Regulation (EC) No 429/2008 be updated so that live microbial biosolutions can be assessed on an equal footing with synthetic additives and inactivated microbes, and if so, when?
3. What steps will the Commission be taking to support the development and approval of biological feed additives that can contribute to methane reduction and sustainable/organic livestock production, including discussions on introducing a faster fast-track procedure for safe biosolutions with proven climate benefits in the Commission's proposal for a legislative act on biotechnology?

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