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to the Commission**

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Subject: Safety concerns over the use of feed additive Bovaer in cattle

The feed additive Bovaer is promoted as a safe tool for reducing methane emissions from cattle. However, reports from Denmark and the United Kingdom suggest possible links to serious health problems, including mortality, in dairy cows. On the 13 November 2025, the Norwegian dairy processor *Norsk melkeråvare* decided to temporarily suspend its trial of Bovaer as a precautionary measure, pending further investigation. This adds to growing uncertainty at a time when European farmers are already under pressure from rising costs, stricter regulations and a continued decline in farm numbers. Before any wider use of Bovaer is encouraged, its safety must be fully guaranteed.

1. Is the Commission aware of the Norwegian suspension of Bovaer trials and the reports of health and mortality issues in dairy cattle, and how does it assess the seriousness of these signals?
2. Will the Commission initiate an independent scientific review of the safety of Bovaer and consider applying the precautionary principle until conclusive results regarding its safety are available?
3. How will the Commission protect farmers from potential economic losses or liability risks if newly approved additives such as Bovaer are later found to be harmful?

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