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Name of Product : ***Copper chelate of ethylenediamine***

Active Agent (s): **Copper**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In the current application authorisation is sought under Article 4(1) for copper as an *copper chelate of ethylenediamine* preparation under the category/ functional group (3b) "nutritional additives"/"compounds of trace elements", according to the classification system of Annex I of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003. Specifically, authorisation is sought for the use of the *feed additive* for all categories and species.

Copper chelate of ethylenediamine is a solid preparation for supplementing copper with a minimum content of 23 % (w/w) of *copper* and 23 % (w/w) of *ethylenediamine (EDA)*.

The *feed additive* is intended to be incorporated into *premixtures* and *feedingstuffs* according to the maximum levels of *total copper* in *feedingstuffs* which range from 15 to 150 mg/kg depending on the animal species/category, as established by Regulation (EU) 2018/1039.

For the quantification of *total copper* in the *feed additive*, *premixtures* and *feedingstuffs* the Applicant submitted the internationally recognised ring-trial validated CEN method EN 15621 based on inductively coupled plasma-atomic emission spectrometry (ICP-AES) after pressure digestion. This method together with the CEN method EN 15510 based on ICP-AES after ashing or wet digestion and the Community method based on atomic absorption spectrometry, which was further ring-trial validated by the UK Food Standards Agency (FSA), were previously evaluated and recommended by the EURL in the frame of previous copper dossiers.

In addition, the EURL is aware of two ring-trial validated methods, namely ISO 6869 based on atomic absorption spectrometry (AAS) and EN 17053 based on inductively coupled plasma-mass spectrometry (ICP-MS).

Based on the acceptable method performance characteristics available, the EURL recommends for official control the five ring-trial validated methods: i) EN 15621 and ISO 6869 for the quantification of *total copper* in the *feed additive*, *premixtures* and *feedingstuffs*; ii) EN 15510 and EN 17053 for the quantification of *total copper* in *premixtures* and *feedingstuffs*; and iii) the Community method (Commission Regulation (EC) No 152/2009 – Annex IV-C) for the quantification of *total copper* in *feedingstuffs*.

For the quantification of *ethylenediamine* in the *feed additive* the Applicant submitted a single-laboratory validated method based on high performance liquid chromatography coupled to mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS) detection using a hydrophilic interaction chromatography (HILIC) stationary phase. This method was previously evaluated by the EURL in the frame of the other *ethylenediamine chelate* dossiers for the characterisation of the ligand in the *feed additive* and it was considered as fit-for-purpose.

Further testing or validation of the methods to be performed through the consortium of National Reference Laboratories as specified by Article 10 (Commission Regulation (EC) No 378/2005, as last amended by Regulation (EU) 2015/1761) is not considered necessary.

KEYWORDS

Copper, copper chelate of ethylenediamine, nutritional feed additives, compounds of trace elements, all animal species

1. BACKGROUND

In the current application authorisation is sought under Article 4(1) (*new feed additive*) for copper as a *copper chelate of ethylenediamine* preparation under the category/ functional group (3b) "nutritional additives"/"compounds of trace elements", according to the classification system of Annex I of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003. Specifically, authorisation is sought for the use of the *feed additive* for all categories and species [1,2,3].

Copper chelate of ethylenediamine is a solid preparation for supplementing copper with a minimum content of 23 % (w/w) of *copper* and 23 % (w/w) of *ethylenediamine (EDA)* [2,3,4].

The *feed additive* is intended to be incorporated into *premixtures* and *feedingstuffs* [4] according to the following maximum levels of *total copper in feedingstuffs* as established by Regulation (EU) 2018/1039: 150 mg/kg for suckling and up to 4 weeks weaning piglets and 100 mg/kg for weaning piglets from 5 up to 8 weeks; 15 mg/kg for bovines before the start of rumination and ovines; 30 mg/kg for other bovines; 50 mg/kg for crustaceans and 25 mg/kg for other species [2,3,4,5].

2. TERMS OF REFERENCE

In accordance with Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 378/2005, as last amended by Regulation (EU) 2015/1761, on detailed rules for the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the duties and the tasks of the European Union Reference Laboratory concerning applications for authorisations of feed additives, the EURL is requested to submit a full evaluation report to the European Food Safety Authority for each application or group of applications. For this particular dossier, the methods of analysis submitted in connection with *copper chelate of ethylenediamine* and their suitability to be used for official controls in the frame of the authorisation were evaluated.

3. EVALUATION

Description of the analytical methods for the determination of the active substance in the feed additive, premixtures, feedingstuffs and when appropriate water (section 2.6.1 of the dossier - Annex II of Commission Regulation (EC) No 429/2008)

For the quantification of *total copper* in the *feed additive, premixtures* and *feedingstuffs* the Applicant submitted the internationally recognised ring-trial validated CEN method EN 15621 based on ICP-AES after pressure digestion [6].

This method together with the CEN method EN 15510 based on inductively coupled plasma-atomic emission spectrometry (ICP-AES) after ashing or wet digestion with hydrochloric acid [7] and the Community method based on atomic absorption spectrometry [8], which was further ring-trial validated by the UK Food Standards Agency (FSA) [9], were previously evaluated and recommended by the EURL in the frame of previous copper dossiers [10].

In addition, the EURL is aware of two ring-trial validated methods, namely ISO 6869 based on atomic absorption spectrometry (AAS) [11] and EN 17053 based on inductively coupled plasma-mass spectrometry (ICP-MS) [12]. The performance characteristics reported for the five methods mentioned above are summarised in Table 1.

Based on the acceptable method performance characteristics available, the EURL recommends for official control the five ring-trial validated methods: i) EN 15621 and ISO 6869 for the quantification of *total copper* in the *feed additive, premixtures* and *feedingstuffs*; ii) EN 15510 and EN 17053 for the quantification of *total copper* in *premixtures* and *feedingstuffs* and iii) the Community method (Commission Regulation (EC) No 152/2009 – Annex IV-C) for the quantification of *total copper* in *feedingstuffs*.

Table 1: Performance characteristics for the quantification of *total copper* in *premixtures* and *feedingstuffs*

	EN 15621	EN 15510	UK FSA	ISO 6869	EN 17053
Method	ICP-AES	ICP-AES	AAS	AAS	ICP-MS
Mass fraction (mg/kg)	11.6 - 2024	6.8 - 775	16.9 – 39.3	6 - 39100	2.5 - 1389
RSD _r (%)	1.9 – 16.1 ^(*)	2.9 – 11.6 ^(*)	2.4 – 9.2	1.2 – 14.5	2.7 – 11.5
RSD _R (%)	8.0 – 18.5 ^(*)	8.0 - 22 ^(*)	5.4 – 9.2	2.9 – 23.8 ^(**)	1.8 – 6.7
LOQ (mg/kg)	1	3	10	5	-
Reference	[6]	[7]	[9]	[11]	[12]

RSD_r and RSD_R: relative standard deviation for *repeatability* and *reproducibility*; LOQ: limit of quantification; ^(*)the larger precision values were obtained for mineral premixes; ^(**)the larger precision values were obtained for mixed feed.

Even though the methods EN 15510 and EN 17053 were ring-trial validated in a narrower range for *total copper* content than the methods EN 15621 and ISO 6869, the first two ones might still be considered for the quantification of *total copper* in the *feed additive* after appropriate dilution under the condition that the methods are proven as fit-for-purpose.

Methods of analysis for the determination of the residues of the additive in food (section 2.6.2 of the dossier - Annex II of Commission Regulation (EC) No 429/2008)

An evaluation of corresponding methods of analysis is not relevant for the present application.

Identification/Characterisation of the feed additive (section 2.6.3 of the dossier - Annex II of Commission Regulation (EC) No 429/2008)

For the quantification of *ethylenediamine* in the *feed additive* the Applicant submitted a single-laboratory validated method based on high performance liquid chromatography coupled to mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS) using a hydrophilic interaction chromatography (HILIC) stationary phase [13].

Ethylenediamine is extracted from the *feed additive* with water and diluted with acetonitrile containing 0.1 % formic acid before being injected into the LC-MS/MS system. *Ethylenediamine* is separated by HILIC on an ethylene bridged hybrid (BEH) amide column and determined by mass spectrometry.

The Applicant applied the above mentioned LC-MS/MS method for the analysis of five batches of the *feed additive* with an average content of 25.1% (w/w) for *ethylenediamine*. A relative standard deviation for *repeatability* (RSD_r) of 3.6 % was obtained which is in agreement with the precision values reported in the frame of the validation study [13]. This method was previously evaluated by the EURL in the frame of the other *ethylenediamine chelate* dossiers [14] and considered as fit-for-purpose.

Consequently, the EURL recommends for the characterisation of the *feed additive* the determination of *ethylenediamine* by single-laboratory validated method based on high performance liquid chromatography coupled to mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS) using a hydrophilic interaction chromatography (HILIC) stationary phase.

Further testing or validation of the methods to be performed through the consortium of National Reference Laboratories as specified by Article 10 (Commission Regulation (EC) No 378/2005, as last amended by Regulation (EU) 2015/1761) is not considered necessary.

4. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

For the characterisation of the ligand:

- the high performance liquid chromatography coupled to mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS) method for the determination of *ethylenediamine* in the *feed additive*.

For official control of *total copper*:

- the methods EN 15621 and ISO 6869 for the quantification of *total copper* in the *feed additive, premixtures* and *feedingstuffs*;
- the methods EN 15510 and EN 17053 for the quantification of *total copper* in *premixtures* and *feedingstuffs*; and
- the Community method based on atomic absorption spectrometry (AAS) for the quantification of *total copper* in *feedingstuffs* (only).

Recommended text for the register entry (analytical method)

For the characterisation of the ligand:

- High performance liquid chromatography coupled to mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS) for the determination of *ethylenediamine* in the *feed additive*

For the quantification of *total copper* in the *feed additive, premixtures* and *feedingstuffs*:

- Inductively Coupled Plasma-Atomic Emission Spectrometry after pressure digestion (ICP-AES) – EN 15621; or
- Atomic Absorption Spectrometry (AAS) – ISO 6869; or
- Inductively Coupled Plasma-Atomic Emission Spectrometry, (ICP-AES) – EN 15510 or
- Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass Spectrometry (ICP-MS) – EN 17053 (for *premixtures* and *feedingstuffs* only); or
- Atomic Absorption Spectrometry (AAS) – Commission Regulation (EC) No 152/2009 (for *feedingstuffs* only)

5. DOCUMENTATION AND SAMPLES PROVIDED TO EURL

In accordance with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003, reference samples of *copper chelate of ethylenediamine* have been sent to the European Union Reference Laboratory for Feed Additives. The dossier has been made available to the EURL by EFSA.

6. REFERENCES

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7. RAPPORTEUR LABORATORY & NATIONAL REFERENCE LABORATORIES

The Rapporteur Laboratory for this evaluation is the European Union Reference Laboratory for Feed Additives, JRC, Geel, Belgium. This report is in accordance with the opinion of the consortium of National Reference Laboratories as referred to in Article 6(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 378/2005, as last amended by Regulation (EU) 2015/1761.

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