

To: Lead Feed Officers

Cc: TSI, SFELC

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Dear Colleague

**Notification of Potential Use of Unapproved Live Bacterial Preparations Marketed as “Probiotics” in Animal Feed**

We have been alerted to the use of unapproved live bacterial preparations marketed as probiotics (digestibility enhancers or gut flora stabilisers) being used within some horse feeds but understand this may not be isolated to the equine sector.

The only micro-organisms currently permitted for horses in Europe are 4 strains of yeast (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*).

Brand name	Authorisation Holder	Additive number
YeasSacc	Alltech	4a1704
Levucell	Lallemand	4a1711
Actisaf	LeSaffre	4b1702
Vistacell	Prosol	4b1710

Priority 1 of the [National Enforcement Priorities 2018/19](#) includes the expectation that Local Authorities, when inspecting feed businesses, as part of their routine work, will look to verify that all additives used in animal feed must be authorised for use, in each species, in line with Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 on additives for use in animal nutrition.

***‘Verification of the presence and accuracy of feed labelling particulars, which have the potential to compromise human and/or animal health’***

## Action required by LAs

Should a LA become aware of the unauthorised use of feed additives, as part of their routine work, they should report this back to the FSS Incidents Team (please see below).

Products of particular interest would include feed supplements targeted across all sectors, especially those marketed as probiotics.

This will enable us to:

- assess the risk on a case by case basis;
- advise on the most appropriate action to be taken;
- monitor the scale of the problem; and
- involve Trade Associations accordingly.

Guidance on reporting an incident online is available at:

<http://www.foodstandards.gov.scot/business-and-industry/safety-and-regulation/food-incidents/reporting-a-food-incident-guidance>

Where FSS becomes aware of a non-compliant feed business, the LA will be notified directly with a view to further investigation.

For information, please find a link to the [EU register of approved feed additives](#) for ease of reference. This links to the most recent version of the register as well as being an access point to the register of unauthorised additives that are in the process of being withdrawn (Annex II).

If you have any queries on this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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