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Tomorrow's Answers Today

Update on the Regulatory Status of Ferrazone® in the European Union

On June 14, 2010, the European Commission in Brussels, Belgium, took the decision to authorize AkzoNobel to place its food grade iron product, Ferric Sodium EDTA, on the market as a novel food ingredient in the European Union under Regulation (EC) no. 258/97. Due to some administrative procedures at the European Commission the official version is expected before the end of the year 2010. You can find the European Commission Decision on:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2010:149:0016:0019:EN:PDF>

Ferric Sodium EDTA can be used as a source of iron in Food supplements, Dietetic foods and other Fortified foods.

On January 18, 2010, the conclusion of the EFSA Scientific Panel was that Ferric Sodium EDTA as a source of iron is of no safety concern as long as it does not lead to an exposure to EDTA above 1.9 mg EDTA/kg/bw/day. It is also reminded that the studies show that this form of iron is 2 to 3 times more bio available than iron in the form of ferrous sulphate.

You can find the full EFSA scientific opinion on: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/scdocs/scdoc/1414.htm>

AkzoNobel Functional Chemicals manufactures and sells food grades of Ferric Sodium EDTA under the trade name Ferrazone®. Ferrazone® is produced in Herkenbosch, the Netherlands. The manufacturing process is certified according to the requirements of HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points) and the FSSC 22000 (Food Safety System Certification) program.

Ferrazone®/Ferric Sodium EDTA has the following advantages:

- No metallic taste
- No digestive side effects
- Totally water soluble
- Virtually inert to almost all other food ingredients
- Adequate level of absorption in the presence of phytates
- The best bioavailability, 2 to 3 times higher than ferrous sulphate for example.

We propose to visit you in the near future to give you additional information on Ferrazone®.

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