FDA approves chromium propionate for broilers\textsuperscript{1}

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Based on extensive research conducted by Kemin Industries, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Center for Veterinary Medicine approved the use of chromium propionate as a source of chromium in broiler diets on June 3, 2016. Kemin established chromium propionate as safe and efficacious in broiler diets through numerous animal and laboratory studies. Notably, Kemin is the only company with FDA approval to sell a supplemental source of chromium to the U.S. broiler industry.

Chromium propionate is the newest trace mineral approved for broiler diets in more than 40 years. The food additive petition process through the FDA can be time consuming and expensive but is designed to generate necessary data to sell safe, efficacious ingredients to the marketplace. The approval is a perfect example of the company’s entrepreneurial spirit.

Kemin, a privately-held, family-owned company, has nearly 20 years of research and leadership feeding chromium propionate to millions of cattle and swine around the world. Chromium propionate is already used in dairy, beef, poultry and swine diets in more than 30 countries. In the U.S., chromium propionate was permitted for swine in 2000 and cattle in 2009.

More than a dozen peer reviewed journal publications support the use of KemTRACE\textsuperscript{®} Chromium, an organic source of chromium, as a vital trace mineral to advance animal nutrition. Offering this new nutrient for broiler diets allows producers the opportunity to increase profitability and grow healthy birds to meet consumer protein demand.

In 2013, understanding the importance of high consumer confidence and the expected impact of the Food Safety Modernization Act, Kemin pursued and received the Food Safety System Certification (FSSC) 22000 for its manufacturing facility in Des Moines, Iowa. FSSC 22000 is recognized by the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) as a rigorous food safety management system, certified by approved third-party organizations. The certification covers the manufacturing of food ingredients used in further processing and is designed to deliver greater confidence in food, fewer health risks, lower auditing costs, improved protection for brands and improved supply chain management.

More information on KemTRACE Chromium is available at kemin.com/chromium. To order KemTRACE Chromium, call 1-800-752-2864.

**References**

1. 21 CFR Part 573.304, Chromium Propionate.