

User safety session – Q&A

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• Are there specific user/worker safety studies required for flavouring substances such as essential oils or plant extracts?

- Information concerning the safety of use of feed additives for users/workers in feed companies.
- Is there any intention to review the exposure assessment model for workers safety? The Stauber-Heubach test has been used as quantitative tool to estimate dust exposure, although it is more appropriate as a qualitative instrument.

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- The OECD Guidelines for skin and eye irritation/corrosion and skin sensitization potential are aimed at testing chemical compounds. However, different feed additives are also microbial-based. In this view, are there foreseen, in the updated EFSA Guidance on user safety, any in-vitro or in-vivo based recommendations on how to test user safety for microbial-based feed additives? The same curiosity applies to plant-based products as well.
- Concerning the evaluation of the safety of use of the additive for users/workers, I would like to know if EFSA would recognize an argumentation as valid data publicly available on ECHA website further to the REACH registration of some substances are used to evaluate the effects on the respiratory system, on the eyes and skin.

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 If possible, could you please explain different case studies/ examples for powder and liquid substances in terms of the use of nanomaterial guidance and user safety