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02 January 2017- The dry grape extract (Nor-Grape® 80) developed and commercialized by Nor-Feed has become the 1st botanical sensory additive authorized for animal nutrition by the European Commission. Nor-Feed is thus recognized for its work on grape extract characterization and standardization which started shortly after the company was established back in 2003.

The first time in animal nutrition

This decision was voted unanimously by the Plants Committee of the Animal Nutrition & Veterinary Medicines (ANVM) during a regulatory session on 14 and 15 November 2016.

It was preceded by the positive opinion published by the European Food Safety Authority Scientific Committees in June 2016 and the evaluation of Nor-Feed methods of analysis by the European Reference Laboratory (EURL) in March 2016. EFSA had stressed the efficacy and safety of the use of dry grape extract in animal feed.

Many actors of the animal health & nutrition industry are already using Nor-Grape 80 to "compensate for oxidative stress in animal farming" and "to bring water-soluble biological antioxidants", using Nor-Feed publications to build their own dossier of claims.

Nor-Grape 80 is the first and only dry grape extract that has received authorization from the European Union.

Its guaranteed content of several types of polyphenols is particularly interesting for several industry stakeholders (premixers, food manufacturers and breeders).

The guarantee of a standardized product

This decision is important in two ways: "The presence of the dry grape extract on the official European Union Register is for us - and our customers - the guarantee that our product is duly standardized and based on sound and validated scientific bases," said Alexia Lepont, Head of Nor-Feed Quality and Regulatory Affairs. "To our knowledge, there is no other product based on grape extract currently being evaluated by EFSA," she adds.

Finally, since the authorization was based on the results provided by Nor-Feed, it is the company methods of analysis and characterization of active substances (total polyphenols, proanthocyanidins, and anthocyanins) which will be used for the evaluation of possible future grape extracts looking for the same authorization. Grape extracts are an essential R&D topic at Nor-Feed and have been for more than 10 years.

Paul Engler, R & D Manager of the Nor-Grape range, is conducting his PhD thesis on this issue within the SONAS laboratory (University of Angers).

Nor-Grape 80 is today one of Nor-Feed scientific and commercial pillars. Numerous trials are being carried out to further confirm the benefits of the product in breeding.

Sold in over twenty countries worldwide, it can be found in the composition of more than 10 millions of tons of complete feed.