



COMMITTEE FOR VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCTS

L-TARTARIC ACID

SUMMARY REPORT

1. L-Tartaric acid is a strong organic acid used in human, veterinary medicinal products and present in many in foodstuffs, especially fruit. Its medicinal use is usually associated with its buffering capacity.
2. L-Tartaric acid is widely distributed in natural products and has been approved as a human food additive within the EU (E334).
3. L-Tartaric acid is generally regarded as safe.
4. It is recommended that L-tartaric acid, together with its mono-and di-basic salts with sodium, potassium and calcium be entered into Annex II (no MRL required) of Council Regulation (EC) N° 2377/90.