A Step Ahead



Comprehensive Analysis of the Mechanisms of Action of Bio-G-Active in Poultry Processing

Introduction

Bio-G-Active represents an innovative solution to combat microbial contaminations on poultry carcasses. This report provides an in-depth scientific analysis of the biochemical and microbial mechanisms underlying Bio-G-Active, highlighting its advantages over conventional disinfection methods such as chlorine treatment.

Scientific Foundations of Bio-G-Active's Effectiveness

Bio-G-Active implements a strategically developed, multi-stage method to reduce microbial loads through direct and indirect antimicrobial activities. This methodology is based on the latest findings in microbiology and food technology.

Phase 1: Selective Modulation of the Microflora

The initial phase of the Bio-G-Active treatment begins with the application of a specially formulated solution onto poultry carcasses. The solution is rich in prebiotic carbohydrates, specifically monosaccharides, which selectively promote the growth of probiotic or non-pathogenic microorganisms. This selective promotion is crucial as it shifts the ecological balance of the microflora in favor of organisms that, through their metabolic activity, acidify the environment on the carcass surface.

Phase 2: Biochemical Acidification and Inhibition of Pathogenic Microorganisms

In this phase, Bio-G-Active induces a targeted reduction in pH through the production of organic acids, mainly lactic acid, as a result of the fermentation of the supplied monosaccharides by the favored microorganisms. Providing monosaccharides forces bacteria to activate their metabolic processes to metabolize these sugars. This increased metabolic state makes the bacteria more susceptible to stress factors, including the altered environment due to acid production. The change in pH impairs the permeability of bacterial cell membranes and disrupts the electrolyte balance of the cells, leading to an effective inhibition of their growth.

Additional Effects of Lactic Acid

The combination of directly added lactic acid and the lactic acid produced through the fermentation of monosaccharides enables both immediate and sustained effects. The immediate reduction in pH level by the added lactic acid rapidly creates an unfavorable environment for pathogenic microorganisms, while the long-term acidification through

fermentative lactic acid maintains and enhances the antimicrobial effect over an extended period.

Detailed Mechanisms of Action: Monosaccharides and Metabolic Activation

Monosaccharides in Bio-G-Active play a crucial role in reactivating dormant or 'persister' bacterial cells, which are characterized by reduced metabolic activity and increased resistance to antimicrobial agents. By absorbing these sugars, dormant cells initiate metabolic processes to derive energy, inadvertently reactivating their cellular functions. This reactivation is pivotal as it transitions the bacteria from a state of dormancy to active growth, making them more vulnerable to the antimicrobial components of Bio-G-Active.

Phase 3: Complete Biological Degradation and Assurance of Residue-Free Completion

Following the active antimicrobial phase, Bio-G-Active is characterized by its complete biological degradation. The substances contained in the formulation are chosen to be completely degradable under normal environmental conditions. This degradation ensures that no persistent chemical residues remain on the meat, aligning with global guidelines for food safety and consumer protection.

Sensory and Visual Enhancements through Biochemical Interactions in the Bio-G-Active Formulation

The formulation of Bio-G-Active employs synergistic biochemical mechanisms that not only ensure microbiological safety but also significantly enhance the taste, color, and texture of treated poultry meat. These effects are achieved through a targeted combination of organic acids, antioxidant compounds, and specific carbohydrate-based components that become active postmortem.

- **Carbohydrate-based substances**: These facilitate enzymatic glycogenolysis by promoting the natural breakdown of muscle glycogen. This stimulates the formation of lactic acid, leading to a reduction in pH and the relaxation of protein structures. The result is improved tenderness and intensified flavor.
- **Phosphate compounds**: These help preserve the water-binding capacity, keeping the meat juicy while preventing oxidative damage to proteins and lipids. They also stabilize natural color pigments, particularly myoglobin, enhancing the visual appeal of the meat.
- **Organic acids (lactic acid, citric acid)**: The targeted use of these acids creates a stable, mildly acidic environment that reduces oxidative stress and enhances color and flavor stability. Their effect extends beyond the direct inhibition of pathogens, positively influencing the biochemical processes of the meat.
- Ascorbic acid (Vitamin C): As a potent antioxidant, ascorbic acid prevents the oxidation of myoglobin into metmyoglobin, which is responsible for undesirable gray discoloration. This ensures a vibrant, fresh appearance over an extended period.

The carefully designed composition of Bio-G-Active interacts on a molecular level with the postmortem biochemical processes of poultry meat. The activation of these processes results in improved sensory quality, characterized by heightened freshness, enhanced color, and a juicier texture. This positions Bio-G-Active not only as a microbiologically effective treatment

but also as a solution that clearly surpasses traditional methods through its additional sensory advantages.

Comparison with Chlorine Treatments

Chlorine, although effective in killing microorganisms, is associated with several disadvantages, including the formation of potentially toxic by-products and impairment of sensory qualities of the meat. Chlorine can also promote the development of chlorine-resistant microorganisms, posing a long-term risk to food safety. Bio-G-Active avoids these risks with its natural, biodegradable approach and offers an environmentally friendly alternative that simultaneously enhances food safety and product quality.

Conclusion

The implementation of Bio-G-Active in poultry processing represents a significant innovation based on profound biochemical and microbiological principles. By effectively controlling microbial growth through physiological processes, Bio-G-Active sets new standards in the food industry and offers an advanced solution that is both effective and in line with the requirements for modern food safety and sustainability.

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