

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE FOOD CHAIN AND ANIMAL HEALTH

ANIMAL NUTRITION SECTION

Brussels, 10 July 2007

1. Feed Additives

1.1. Application under Regulation (EC) n°1831/2003

1.2. Setting timetable for additives (Art 25 of Regulation (EC) n° 1831/2003)

1.2.1. Microorganism

1.2.1.1. Biosprint (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae* MUCL 39885)

animal categories: dairy cows Application for **permanent** authorisation
(The expire of **temporary authorisation 03.05.2008**) **Rapp: Italy**

Presentation of the new dossier. Discussion took place.

2. Simplification and modernisation of the legislation on the circulation of feed - State of play

A Commission representative informed the Committee about the state of play of the legislative proposal. After the discussion in the working group with the Member States on 09/07/07, the draft proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council will now be finalised within the Commission. The adoption of the proposal is still scheduled for autumn 2007.

3. Follow up on recent contamination incidents in feed:

- **melamine and related compounds**
- (ev.) **other**

The Commission presented an overview of the RASFF-notifications and received information on controls carried out as regards the presence of melamine and related compounds in feed and food.

The delegations were reminded of the necessity to report the outcome of all controls to the Commission in order to have a more comprehensive overview of controls performed in the EU in relation with this contamination incident. Slovenia, Ireland and Norway reported orally on the controls they have performed. No melamine and related compounds were detected in these countries. The Commission representative stressed the need to confirm these findings in

writing and called upon the Member States, who have not yet reported their activities to the Commission, to do so urgently.

Following a comment, it was mentioned that besides melamine and related compounds also urea could have been used as nitrogen source to increase the apparent protein content (as this has been observed in the finding reported by Switzerland on 26 June 2007).

It was mentioned that in case in the future an increased monitoring is agreed/requested on certain products, it would be appropriate to refer to the TARIC codes of the products in order to ensure avoid any confusion on the products harmonised approach in the EU.

It was also agreed to continue the increased monitoring on the presence of melamine and related compounds in protein rich ingredients originating from in particular China. The situation and the need to continue the increased monitoring will be re-assessed at the next meeting of the Standing Committee.

The recurrent feed safety problems encountered with products intended for animal feed originating from China were raised. It was mentioned that it is the intention of the Commission services to raise these issues at the Food Safety/SPS Working Group with the Chinese authorities early September 2007.

4. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Regulation (EC) concerning provisional authorisation of certain additive in feedingstuffs (Kemzyme W DRY)

(Document SANCO/1809/2007)

The draft Regulation concerns the provisional authorisation, under the transition period (for on-going Directive 70/524 applications at the time of entry into application of Regulation 1831/2003) for the use of the following additive :

- preparation of endo-1,3(4)-beta-glucanase produced by *Aspergillus aculeatus* (CBS 589.94), endo-1,4-beta-glucanase produced by *Trichoderma longibrachiatum* (CBS 592.94) , alpha-amylase produced by *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* (DSM 9553), bacillolysin produced by *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* (DSM 9554) and endo-1,4-beta-xylanase produced by *Trichoderma viride* (NIBH FERM BP 4842) for laying hens.

A discussion took place.

The vote was taken. The draft Regulation received a favourable opinion by qualified majority vote.

5. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Regulation (EC) concerning the authorisation of *Bacillus cereus* var. *toyoi* (Toyocerin) as a feed additive *(Document SANCO/2560/2007)*

The draft Regulation amends the Regulation (EC) 256/2002 to extend of its use in feed for sows to cover from service to weaning of:

- the preparation *Bacillus cereus* var. *toyoi* NCIMB 40112/CNCM I-1012.

A discussion took place.

The vote was taken. The draft Regulation received a favourable opinion by qualified majority vote.

6. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Regulation (EC) concerning the authorisation of 3-phytase (Natuphos) as a feed additive
(Document SANCO/1480/2007)

The draft Regulation concerns authorisation of a new use of the enzyme preparation 3-phytase (Natuphos 5000 G, Natuphos 5000 L, Natuphos 10000 G and Natuphos 10000 L) produced by *Aspergillus niger* (CBS 101.672) for laying hens and turkeys for fattening to be classified in the additive category “zootechnical additives”.

A discussion took place.

The vote was taken. The draft Regulation received a favourable opinion by qualified majority vote.

7. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Regulation (EC) concerning the authorisation of benzoic acid (VevoVital) as a feed additive
(Document SANCO/1415/2007)

The draft Regulation concerns the authorisation of a new use the preparation benzoic acid (VevoVital) as a feed additive for pigs for fattening, to be classified in the additive category “zootechnical additives”.

A discussion took place.

The vote was taken. The draft Regulation received a favourable opinion by qualified majority vote.

The Belgian delegation made the following declaration :

Belgium abstains from vote because the proposed conditions for use for this product insufficiently take into account the opinion from EFSA dd. 07.03.2007.

In its opinion EFSA states that “*10000 mg benzoic acid kg⁻¹ complete feed is safe for pigs for fattening with a narrow margin of safety (less than 1.5)*”. Taking into account this narrow safety margin and referring to the more restrictive conditions for use that have been fixed for the use of Vevovital in piglets (cf. Regulation (EC) n° 1730/2006), Belgium thinks that the same restrictions (= incorporation in compound feed only via premixtures and limitation of the dose in complementary feedingstuffs) should be fixed here.

The delegation from the United Kingdom made the following declaration :

The United Kingdom abstains in the vote for this product. While we would not anticipate significant additional risks for the consumer resulting from the use of this feed additive, there are concerns regarding its tolerance in the target species. According to EFSA's FEEDAP the product has a safety margin of less than 1.5 (i.e. the maximum dose is only less than one and a half the dose at which lesions occur). We would normally expect feed additive products receiving authorisation to have a safety margin of x10 or more.

8. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Regulation (EC) concerning the authorisation of 3-phytase (Rovabio) as a feed additive (Document SANCO/1479/2007)

The draft Regulation concerns the authorisation of the preparation of 3-phytase produced by *Penicillium funiculosum* (CBS 111.433) (ROVABIO PHY AP and ROVABIO PHY LC), as a feed additive for chickens for fattening, laying hens, piglets (weaned) and pigs for fattening to be classified in the additive category “zootechnical additives”.

A discussion took place.

The vote was taken. The draft Regulation received a favourable opinion by qualified majority vote.

9. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Regulation (EC) concerning the authorisation of L-arginine as a feed additive (Document SANCO/825/2007)

The draft Regulation concerns the authorisation of L-arginine as a feed additive for all animal species, to be classified in the additive category “nutritional additives” and the functional group “amino acids, their salts and analogues”.

A discussion took place.

The vote was taken. The draft Regulation received a favourable opinion by qualified majority vote.

10. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Regulation (EC) concerning the authorisation of a preparation of O35 (*Bacillus subtilis*) as feed additive (Document SANCO/3693/2006)

The draft Regulation concerns the authorisation of the preparation of *Bacillus subtilis* DSM 17299 (O35) as a feed additive for chickens for fattening to be classified in the additive category “zootechnical additives”.

A discussion took place.

The vote was taken. The draft Regulation received a favourable opinion by qualified majority vote.

11. Discussion on a draft Regulation (EC) concerning the authorisation of a preparation of Natugrain Wheat TS (endo-1-4-beta-xylanase) as feed additive (Document SANCO/1478/2007) Annex entry

Discussion took place.

12. Exchange of views on the use of feed additives in water under Regulation 1831/2003

This issue had been discussed at earlier meetings. An exchange of views followed.

Provisional conclusions were:

- applicants may submit applications requesting use of additives administered via water at present.
- the possibility of using additives through water should be carefully addressed by applicants at the time of the preparation of the submission of applications for reevaluation of additives foreseen in article 10 of Regulation 1831/2003.

13. Exchange of views on the situation of certain flavourings in the Community Register of Feed Additives

The situation as referred in the summary minutes of the previous meeting was confirmed for the products listed in those minutes.

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