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**SUMMARY RECORD OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE FOOD CHAIN AND ANIMAL HEALTH
HELD ON 20 & 21 JANUARY 2011 IN BRUSSELS
(Section Animal Nutrition)**

Chairman : Mr Willem PENNING

1. Feed Additives

1.1. Applications under Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 Art. 4, Art. 10.2 and Art. 10.7.

1.1.1. New applications

1.2. Applications under Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 Art. 9

1.2.1. Discussion on EFSA opinion : "Scientific opinion on safety and efficacy of. Taminizer D (dimethylglycine sodium salt) as feed additive for chickens for fattening"

A discussion took place. A draft Regulation will be submitted for the vote.

1.2.2. Discussion on EFSA opinion : "Scientific opinion on safety and efficacy of. Cygro 10G (maduramicin ammonium α) for chickens for fattening"

A discussion took place. A draft Regulation will be submitted for the vote.

1.2.3. Discussion on EFSA opinion : "Scientific Opinion on the modification of authorisation of the feed additive Cygro 1% (maduramicin ammonium α) for turkeys for fattening, regarding a new formulation (Cygro10G)"

A discussion took place. A draft Regulation will be submitted for the vote.

1.2.4. Discussion on EFSA opinion : "Scientific Opinion on Miya-Gold (*Clostridium butyricum*) as a feed additive for weaned piglets, minor weaned porcine species and minor avian species"

A discussion took place. A draft Regulation will be submitted for the vote.

1.2.5. Discussion on EFSA opinion : "Scientific Opinion on the safety and efficacy of Avizyme 1505 (endo-1,4-beta-xylanase, subtilisin and alpha-amylase) as feed additive for laying hens"

A discussion took place. A draft Regulation will be submitted for the vote.

1.2.6. Discussion on EFSA scientific opinion : "Scientific Opinion on the safety and efficacy of vitamin B6 as a feed additive for all animal species"

A discussion took place. A draft Regulation will be submitted for the vote.

2. Exchange of views on the re-evaluation procedure under Article 10 of Regulation (EC) N° 1831/2003

An update on the statistics concerning the process was given by the Commission services. The Commission also reported about a recent meeting with the Legal Service discussing the several types of situations in which additives having not been the object of an application for re-evaluation under Article 10 could be considered.

3. Outcome of the discussions on the re-evaluation procedure with EURL and EFSA

The Commission reported about the recent discussions with EFSA and the EURL on the re-evaluation procedure. There were three main issues. In the case of grouped applications about several (in some cases many individual additives, like in the area of flavourings but also for sources of minerals and others) EFSA could "unbundle" the individual safety assessments if it was deemed necessary in order not to unduly delay the evaluation of some of the substances in the group in case there were data requirements for other components of the group which could require studies that could take years to undertake. As regards the use in water, it could be possible to supplement the EFSA statement on the use in water to address more concretely the applications which are already under consideration. Lastly, there had been also discussions with EFSA and the EURL as regards the case of applications from different applicants concerning the same generic additive. It was considered desirable and efficient, in order to consider properly these applications, to "bundle" or pool these applications, while respecting data protection issues should they exist.

4. State of play on the revision of the list of feed for particular nutritional purposes (Directive 2008/38)

Member States delegates reported on situation of the evaluation of the applications based on Article 32(2) of Regulation 767/2009 that were attributed to experts. The evaluations proceed well and the Commission might receive the reports within the next weeks. For several dossiers the applicants will have to be contacted for supplementary information which will be done by the Commission services.

5. Update on the dioxin contamination incident in Germany - information from Germany and exchange of views

The German authorities provided an update on the dioxin contamination incident. Several delegations indicated to be satisfied with the information provided and the way the German authorities are managing the incident. The German delegation reassured the delegates that, based on the currently available information, no contaminated feed fat, feed and food of animal origin has been traded to other Member States or exported to Third countries, with the exception of : a) two batches of eggs traded to Netherlands of which one batch was after processing further traded to the UK and b) the exchange of very limited quantities potentially contaminated of pig meat with two other Member States. The Commission representative indicated to be satisfied with the management by the German authorities of the incident and that there are no grounds to impose restrictive measures on feed and food from Germany for safety reasons. Updated information on the incident can be found on :

http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/chemicalsafety/contaminants/dioxin_germany_en.htm.

Further, the German delegate presented the action plan of the German Government to improve the feed safety and consumer protection. With very small exceptions, the overall reaction of other Member States on the announced initiatives at EU-level was quite reluctant. They suggested to abstain from actions in a phase when the origin of the dioxin is not yet safely known. Considering (1) that the contaminations in compound feed and animal products were not so high compared to other incidents, (2) the fact that the contamination was detected by an own control of the feed industry and (3) the effective crisis management undertaken, the Member States delegates concluded that the EU feed safety system works and doubted the need for far reaching additional legislative measures.

6. Continuation of the discussion on draft Commission Regulation amending Directive 2002/32/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 May 2002 on undesirable substances in animal feed as regards dioxins, dioxin-like PCBs and non-dioxin-like PCB

The draft Commission Regulation was presented and the comments received by the professional organisations were commented by the Commission representative. It was indicated that the comments were general and that previous comments were taken into account to the largest extent possible.

It was also explained that where a lower level for dioxins and the sum of dioxins and dioxin)-like PCBs was proposed, this was mainly a result of the calculation making use of the 2005 Toxic Equivalency Factors (TEFs) instead of the 1998 TEFs and consequently did not constitute a reduction in substance.

No further comments were made and it was announced that the draft Commission Regulation would be presented for an opinion at a next meeting of the Standing Committee, after having completed the internal Commission procedure.

7. Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Commission Regulation concerning the authorisation of 6-phytase (EC 3.1.3.26) produced by *Aspergillus oryzae* DSM 14223 as a feed additive for salmonids (holder of authorisation DSM Nutritional Products Ltd represented by DSM Nutritional products Sp. Z o.o)

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(Legal basis : Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 – Right of scrutiny of the European Parliament)

A discussion took place and the vote was taken.

The draft Regulation received a favourable opinion by unanimity.

8. A.O.B.

- A Member State raised the issue of nickel in feed and the need to regulate the presence of nickel in feed at EU level. It was indicated that some risk assessment has taken place in some Member States. Following a formal request, the Commission will ask EFSA for a scientific opinion on the risks for animal health public health and the environment of the presence of nickel in feed. The need to regulate the presence of nickel will then be discussed within the Committee, based on the outcome of the risk assessment.
- Concerning the recent RASFF notifications for undesirable substances in feed, the RASFF notification 2011.0058 as regards the presence of chloramphenicol in vitamin A/D3 premix from China was discussed in detail. The Commission representative highlighted the fact that it was not the first time that problems were found in vitamin premix from China (cf. RASFF notification 2010.0346 as regards high levels of dioxins) and asked the Member States for increased vigilance as regards the import of vitamin premixes from China.

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