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

President : Mr James Moynagh.

24 Member States were present. Greece was absent. Luxembourg was represented by Belgium and Portugal by the United Kingdom.

1. Feed Additives

1.1. Applications under Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 Art. 4 or 13

1.1.1. New applications

Information distributed. No discussion.

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

1.2.1. Discussion on EFSA opinion : Scientific Opinion on Animavit® (*Bacillus subtilis* CBS 117162) as feed additive for piglets and pigs for fattening. Annex

Following the discussion, a draft Implementing Regulation will be submitted to the vote at a future meeting.

1.2.2. Discussion on EFSA opinion : Scientific Opinion on modification of the terms of authorisation of VevoVital® (Benzoic acid) as a feed additive for weaned piglets

Following the discussion, a draft Implementing Regulation will be submitted for vote at a future meeting.

1.2.3. Discussion on EFSA opinion : Scientific Opinion on the safety and efficacy of sodium benzoate, propionic acid and sodium propionate for pigs, poultry, bovines, sheep, goats, rabbits, horses. Annex

Following the discussion, a draft Implementing Regulation will be submitted for vote at a future meeting.

1.2.4. Discussion on EFSA opinion : Scientific Opinion on the safety and efficacy of BioPlus 2B (*Bacillus licheniformis* DSM 5749 and *Bacillus subtilis* DSM 5750) as a feed additive for sows

A discussion took place. The Commission will contact the applicant regarding the outcome of the EFSA opinion.

1.2.5. Discussion on EFSA opinion : Scientific Opinion on the safety and efficacy of di copper chloride tri hydroxide (tribasic copper chloride, TBCC) as feed additive for all species. Annex

Following the discussion, a draft Implementing Regulation will be submitted for vote at a future meeting.

1.2.6. Discussion on new EFSA opinions adopted by FEEDAP at the Plenary of 11-13 October 2011

Discussion on EFSA opinion : Scientific Opinion on the safety and efficacy of Optiphos (6-phytase) as a feed additive for chickens and turkeys for fattening, chickens reared for laying, turkeys reared for breeding, laying hens, other birds for fattening and laying, weaned piglets, pigs for fattening and sows. Annex

Following the discussion, a draft Implementing Regulation will be submitted for vote at a future meeting.

2. Implementation of Regulation (EC) No 767/2009

2.1. Application to amend Annex I to Directive 2008/38/EC by introducing the new particular nutritional purpose "Regulation of thyroid hormone metabolism in the case of hyperthyroidism"

A Commission's representative introduced the application for a new particular purpose and an exchange of views took place. It was decided to launch the evaluation without asking for an opinion of EFSA. The dossier was distributed to the Member States.

2.2. Application to amend Annex I to Directive 2008/38/EC by introducing dogs and cats in the particular nutritional purpose "Reduction of stress reactions"

A Commission's representative introduced the application for a new entry to the particular nutritional purpose "Reduction of stress reactions" and an exchange of views took place. It was decided to check whether the active substance mentioned in the dossier is a veterinary medicinal product or not. The dossier was distributed to the Member States.

3. Coordination of the work relating to the Codex Alimentarius Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Animal Feeding

Following the extent and number of comments by several delegations on the draft document, the Commission services considered it was necessary to give more time to examine the revised document including the comments before sending them in final form to Codex. Delegations were invited to examine the revised documents and verify if their comments were suitably included. The deadline was 4 November.

4. Update and exchange of views on recent RASFF notifications related to undesirable substances in feed

The attention was drawn to 7 RASFF notifications as regards the presence of a non-compliant level of:

⇒arsenic in yeast as a feed material from Brazil

⇒arsenic in palm kernel expeller from Indonesia and Malaysia

As it concerns already the fourth notification in a short period of time about high levels of arsenic in palm kernel expeller from Malaysia, the Malaysian authorities have been urged to provide information on the reasons for these high levels and on the measures taken to avoid the presence of such high levels of arsenic in palm kernel expeller

⇒arsenic in cat feed from Thailand

⇒aflatoxins in groundnuts from India and South Africa

⇒lead in mono calcium phosphate from China

⇒dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs in red paprika pigment from Hong Kong

5. Update of Annex I to Directive 2002/32/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 May 2002 on undesirable substances in animal feed

The Committee was informed that following points will be discussed for possible amendments to the Annex I

⇒lead in natrolith phonolith

⇒fluorine and heavy metals in calcium magnesium carbonate

⇒dioxins in shrimp meal for non-food producing animals

⇒extraction method for heavy metals in minerals and feed with a high mineral content

Furthermore, guidance notes for the application of the provisions on *Ambrosia* sp; will be discussed.

Finally the follow-up of the EFSA statement as regards endosulfan in fish feed needs to be discussed.

6. Update on the review of Regulation (EC) No 152/2009 of 27 January 2009 laying down the methods of sampling and analysis for the official control of feed, in particular as regards the sampling provisions

The Commission's representative informed the Committee that they would organise a working group meeting before the end of the year to discuss this issue and, in particular, the sampling provisions.

6A.EU Guide to Good Hygiene Practice for Primary production of feed and animal feeding, developed by Copa/Cogeca -- call for experts to evaluate the guide

The Commission presented a draft EU Guide to Good Hygiene Practice for Primary production of feed and animal feeding, developed by Copa/Cogeca and made a call for experts to evaluate the guide. The evaluation will be done together with a similar guide for foodstuffs. Candidatures to be submitted by 28 October.

7. Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of *Lactobacillus buchneri* (DSM 16774), *Lactobacillus buchneri* (DSM 12856), *Lactobacillus paracasei* (DSM 16245), *Lactobacillus paracasei* (DSM 21773), *Lactobacillus plantarum* (DSM 12836), *Lactobacillus plantarum* (DSM 12837), *Lactobacillus brevis* (DSM 12835), *Lactobacillus rhamnosus* (NCIMB 30121) *Lactococcus lactis* (DSM 11037) *Lactococcus lactis* (NCIMB 30160), *Pediococcus acidilactici* (DSM 16243) and *Pediococcus pentosaceus* (DSM 12834) as feed additives for all animal species

(Document SANCO/12282/2011) -- (Legal basis: Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003) (Opinion of the Committee via the examination procedure)

A discussion took place and the vote was taken.

The draft Implementing Regulation received a favourable opinion by qualified majority.

8. Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 1730/2006 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1138/2007 concerning the authorisation holder of the feed additive benzoic acid (VevoVital)

(Document SANCO/12295/2011) -- (Legal basis: Article 13(3) of Regulation No 1831/2003) (Opinion of the Committee via the examination procedure)

A discussion took place and a vote was taken.

The draft Implementing Regulation received a favourable opinion by qualified majority.

9. Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Commission Regulation amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 183/2005 as regards the approval of establishments placing on the market blended oils and fats and products derived from vegetable oils intended for use in feed and as regards the specific requirements for production, storage, transport and testing for dioxin in fats, oils and products derived thereof intended for use in feed

(Document SANCO/10282/2011) -- (Legal basis : Article 27 (b) and (f) of Regulation (EC) No 183/2005) (Opinion of the Committee via the regulatory procedure with scrutiny)

The draft Regulation foresees four measures: obligation for laboratories to report positive results, mandatory dioxin monitoring of risky products, approval of feed business operators dealing with fat derivatives and segregation of the products for technical use from those for feed and food.

A discussion took place and a vote was taken.

The draft Commission Regulation received a favourable opinion by qualified majority.

The Commission's representative indicated the preparedness to start the work on the update of the Catalogue of feed materials (Regulation (EU) No 575/2011) to better specify oil/fat derivatives and on expanding the list of prohibited and restricted materials (Annex III of Regulation (EC) No 767/2009). Additionally, a discussion on putting risky products on the list of import products with high risk based on Article 15(5) of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 will be launched.

The Danish Delegation made the following declaration :

"Denmark supports the first part of the proposal regarding requirements for approval of certain feed establishments. Denmark has reservations with regard to the remaining part of the proposal since Denmark finds the proposed measures not to be proportionate with what caused the recent dioxin incident in Germany and that the measures are not based on a thorough risk assessment. Denmark also finds it inappropriate to make detailed rules on the handling and testing of a specific contaminant in specific types of feed in Regulation 183/2005."

10. A.O.B.

⇒ The UK informed the Committee that they had recently circulated information on the use of waste food for animal feed. The Commission requested other Member States to provide similar information on the situation in their territory.

⇒ In response to a query from Belgium, the Commission informed the Committee that they were currently examining the legal structure for a draft Regulation to implement the requirements of Article 10(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003.

⇒ In October 2010, Sweden informed the Committee about the intention of an importer to place on the EU market "Cell-Pet/Cell-Vet" as feed. Meanwhile, the compositional data received from the manufacturer indicates that the product can be considered a feed. Nonetheless, the competent authorities should be vigilant that the claims of the product are in compliance with article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 767/2009.