

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON THE FOOD CHAIN AND ANIMAL HEALTH
26 September 2002**

1. Discussion and possible opinion on a draft Commission Regulation concerning the provisional authorisation of a new use of an additive in feedingstuffs (SANCO/2349/2002)

The draft Commission Regulation was presented and discussed. It concerned the extension to a new animal category of the provisional authorisation for a blend of two enzymes: endo-1,4-beta-xylanase EC 3.2.1.8 and endo-1,3(4)-beta-glucanase EC 3.2.1.6. A vote was taken: unanimous approval.

2. Official controls in animal nutrition pursuant to Article 22 of Council Directive 95/53/EC:

- **results of the national control programmes and coordinated inspection programme for 2001;**
- **coordinated inspection programme for 2003**

The Commission representative presented a draft of the overall summary report on the results of inspections in the field of animal nutrition carried out by the Member States in 2001. Member States were asked to communicate in writing by 8 October 2002 any corrections, remarks or additions they considered necessary. The document would then be discussed again at the next meeting of the Animal Nutrition section of the Standing Committee.

The Commission representative distributed in advance a copy of the draft document on a harmonised model for the annual report on the implementation of the National Programme of Control and the coordinated inspection programme for animal nutrition. This document would be discussed shortly in a working party.

The Commission representative presented the matters proposed for inclusion in the recommendation for a coordinated inspection programme for 2003. These were: restrictions on the production and use of feed materials of animal origin, the illegal use of waste and the presence of dioxins in by-products used as feed materials for the manufacture of feedingstuffs. The proposal regarding controls on the restrictions on the production and use of feed materials of animal origin was discussed in more detail. The whole recommendation would be discussed further at a forthcoming meeting of the Standing Committee.

3. SETTING TIMETABLES FOR ADDITIVES (ARTICLE 4 OF DIRECTIVE 70/524/EEC)

3.1 Enzymes

“**Econase Wheat Plus**” - Endo-1,4-beta-xylanase (IUB 3.2.1.8) from *Trichoderma reesei* CBS 529.94 and endo-1,3(4)-beta-glucanase (IUB 3.2.1.6) from *Trichoderma reesei* CBS 526.94 in a ratio of 4:1: extension to new animal categories: broilers and turkeys; Rapp.: **FIN** (clock 1 Day 0: **15.06.2002**, end of 60-day period for formal check as laid down in Article 4(4): **14.08.2002**). The first evaluation period (Clock 3 as laid down in Article 4(6)) started on 26 September 2002.

“**Natuphos FTU 11**” 3-phytase; EC 3.1.3.8 produced by *Aspergillus niger* CBS 491.94 (FTU-11): extension of use: ducks, geese, *Salmonidae* and Channel catfish (Day 0: **24.06.2002**, end of 60-day period for formal check as laid down in Article 4(4) of Directive 70/524/EEC: **23.08.02**); rapporteur: **NL**. The first evaluation period (Clock 3 as laid down in Article 4(6)) started on 26 September 2002.

“**Roxazyme G2**” (N° 11) Preparation of endo-1, 4-beta-glucanase, endo-1,3(4)-beta-glucanase, endo-1,4-beta-xylanase produced by *Trichoderma longibrachiatum*. Clock 3: third evaluation period started on **17/05/2002**, Art. 4 par. 6 of Council Directive 70/524/EEC, Rapp: **B** Evaluation has been stopped and the annex entry was discussed

“**Avizyme 1300**” – Endo-1,4-beta-xylanase; Subtilisin (N°37) – extension for use to category: laying hens. Rapporteur **UK**. Clock 3 start of the first evaluation period: **11 April 2001** The first period of evaluation was stopped today

“**Bio feed phytase**” (N°50)– 6-Phytase (EC 3.1.3.26) – clock 3 Art 4 par 6 of Dir. 70/524/EEC– second evaluation period started on **22.05.2002**- Rapp **DK** - Extension for use for sows. Evaluation has been stopped today and the annex entry was discussed

3.2 Microorganisms

“**Biosprint BCCM^{lm} / MUCL 39885**” - *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* BCCM^{lm} / MUCL 39885: extension of use to the animal category: dairy cattle (Day 0: **27.06.2002**; end of 60-day period for formal check as laid down in Article 4(4) of Directive 70/524/EEC: **26 August 2002**); Rapp.: **ITA**. The first evaluation period (Clock 3 as laid down in Article 4(6)) started on 26 September 2002.

“**Biomim BBSH 797**” *Eubacterium* sp. DSM 11798: application for a new additive, animal categories: piglets, fattening pigs, broilers (Day 0: **01.06.2002**; end of 60-day period for formal check as laid down in Article 4(4) of Directive 70/524/EEC: **30.07.2002**); Rapp.: **A**. The first evaluation period (Clock 3 as laid down in Article 4(6))

started on 26 September 2002.

“Reuteri™ Pig Powder” *Lactobacillus reuteri* 1063S: application for a new additive, animal category: piglets (Day 0: **31.07.02**; end of 60-day period for formal check as laid down in Article 4(4) of Directive 70/524/EEC: **29.09.02**); Rapp.: **SW**.

“Yea Sacc” – *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (N°5) – extension to the following animal category: horses; Rapp.: **B** (clock 3: first evaluation period started via multifax on **19 July 2002** as laid down in Article 4(6)).

“Provita E – *Enterococcus faecium* DSM 7134 - clock re-started (multifax) on **14.09.2002**, Article 4(6) of Council Directive 70/524/EEC - Rapp.: **A**. Animal category: piglets, fattening pigs, sows.

3.3 Vitamins

“Vit•D®” Vitamin D³ 25-hydroxylcholecalciferol/25-hydroxy-pre-cholecalciferol; animal categories: broilers, turkeys, laying hens; (Day 0: **11.07.02**; end of 60-day period for formal check as laid down in Article 4(4) of Directive 70/524/EEC: **09.09.02**); Rapp.: **SP**. The first evaluation period (Clock 3 as laid down in Article 4(6)) started on 26 September 2002.

3.4 Coccidiostats

“Amprolmix” Amprolium (Article 4(4) of Directive 70/524/EEC); animal category: poultry; Rapp.: **F**.

As laid down in Article 4(4), some delegations had submitted written comments to the Commission and to the other Member States indicating that the dossier had not been compiled in accordance with Directive 87/153/EEC as last amended by Commission Directive 2001/79/EC.

After consultation of the Standing Committee as laid down in paragraph 5, the Commission had concluded that some data were missing and that their omission had not been sufficiently justified.

It was deemed that the rules for presentation of the dossier had not been complied with, and a representative of the Commission would so notify the applicant for authorisation and the Member States. Evaluation of the application was stopped at this stage.

4. Dioxins

- Carbosan and SQM products: Update and continuation of the discussion

The company had submitted an explanation outlining the reasons why it considered that the Carbosan and SQM products were to be regarded as the authorised sulphate forms of the trace elements in question and did not require a separate authorisation. However, some delegations remained of the opinion that the SQM and Carbosan products needed a separate authorisation.

Some points for clarification would be addressed to the company before the Committee adopted a final position on this issue.

With regard to the status of the Carbosan and peat mixture, delegations agreed to submit in writing the justification for their position.

The Committee was given the information provided by the company on the source of contamination. The Committee reiterated its previous conclusion that this information needed to be submitted through the US authorities with guarantees that the necessary measures had been taken to avoid future contamination.

- Application of Council Directive 2001/102/EC of 27 November 2001: follow-up and continuation of the discussion of the issues raised at the Expert Committee meeting on 29 July

- Fish protein hydrolysates: under the current provisions of Council Directive 2001/102/EC, the maximum levels of dioxins established for fishmeal applied to the fish protein hydrolysates. However, the company stated that the fish protein hydrolysates were a different product from fishmeal, as the fat content was significantly higher and the moisture content lower. It would therefore be logical, according to the company, to have a specific limit for dioxins in fish protein hydrolysates on a pro rata basis for the fat and the moisture content. The Commission representative noted that the current provisions already took into account the moisture content, as the maximum levels related to a feedingstuff with 12% moisture content.

Some delegations were also of the opinion that, according to the production process, fish protein hydrolysates were to be considered as compound feedingstuffs and not as a feed material. Further clarification would be required from the company before the Committee adopted a final position on this.

The other issues raised at the Expert Committee meeting on 29 July 2002 were only briefly addressed due to lack of time:

- harmonisation of the action taken on non-conforming consignments of fish oil and fishmeal: it was agreed that the Committee would consider the proposal made by the International Fishmeal and Fish Oil Organisation (IFFO). This point was not dealt with as no proposal had yet been received from IFFO;

- compilation of a non-exhaustive list of laboratories: the Committee was informed that an initial list would be available shortly;

- application of analytical tolerance: the Committee was informed of the outcome of a survey on this issue relating to the control of foodstuffs, and that the issue would be examined in more depth at a future meeting.

- CALUX ring test: no results were available yet. The Committee would be informed as soon as the results were available;

- other issues regarding control of the legislation were not discussed in detail, but the Commission representative noted that legal provisions had to be complied with and that it was in any case not possible to go beyond the current legal framework.

Other business

A delegation requested information on progress in revising the Annex to the Directive on undesirable substances, as the Commission had indicated when it adopted Directive 2002/32/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on undesirable substances in animal feed on 7 May 2002 that it would review the provisions of the Annex before this Directive entered into force.

The Commission representative replied that intensive work was continuing in the Scientific Committee for Animal Nutrition in order to provide updated scientific risk assessments. He promised to inform the Committee in more detail at the next meeting on progress achieved and on the prospects with regard to the review.

5. Other current issues

- Import conditions for feed manufacturers from third countries wishing to place their products on the common market: there was a request from Germany to discuss the issue.

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