

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

Brussels, 25 March 2004

STANDING COMMITTEE

- 1. Discussion and possible request for an opinion on a draft Commission Regulation concerning the provisional authorisation of a new use of an additive already authorised in feedingstuffs. Preparation of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* for dairy cows**

The vote was taken and the Committee adopted, by a qualified majority, an opinion in favour of a Regulation concerning a new use for the micro-organism (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae* for dairy cows) for a period of four years.

- 2. Discussion and possible request for an opinion on a draft Commission Regulation concerning the permanent authorisation of an additive already authorised in feedingstuffs. Preparation of *beta-carotene* for canaries and *canthaxanthin* for pet and ornamental birds**

The vote was taken and the Committee unanimously adopted an opinion in favour of a Regulation on the permanent authorisation of a preparation of *beta-carotene* for canaries and *canthaxanthin* for pet and ornamental birds.

- 2A: Discussion and possible opinion on a draft Commission decision suspending the placing on the market and import of jelly mini-cups containing the food additives E 400, E 401, E 402, E 403, E 404, E 405, E 406, E 407, E407a, E410, E412, E413, E 414, E415, E 417 and/or E418 (SANCO/970/2004)**

An emergency measure relating to food safety was presented for a vote. The vote was taken and the Committee adopted, by a qualified majority, an opinion in favour of a Commission decision suspending the placing on the market and import of jelly mini-cups containing the food additives E 400, E 401, E 402, E 403, E 404, E 405, E 406, E 407, E407a, E410, E412, E413, E 414, E415, E 417 and/or E418

- 3. Setting Timetable for additives**

3.1 “**Bonvital**” (previous name: “Provita E”) (*Enterococcus faecium* DSM 7134).

Application for extension of use for the animal category: chickens for fattening. (Day 0: 25 December 2003. End of the sixty-day period: 23 February 2004).

Rapporteur: AT

On expiry of the sixty-days period Article 4(4) of Directive 70/524/EEC, no objections regarding the acceptability of the dossier were registered. The first evaluation period (Clock 3: Article 4(6) of Directive 70/524/EEC) started on 25 March 2004.

3.2 “**Cylactin[®] LBC**” (*Enterococcus faecium* NCIMB10415).

Animal category: piglets. Application for **permanent authorisation**. The provisional authorisation will expire on 30 June 2004. Rapporteur: **DE**

3.3. “**Hostazym X**”. endo 1,4-beta xylanase EC 3.2.1.8 (Enzyme 17) produced by *Trichoderma longibrachiatum* (IMI SD 135). Animal category: chickens for fattening. Application for **permanent authorisation**. The provisional authorisation expires on 30/06/2004. Rapporteur: **UK**.

3.4. “**Hostazym C**”, endo 1,4-beta glucanase EC 3.2.1.4 (Enzyme 16) produced by *Trichoderma longibrachiatum* (IMI SD 142). Animal category: chickens for fattening. Application for **permanent authorisation**. The provisional authorisation expires on 30/06/2004. Rapporteur: **UK**.

3.5. **Natugrain Wheat** (formerly Lyxasan forte) preparation of endo 1, 4 beta xylanase (EC 3.2.1.8.) produced by *Aspergillus niger* (CBS 270.95) (Enzyme 9). Request for **permanent authorisation** and change of minimum and maximum doses. Animal categories: chickens for fattening, turkeys for fattening. The provisional authorisation expires on 30.06.2004 for chickens for fattening and on 01.04.2004 for turkeys for fattening. Rapporteur: **NL**

3.6. **Natugrain**, (formerly Barlican) preparation of endo 1, 3(4) beta glucanase (EC 3.2.1.6.) and endo 1, 4 beta xylanase (EC 3.2.1.8.) produced by *Trichoderma longibrachiatum* CBS 357.94 (Enzyme 13). Animal category: chickens for fattening. The provisional authorisation expires on 30/06/2004. Rapporteur: **DE**

3.7 “**MLB**” (*Lactobacillus acidophilus* DSM 13241)

Application for **provisional authorisation** for animal category: cats. The first evaluation period (clock 3, art. 4 par. 6 of Dir. 70/524/EEC) started on 20 November 2003. Rapporteur: **DK**

The first evaluation period **was stopped** on 25.03.2004.

3.8. **Natugrain Wheat+ G and L**. (Preparation of endo-1,4-beta-xylanase, EC 3.2.1.8, produced by *Aspergillus niger* (CBS 109.713). Animal category: chickens for fattening. Application for **provisional authorisation**. *Day O of start of full evaluation*: 23 October 2003. Rapporteur: **NL**

The evaluation period **was stopped** as from 25.03.2004.

3.9. **Avizyme 1210**, preparation of endo-1,4-beta-xylanase, EC 3.2.1.8, produced by *Trichoderma longibrachiatum* (ATCC 2105), endo-1,3(4)-beta-glucanase, EC 3.2.1.6, produced by *Trichoderma longibrachiatum* (ATCC 2106) (Enzyme 60). **Extension of use**: turkeys for fattening. Rapporteur: **UK**.

Day O of start of full evaluation: 20 November 2003.

The evaluation period **was stopped** on 25.03.2004.

4. Exchange of views on the implementation of Council and European Parliament Regulation on feed additives 1831/2003. Outcome of Working Group meeting of 17 March 2004

The Commission services reported on the outcome of this working group meeting. They reported on the good progress in the discussions regarding the draft implementing rules on the tasks and duties of the Community Reference Laboratory. The related activities of the Joint Research Laboratory as the Community reference laboratory had also been also discussed at the meeting, along with the list of laboratories suggested by Member States having expressed interest in participating in the consortium to assist the CRL.

As regards other questions regarding the implementation of Regulation 1831/2003, the working group considered certain aspects of the notification process, in particular the notification of additives falling under authorisations for groups of products such as certain vitamins, flavourings, colourings, and silage additives. The discussions could not be finalised and therefore would continue at the next standing committee meeting on the basis of contributions to improve the draft working document prepared by the Commission services.

A number of Delegations mentioned other issues that needed attention. The Commission also indicated that a further working group meeting would be organised in order to deal with the substantial number of other aspects that could not be discussed at this working group meeting.

5. Lipoic acid –classification.

This issue had been raised at the previous meeting. The Commission services had drawn the attention of delegations to the SCAN report of 1994 “on the classification of vitamins in the Annex to Council Directive 70/524”. The Commission services asked what safety evaluation would be acceptable for products not included in the list given in the SCAN report. Some delegations mentioned that the list of compounds in the SCAN report was non-exhaustive. One delegation mentioned that notifications could not be stopped. Notifications had to be verified in order for the notified products to be included in the register.

6. Naturally occurring fish pheromones used in feed as attractants for feed.

A delegation raised a question regarding the possibility of using naturally occurring fish pheromones as attractants in compound feedingstuffs for fish as feed additives under Regulation 1831/2003. Some Member State delegations and the Commission representative expressed the view that the information provided was not enough to

decide if these products fall within the scope of Regulation 1831/2003 on additives for use in animal nutrition.

7. Analytical test method for phytase in feed.

A delegation had raised this issue at a previous meeting, but it had been postponed due to lack of time. A number of delegations commented on this issue. The ongoing work of CEN on the standardisation of a method of analysis was mentioned. The possibility of involving the CRL under Regulation 1831/2003 in this task was also considered.

8 State of play on the implementation of Directive 2002/2/EC.

Two delegations reported that a court case was pending at national level on the application of Directive 2002/2/EC. The Chairman asked the delegations to verify whether a national court had requested — or would request — the application of an accelerated procedure for the preliminary ruling to be given by the Court of Justice of the European Communities.

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