

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

Section *Animal Nutrition*
Section *Toxicological Safety of the Food Chain*
Section *Phytopharmaceuticals – Plant protection products - legislation*

Brussels, 20 April 2007

1. Feed Additives

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

1.1.1. Monensin sodium (Elancoban/Sylvata). As coccidiostat for calves for rearing : supplementary information provided by company

The discussion took place. A large majority of the Member States raised some concerns about the use of monensin sodium to prevent the coccidiosis on calves. One of the most significant remarks was that the occurrence of coccidiosis in calves is rather rare and that therefore there is no need for a general authorisation of this substance. In addition, veterinary medicines are available for treatment of coccidiosis in calves. Further discussion will take place to evaluate this product following information from other scientific bodies concerning the MRL.

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

1.2.1. Microorganism

1.2.1.1. Oralin *Enterococcus faecium* DSM 10663/NCIMB 10415
animal categories: turkeys for fattening Application for **permanent**
authorisation
(The expire of **temporary authorisation 18.10.2007**) **Rapp: DE**

Discussion took place.

1.2.1.2. Lactobacillus Acidophilus D2/CSL *Lactobacillus Acidophilus*
D2/CSL CECT 4529, animal categories: laying hens
Application for **permanent** authorisation
(The expire of **temporary authorisation 14.12.2007**) **Rapp : IT**

Discussion took place.

1.2.2. Enzymes

1.2.2.1. “Hostazym X”. Endo 1,4-beta xylanase EC 3.2.1.8 (EC number 1617) produced by *Trichoderma longibrachiatum* (IMI SD 135). Animal category: turkeys. Application for permanent authorisation. The provisional authorisation expires on 30/06/2004. **Rapp: UK**

Discussion took place. Annex entry discussed.

1.2.2.2. “Hostazym C” endo 1,4-beta glucanase EC 3.2.1.4 (E 1616) produced by *Trichoderma longibrachiatum* (IMI SD 142). Animal category: piglets. Application for permanent authorisation. The provisional authorisation expires on 30/06/2004. **Rapp: UK.**

Discussion took place.

2. Exchange of views on imports of feed as regards the implementation of Article 23 of Regulation (EC) N° 183/2005 on feed hygiene

For the implementation of the import requirements pursuant to Article 23, Member States are required to report updated information on the names of the third countries from where feed is currently being imported. This information should be provided separately for two types of feed: a) feed additives, pre-mixtures, compound feed; b) feed materials. Exchange of views will take place at the next meeting of the Expert Group on Feed Hygiene.

3. Exchange of views on the updating of the Regulation (EC) N° 378/2005 regarding the Community Reference Laboratory (CRL) for feed additives authorisations

The Commission circulated a revised draft text taking into account the earlier discussions on this issue and the written suggestions received. A number of questions were put forward by delegations and an exchange of view took place. There were no major difficulties noted regarding the text. The Commission will revise the text taking into account the discussions at the meeting and initiate the procedures for the preparation of a text to be submitted to vote in a forthcoming meeting of the Committee.

4. Examination and possible opinion on a Draft COMMISSION DIRECTIVE 94/39/EC establishing a list of intended uses of animal feedingstuffs for particular nutritional purposes – CODIFICATION

The Standing Committee voted unanimously in favour of the codification of Commission Directive 94/39/EC establishing a list of intended uses of animal feedingstuffs for particular nutritional purposes. The codification integrates in one text the original text and its amendments; updates old references and deletes obsolete ones. However, no changes of substance are made to the text. The new Directive will replace the various acts incorporated in it.

5. Possible opinion on a Draft COMMISSION DIRECTIVE relating to materials and articles made of regenerated cellulose film intended to come into contact with foodstuffs – CODIFICATION

The Standing Committee voted unanimously in favour of the codification of Commission Directive 93/10/EEC of 15 March 1993 relating to materials and articles made of regenerated cellulose film intended to come into contact with foodstuffs. The codification integrates in one text the original text and its amendments; updates old references and deletes obsolete ones. However, no changes of substance are made to the text. The new Directive will replace the various acts incorporated in it.

6. Possible opinion on a draft Commission Decision for the non-inclusion of a 1,3-dichloropropene in Annex I to Council Directive 91/414/EEC and the withdrawal of authorisations for plant protection products containing that substance

Opinion postponed.

7. Discussion on a draft Regulation (EC) concerning the authorisation of a microbiological preparation of *Bacillus subtilis var. toyoi* (Toyocerin) as a feed additive (Document SANCO/2560/2007) Annex entry

A discussion took place.

8. A.O.B.

- One delegation raised the issue of the export of non-authorised feed additives. A representative of the Commission indicated that both Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 and Article 3(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 should be taken into account. This issue will be discussed at the next meeting of the Committee.

- Dioxins in copper sulphate: as a follow-up the Irish delegation updated the Committee on the situation.

Summary information gathered from the company concerned on the product in which the copper sulphate contaminated with Dioxin / PCB was used was as follows :

Bioplex Copper shipped to Europe from Canada: 208 tonnes

Bioplex Copper distributed to Member states and Turkey: 108 tonnes (4 tonnes to Turkey)

Bioplex Copper which remained in the company's stores: 100 tonnes

Bioplex Copper recalled following the Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed: 47 tonnes

Bioplex Copper used to make pre-mixtures: 61 tonnes.

The company had also advised that, although not officially confirmed, it was thought that the reason for the contamination is the practice of recycling copper wire from electrical transformers. These transformers are insulated with PCB's and apparently were not removed in the recycling process in China.

**8.1. Vevovital (benzoic acid) as zootechnical additives for pigs for fattening.
Publication of EFSA opinion.**

A discussion took place.

8.2. Contamination of feed additives and feed.

Some Member States informed the Commission services that some copper sulphate is possibly contaminated with heavy metals and that there is an ongoing contamination of feed with melamine. The Chairman invited delegates to be vigilant and to inform the Commission and colleagues in the Member States through the RASFF system about their findings.

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