STANDING COMMITTEE

1. Discussion and request for opinion Commission Regulation amending the conditions for authorisation of a number of additives in feedingstuffs belonging to the group trace elements SANCO/3359/2003 Rev.1

Document SANCO/3359/EC rev.2 was adopted by unanimity.

2. Presentation of the Final Peer Review Report: Overview the situation concerning animal nutrition in the Acceding Countries.

The Commission representative presented the final Peer Review report after the series of missions carried out in the future Acceding Countries by experts from the Member States and from SANCO services.

The missions were organized by TAIEX and the final report summarizes the individual reports prepared for each acceding country during the missions.


The draft of the rules of procedure was distributed.


During this first exchange of views about several aspects regarding the new Regulation 1831/2003 on additives in animal nutrition published on 18 October 2003, several issues were outlined, such as the on-going Commission’s work regarding the notification system for existing authorizations, the development of guidelines, the future Community Register of Feed Additives and the role of the Community Reference Laboratory regarding methods of analysis and reference samples.

4.1. Role of the Community Reference Laboratory regarding article 21 of the new Regulation.

Representatives of the Community Reference Laboratory of the Joint Research Centre (Institute for Reference Materials and Measurements, in Geel) made a presentation of the role of this CRL under the new Regulation. They also made a presentation of a comprehensive database compiling existing methods of analysis of feed additives which will be developed in the future.
Member States delegations congratulated the representatives for this work and the presentation.

The Commission services asked Member States to present before the end of the year candidate laboratories that could be part of the consortium of national reference laboratories that may assist the Joint Research Centre. These candidate laboratories should have sufficient competence for at least one of the groups of feed additives such as those in the categories of additives mentioned in Regulation 1831/2003.


The revised version of the list of existing authorizations incorporating contributions of additional Member States was presented and reviewed. Some further contributions were mentioned.

6. Discussion on a Draft Commission Decision on the establishment of a list of feed materials whose circulation or use for animal nutrition is restricted or prohibited SANCO/3358/2003 Rev.1

The changes proposed in revision-1 of the document were accepted by all delegations. It was agreed to change the wording “feed materials” for “materials”. The document will be prepared for the voting as soon as possible.


A member State expressed its views as regards the necessary coherence between Directives 93/74/EC and 94/39/EC and the Directive on feed additives.

According to point 2, part A of the Annex to Directive 94/39/EC “where a group of additives is mentioned in column 2 or column 4 of Part B the additives used must be authorised in Council Directive as corresponding to the specified special characteristics”.

It appears that for certain additives mentioned in Directive 94/39/EC the additive is not authorised under Directive 70/524/EC for use in the species mentioned in Directive 94/39/EC. A similar question was raised by the Danish Delegation.

The group agreed that this need to be carefully examined on a case by-case basis taking into account also the implementation of the new Regulation on feed additives.


A document was distributed

9.1. Exchange of views on the results of the national control programmes and co-ordinated inspection programme for the year 2002.

A working party will meet to evaluate the harmonised model used for reporting the results of annual controls by Member States in 2002. One Member State has not delivered the annual report yet.


The changes in the new version were generally accepted and a few other amendments were suggested by some delegations. The controls on mycotoxins and the restrictions on feed materials of animal origin should be extended to those not yet covered by maximum limits.


According to Article 4a of Council Directive 95/53/EC, Member States shall draw up and forward to the Commission contingency operational plans to be implemented when a product for animal nutrition is found to pose certain serious risks. Some delegations expressed the intention of forwarding their plans to the Commission and sharing them with other Member States.


The draft Commission Directive (Rev. 4) was presented to delegations.

12. Setting Timetable for Additives


12.2. “MLB” – Lactobacillus acidophilus DSM 13241– Application for provisional authorisation for animal category: cats (Day O 28.08.2003, end of sixty-day period as foreseen under article 4 par 4 of Dir. 70/524/EEC: 27.10.2003). Rapporteur: DK

12.4.1. Grindazym GP 15000, Grindazym GPL 15000, and Grindazym GP15000MG”, Preparation of endo- 1,4-beta- xylanase, EC 3.2.1.8, and endo-1,4-beta- glucanase EC 3.2.1.4 produced by Aspergillus niger (CBS 600.94), (Enzyme No.7). Animal category: chickens for fattening, piglets, turkeys for fattening. Expiration of temporary authorisations 1.4.2004 (liquid and coated form) and 30.09.2004 microgranular form. Rapp: DK
12.4.2. Grindazym GV-FEED 15000, Grindazym GVMG 200, and Grindazym GVL - FEED 200, Preparation of endo-1,4-beta-glucanase, EC 3.2.1.4, and endo-1,4-beta-xylanase, EC 3.2.1.8, produced by Aspergillus niger (CBS 600.94), (Enzyme No.8), Animal category: chickens for fattening, piglets. Expiration of temporary authorisations 1.4.2004 (liquid and coated form) and 30.09.2004 (microgranular form). Rapp: DK


On expiry of the sixty day period foreseen in article 4 par 4 of Directive 70/524/EEC, no objections regarding the acceptability of the dossier were registered. The process for in depth evaluation foreseen in article 4 par 6 of Dir. 70/524/EEC was therefore considered started on 23 October 2003.


The clock was stopped on 23 October 2003

13. Question on feed legislation for production of animals which are used as feed for fish

A Member State raised the question whether the production of feed to be used to feed organisms (such as rotifers and artemia) which are again used in vivo as feed for production animals (mainly fish) should be regarded as in the scope of Council Directive 95/69/EC of 22 December 1995 laying down the conditions and arrangements for approving and registering certain establishments and intermediaries operating in the animal feed sector.

As Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of 28 January 2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety establishes that all aspects of the food production chain, including the production of animals which may be used as feed on fish farms should be considered in order to ensure the safety of food, Member State’s delegations and Commission agreed on the approach taken by
Danish delegation to consider this activity under the scope of CD 95/69/EC if products subjected to the particulars of the Directive were produced.

14. Any other business

- **Histomonosis**

  A follow up was made about the health situation of turkeys after the ban of nifursol. Only three delegations showed concern on the situation.

- **Exports of additives**

  The Commission representative explained that the export of additives was not subject to the rules of the Regulation 1831/2003, meaning that the manufacture of non-authorized additives to export to third countries is legal, without prejudice to the dispositions of Article 12 of Regulation (EC) N° 178/2002.

- **Directive 2002/2/EEC**

  Information was provided by the UK delegation concerning the recent decision of the English High Court. All Member States, except one declared that the transposition would be completed by 6 November 2003, therefore meeting the deadline imposed by EC Directive.

  It also was mentioned by the Commission's representative that the open declaration concern feed materials present in compound feedingstuffs and does not apply to feed materials used as carriers present in premixtures.

- **Feed for Horses**

  In reply to a question, it was generally agreed that for practical purposes horses should be considered as food producing animals and as a consequence, open declaration should apply to feedingstuffs for horses.

- **Calcium butyrate**

  A delegation raised a question regarding the correct classification of calcium butyrate in feedingstuffs, and it was suggested to submit the question in writing and that the issue could be discussed in detail at the coming meeting.