STANDING COMMITTEE

1. Presentation of the General Report of 15 Food and Veterinary Office (FVO) missions carried out in the Member States in 2002 and 2003 concerning Animal Nutrition: implementation of EC measures in the field of animal nutrition regarding official inspections and approval and registration of certain establishments and intermediaries - DG(SANCO)8501/2004-GR

A representative of the FVO made a presentation with an overview of the missions carried out in all Member States during 2002 and 2003. The report summarised the main conclusions and findings and the recommendations addressed to the Member States. The FVO informed that follow-up missions are envisaged to verify that actions have been taken as announced in their action plans.

2. List of authorised representatives of establishments from third countries for import of certain feedingstuffs, pursuant to Chapter VI of Council Directive 98/51/EC.

Imports of certain feed additives and certain other feedingstuffs into the European Union have to comply with the provisions of Article 6 of Commission Directive 98/51/EC of 9 July 1998 laying down certain measures for implementing Council Directive 95/69/EC laying down the conditions and arrangements for approving and registering certain establishments and intermediaries operating in the animal feed sector. Member States may only authorise the import of those feed additives from establishments in third countries which have a representative established within the Community.

The Member States shall send to the Commission updated information on the names and addresses of the representatives and of the manufacturers. Some Member States considered that compiled lists could be a useful tool for official import controls.

Norway provided the following statement as regards the clarification of the status of EEA countries:

“Council Directive 98/51/EC of 9 July 1998 was incorporated into the EEA Agreement by a decision of the EEA Joint Committee in 2000 (EEA JCD No 71/2000), which entered
into force on 25 December 2000. According to the EEA Agreement (Protocol 1, paragraph 7), rights and obligations conferred or imposed on EC Member States are to be understood as being conferred or imposed on the Contracting Parties to the EEA Agreement, that is the EC Member States and the EEA EFTA States (Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein). In conclusion, once the relevant legislation is incorporated into the EEA Agreement Norway is not to be considered a third country.”

3. Setting timetable for additives


3.3 “Toyocerin” (Bacillus cereus var. toyoi NCIMB 40112/CNCM I-1012). Application for permanent authorisation for the animal category: Chickens for fattening. Provisional authorisation expires on 7 October 2004. Rapporteur: ES

3.4 “Fecinor” (Enterococcus faecium CECT 4515). Application for extension of use for the animal category: Chickens for fattening. The first part of the evaluation period (clock 3, art. 4 par. 6 of Directive 70/524/EEC) started as from 24 June 2004. Rapporteur: ES

The first part of the evaluation period was stopped on 28 October 2004.

3.4. Enzymes


On expiry of the sixty-day period referred to in Article 4 (4) of Directive No 70/524/EEC, no objections regarding the acceptability of the dossier were registered. The process for an in-depth evaluation referred to in Article 4 (6) of Dir. 70/524/EEC was therefore considered to have started on 28 October 2004.


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The revised draft regulation was presented and discussed. Some further elements were considered to be included in the draft. The Commission services indicated that it was very likely that a draft would be submitted for vote of the Committee at the forthcoming meeting.

The Commission services reminded about the inauguration of the CRL for feed additives authorisation taking place in Geel on 9 November. All Delegations had been officially invited invited.

5. State of play regarding the application of Directive 2002/2/EC in the Member States

6. Undesirable substances in feed.

Update on and continuation of the discussions on possible measures as regards Deoxynivalenol, zearalenone, lead, cadmium, ochratoxin A, fluorine and dioxin-like PCBs in feed

The Committee was informed of the results of the discussions which took place in the Expert Committee “Undesirable substances” on 15 October 2004 as regards deoxynivalenol, zearalenone, lead cadmium and dioxin-like PCBs in feed. As regards dioxin-like PCBs in feed the Committee was informed that there seems to be a majority of Member States to establish a maximum level for total TEQ values (dioxins, furans and dioxin-like PCBs) and maintaining the current maximum level applicable for dioxins and furans for a transitional period applicable.
The Committee was also informed that the opinion of EFSA on fluorine and ochratoxin A has been made recently available. The Committee raised no objections to provide the stakeholders already the opportunity at the next meeting of the Expert Committee to present their position as regards possible legal measures to limit the presence of deoxynivalenol, zearalenone, lead, cadmium, ochratoxin A, fluorine in animal feed. A more formal consultation would then take place once the discussions on the possible measures are in more advanced stage.

7. Methods of analysis in animal feed
Update and discussion on recent developments

The Committee was informed of the discussions which have taken place in the Expert Committee “Methods of Analysis – Animal Feed” on 25 October 2004. A possible addendum to the current mandate for standardisation addressed to CEN in the field of methods of analysis for animal feedingstuffs was presented and no comments were made.

Furthermore the Committee was informed on the intention to screen all existing Community methods of analysis adopted pursuant Council Directive 70/373/EEC of 20 July 1970 on the introduction of Community methods of sampling and analysis for the official control of feedingstuffs. All methods which are considered as valid for maintaining would then be consolidated into one Directive.

On the request of a delegation, the Commission accepted to reconsider the current sampling provisions for official control as provided for in Commission Directive 76/371/EEC of 1 March 1976 establishing Community methods of sampling for the official control of feedingstuffs.

8. Any other business

8.1. Feed additives applications

The Commission services reported that it had received some correspondence relating to potential applications for authorisation for feed additives. It was not possible to launch the formal check process foreseen in Article 4(4) of Directive 70/524 due to the full entry into application of the new Regulation 1831/2003 on 18/10/2004. The Commission asked the Member States who would have been rapporteurs under the Directive 70/524 for these applications to inform the applicants of these of this fact. Applicants could consider introducing an application under the new Regulation 1831/2003. Practical arrangements regarding new applications could be discussed, if necessary, at the next meeting of the Standing Committee.

The 3 principle amendments were motivated (fishmeal to all farmed animals, blood products of non-ruminants to non-ruminants and hydrolysed proteins to all farmed animals). The Committee was also informed about a resolution of the European Parliament against the proposal. Because of the resolution, the Commission will reflect if and how to proceed.

10.- Other business

10.1 INFORMATION ON FRENCH RESEARCH FINDINGS ON TSE IN GOAT TO EXPERT PANNEL
The Commission press release of 28 October was distributed and a short explanation was given on this issue.

10.2 L–ARGININE TECHNICALLY PURE
A representative of the Commission informed that a new dossier on L-Arginine was submitted before the entering into application of Regulation (EC) 1831/2003. Therefore, the application shall be treated in accordance with Directive 82/471/EEC.

10.3. Case of dioxin contamination in the NL.
The NL Delegation reported orally on a case of dioxin contamination in the Netherlands. High levels of dioxin was found in milk from a farm. The origin seemed to be potato by-product fed to the animals. The issue was being investigated. The Netherlands would inform in detail through the appropriate channels, in particular through the RASFF, to the Commission and the Member States.

EXPERT COMMITTEE

1. Evaluation of additive dossiers

1.1. Coccidiostats


1.1.2 Clinacox 0.5% Active substance: Diclazuril (R064433) CAS 101831-37-2. Coccidiostat for rabbits for fattening and breeding. Request for permanent authorisation. Rapporteur: BE

1.2 Growth promoters

1.2.1 Formi™ LHS, based on potassium diformate as grow promoters, solid form. Animal category: sows. Rapportuer: DK

1.2.2 Farmatan Active substance: Tannin. Request for permanent authorisation. Grown promoter for rabbits and piglets. Rapporteur: AT

1.3. Vitamins

1.6 Colourants


1.6.5 Astaxantin-rich Active substance: Phaffia rhodozyma. Colourant for trout and salmon Request for permanent authorisation. Rapporteur: BE

1.7 Trace elements

Chelated forms of the trace elements iron, copper, manganese and zinc with chemically synthesised aminoacids: request for authorisation under Article 4 of Directive 70/524/EEC. Rapporteur: UK.

2 Products falling within the scope of Directive 82/471/EEC

2.1 L-histidine monohydrochloride monohydrate

2.2 Vitalys® liquid and Vitalys® dry, l-lysine-sulphate (produced by fermentation with corynebacterium glutamicum).