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

ANIMAL NUTRITION SECTION

Brussels, 12 July 2006

SECTION A  Information and/or discussion

1. Monitoring of mycotoxins in feedingstuffs: preparation of the meeting with the stakeholders on 20 July 2006

   It is foreseen that the Commission will adopt shortly a Recommendation on the presence of deoxynivalenol, zearalenone, ochratoxin A, T-2 and HT-toxin and fumonisins in products for animal feeding. One of the recommendations is that Member States should, with the active involvement of feed business operators, increase the monitoring for the presence of deoxynivalenol, zearalenone, ochratoxin A and fumonisin B1+B2, T-2 and HT-2 toxin in cereals and cereal products intended for animal feeding and compound feedingstuffs.

   In order to discuss this monitoring, a meeting with the experts from the Member States with the participation of the stakeholder organisations is organised on 20 July 2006. A document containing information on the different sampling strategies, criteria for the methods of analysis used and reporting of data was presented and discussed. This document will also be discussed at the meeting on 20 July 2006.

SECTION B  Draft presented for an opinion

2. Discussion and possible request of opinion on a draft Commission Regulation concerning permanent authorisations of certain additive in feedingstuffs (Document SANCO/2140/2006) (subject to the right of scrutiny of the EP)

   This item was deleted from the agenda before the meeting.

3. Discussion and possible request of opinion on a draft Commission Regulation concerning permanent authorisations of certain additive in feedingstuffs (Document SANCO/2138/2006) (subject to the right of scrutiny of the EP)

   This item was deleted from the agenda before the meeting.

4. Discussion and possible request of opinion on a draft Regulation (EC) concerning the authorisation of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (Biosaf SC 47) as a feed additive (Document SANCO/1227/2006) (subject to the right of scrutiny of the EP)

   This draft Regulation concerns the authorisation for ten years of a micro-organism preparation based on *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (NCYC Sc 47) (Biosaf SC 47) for lambs for fattening, belonging to the category of “zootechnical additives” and functional group “gut flora stabilisers”.

   A discussion took place.
   The vote was taken. The draft Regulation received a favourable opinion by qualified majority.
The German delegation requested the Commission that in future the German text of draft Regulations be sent sufficiently in advance of the meeting where a request of opinion is envisaged.
The Chairperson reminded the delegations of the possibility given to the Member States to comment on the different linguistic versions of the draft Regulations before their final adoption by the Commission.

5. Discussion and possible request of opinion on a draft Regulation (EC) concerning the authorisation of *Enterococcus faecium* (Biomin IMB52) as a feed additive (Document SANCO/1581/2006) (subject to the right of scrutiny of the EP)

This draft Regulation concerns the authorisation for ten years of a micro-organism preparation based on *Enterococcus faecium* DSM 3530 for chickens for fattening, belonging to the category of “zootechnical additives” and functional group “gut flora stabilisers”.

A discussion took place.
The vote was taken. The draft Regulation received a favourable opinion by qualified majority.

The following Declaration was made by the Member States and the Commission:

“The Member States and the Commission agree that the identification number attributed to newly authorised additives will be adapted in case the final decision on the new numbering system requests its modification.”

6. Discussion and possible request of opinion on a draft Regulation (EC) concerning the authorisation of *Bacillus subtilis* C-3102 (Calsporin) as a feed additive (Document SANCO/1582/2006) (subject to the right of scrutiny of the EP)

This draft Regulation concerns the authorisation for ten years of a micro-organism preparation based on *Bacillus subtilis* C-3102 (Calsporin) for chickens for fattening, belonging to the category of “zootechnical additives” and functional group “gut flora stabilisers”.

A discussion took place.
The draft Regulation received a favourable opinion by qualified majority.

The following Declaration was made by the Member States and the Commission:

“The Member States and the Commission agree that the identification number attributed to newly authorised additives will be adapted in case the final decision on the new numbering system requests its modification.”

7. Discussion and possible request of opinion on a draft Regulation (EC) concerning the authorisation of selenomethionine as a feed additive (Document SANCO/1704/2006) (subject to the right of scrutiny of the EP)

This draft Regulation concerns the authorisation for ten years of the preparation selenomethionine based on selenized yeast inactivated (organic form of Selenium) produced by *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* for all species, belonging to the category of “nutritional additives” and functional group “compound of trace elements”.

A discussion took place.
The vote was postponed to the next meeting of the Committee.
8. Discussion and possible request of opinion on a draft Regulation (EC) concerning the authorisation of a feed additive belonging to the category of zootechnical additives (Document SANCO/496/2006) (subject to the right of scrutiny of the EP)

This draft Regulation concerns the authorisation for ten years of the preparation benzoic acid (VevoVitall) for piglets (weaned), belonging to the category of “zootechnical additives” and functional group “other zootechnical additives (improvement of performance parameters: weight gain or feed gain ratio”).

The draft Regulation was already discussed in previous meetings of the Committee. A new brief discussion took place.

This item was not voted due to the early departure from the meeting of several delegations.

9. Exchange of views and possible opinion on draft Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1356/2004 as regards the conditions of authorisation of the feed additive “Elancoban”, belonging to the group of coccidiostats and other medicinal substances (Document SANCO/3654/2005) (subject to the right of scrutiny of the EP)

This item was not discussed nor voted due to the early departure from the meeting of several delegations.

SECTION C Draft presented for discussion

10. Exchange of views on the monitoring of background levels of dioxin, dioxin-like PCBs and non-dioxin-like PCBs in feedingstuffs

11. Discussion on a working document as regards special conditions to the import of zinc sulphate originating from China, intended for animal feeding and human consumption


13. Discussion on a draft Commission Regulation establishing Community methods of analysis in feedingstuffs

14. A.O.B.

Items 10 to 13 and item 14 were not discussed because of lack of time.

14.1 Lysine CMS:

14.2 Natural plant toxins as undesirable substance in feed

The Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain of EFSA is currently undertaking on the request of the Commission an assessment of the presence of natural plant toxins as undesirable substance in feed in view of a possible future revision of the
relevant provisions in Directive 2002/32/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 May 2000 on undesirable substances in animal feed. For this assessment, the Committee was requested to provide information as regards the outcome of (official) controls of the provisions in Directive 2002/32/EC related to the presence of natural plant toxins.

14.3 Directive 2002/2/EC amending Council Directive 79/373/EEC on the circulation of compound feedingstuffs: a representative of the Commission informed the Committee on the adoption by the Commission on 27 June 2006 of a draft proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council correcting Directive 2002/2/EC, in order to bring Community law in line with the judgment of the Court of justice of 6 December 2005. The proposal has been transmitted to the Council and the European Parliament in view of an adoption through the co-decision procedure. The members of the Committee were also informed on a letter dated 21 June 2006 which was sent to the ambassadors of the Member States in order to receive all information for the preparation of the report on the implementation of Directive 2002/2/EC. The deadline set in the letter for submitting the information is the 1st of September 2006.

14.4 Cadmium in zinc sulphate: information of the Norwegian delegation on the judicial follow-up of the contamination incident in 2005.

The Norwegian delegate informed the Committee on the judicial follow-up of the contamination incident with high levels of cadmium in zinc sulphate, which occurred in 2005. The investigations revealed that the company that imported the contaminated zinc sulphate had not made notice in advance to the feedingsstuffs Authority as required, on an import from third country. The system for internal control of the company to identify risks was found to be not appropriate, and no measures necessary to reduce possible risks were taken. The Norwegian National Authority for Investigation of Economic and Environmental Crime has therefore ordered the company to pay a fine for transgression of the national food and feedingsstuffs regulation.

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