President: Mr Willem PENNING

All Member States were represented, except Malta and Slovakia

1. Feed Additives

1.1. Applications under Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 Art. 15

1.1.1. New application (1)

The new application on a histomonostat for turkeys was presented.

1.2. Applications under Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 Art. 25

1.2.1. Endo-1,3(4)-beta-glucanase from Trichoderma reesei (CBS 526.94) (enzyme 26) for piglets up to 4 months. Application for permanent authorisation. Rapp: FI.

A discussion took place.

1.2.2. Kofogran (nicarbazin) as coccidiostat for chickens up to four weeks. Application for permanent authorisation. Rapp: BE. Supplementary information.

A discussion took place.

1.3. Applications under Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 Art. 9

1.3.1. Discussion on European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) opinion on safety and efficacy of Probiotic, a preparation of Lactobacillus acidophilus, L. helveticus, L. bulgaricus, L. lactis, Streptococcus thermophilus, Enterococcus faecium as a feed additive for chickens for fattening, piglets and pigs.
A discussion took place on this EFSA opinion. Supplementary data have been requested from the applicant to complete the evaluation.

1.3.2. Discussion on EFSA opinion on safety and efficacy of the product Toyocerin (Bacillus cereus var. toyoi) as feed additive for rabbit breeding does. Annex entry (Document SANCO/04698/2009)

A discussion took place. A draft Regulation for a new authorisation will be proposed.

1.4. Working document for a proposal of a new functional group of feed additives (Rev 02)

A discussion took place and an agreement was achieved on this draft. The necessity to define in a more general way this new functional group to follow the scientific and technical evolution of the products was underlined. A draft Regulation will be proposed for the discussion, taking into consideration the proposed suggestions.

2. Trade matters concerning feed and feed additives with the Swiss Confederation

Presentation of the conditions that needed to be met for the suppression of veterinary border controls. Current state of play of the agreement does not allow the suppression of feed border controls, however outcome of the next meeting of the appropriate working group could allow lifting of border controls at least for certain products.

3. Categorisation of products as feed materials and feed additives

All Member States welcomed the pro-active initiative of the Commission services to launch the project for a systematic Community approach with respect to the categorisation of feed materials and feed additives. There was broad agreement to start the work on basis of the non-paper distributed regardless some ad-hoc suggestions to extend the scope. The Commission representative confirmed that the work should result on the one hand in the guidelines as foreseen in Article 7(1) of the draft Regulation on feed marketing but as well in a list of products to be categorised in a uniform way based on Article 7(2) of the said Regulation. He invited the Member States to compile, after consultation of the stakeholders and control bodies, contributions to both measures and send it to the Commission before Easter 2009.

4. Discussion on the EFSA opinion on "Consequences for the consumer of the use of vitamin A in animal nutrition" of January 2009. Annex entry

A first discussion about the follow up to this EFSA opinion took place following the recent publication of this opinion.

5. Exchange of views on amending aspects of Regulation (EC) N° 478/2005 relating to the tasks and duties of the Community Reference Laboratory (CRL) of Feed additives authorisation
Several aspects of modifications to the current Regulation laying down the operation of the CRL were discussed. The Commission services will try to submit for vote at the next Standing Committee meeting a text containing the aspects discussed.

6. **Exchange of views on activities relating to future work in Codex Alimentarius relating to animal feed**

A draft proposal for reply to the Codex secretariat was discussed and alternatives discussed. As there are no suitable Codex coordination meetings scheduled in the Council it is likely that the draft would be circulated to Codex Contact points by the Council and written comments requested in order to amend the text if necessary. This will enable a final reply to Codex to be sent in time before the deadline.

7. **EFSA opinion on gossypol - discussion on follow-up**

Items were discussed and the discussion will be reflected in future legislative acts.

8. **Finalisation of the discussions on possible amendments to current provisions on mercury, Datura sp, theobromine, castor oil plant and croton following recent EFSA opinions**

Items were discussed and the discussion will be reflected in future legislative acts.

9. **Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Regulation (EC) concerning the permanent authorisations of certain additives in feedingstuffs**


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

France voting position: abstention

France declaration :

"Les experts français considèrent que les éléments fournis par les pétitionnaires sont insuffisants pour démontrer l’efficacité des additifs endo-1,4-bêta-xylanase EC 3.2.1.8 et endo-1,3(4)-bêta-glucanase EC 3.2.1.6 issues de Penicillium funiculosum destinés aux porcelets et endo-1,4-bêta-xylanase produite par Bacillus subtilus (LMG S-15136) destiné aux poules pondeuses.

En conséquence, la France s’abstient pour le vote du document SANCO/4507/2009".

10. **Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Regulation (EC) concerning a new authorisation of a preparation of endo-1,4-beta-xylanase and endo-1,4-beta-glucanase as a feed additive for weaned piglets, chickens for fattening, laying hens, turkeys for fattening and ducks (holder of the authorisation BASF Aktiengesellschaft)**
A discussion took place and the vote was taken. The draft Regulation received a favourable opinion by qualified majority.

11. Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Regulation (EC) concerning the authorisation of 6-phytase as a feed additive for chickens for fattening (holder of the authorisation DSM Nutritional products represented by DSM Nutritional products Sp. Z o.o.)

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

12. Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Regulation (EC) concerning a new authorisation of L-valine in feedingstuffs

This draft proposal was withdrawn from the agenda because verification on production strain was necessary.

13. A.O.B.

No item raised.

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Director (signed)