President: Mr Willem PENNING

Malta and Slovakia were not present and not represented.

1. Feed Additives

1.1. Applications under Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 Art. 4

1.1.1. New applications (4)

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.

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

1.3.1. Discussion on EFSA opinion on safety and efficacy of Biosprint as a feed additive for sows. Annex (Doc. SANCO/4919/2009)

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

1.4. Applications under Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 Art. 13

1.4.1. Discussion on EFSA opinion on "Consequences for the consumer of the use of vitamin A in animal nutrition" of January 2009. Annex entry
Several points were raised by delegations regarding different alternatives for follow up of the opinion of European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). Prof. Gropp, member of the Panel on Additives and Products or Substances used in Animal Feed, answered a number of questions regarding the opinion. Delegations thanked Prof. Gropp for his presence and explanations. The Commission services intend to consult stakeholders within the Advisory Committee on the Food Chain and also seek input about animal health aspects from the CVOs.

2. **Discussion on the provisions as regards mercury in feed**

New information was received from Member States and professional organisations on the presence of mercury in fish meal and fish feed. Following the discussions, following levels for mercury were concluded for future discussion:
- 0.5 mg/kg for feedingstuffs produced from fish or by the processing of fish or other marine animals
- 0.1 mg/kg for compound feed with the exception of
  - 0.2 mg/kg for compound feed for fish
  - 0.3 mg/kg for dog, cat and fur animals.

3. **Update on other issues related to the presence of undesirable substances in feed**

The EFSA Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain issued a scientific opinion on gossypol as undesirable substance in animal feed\(^1\). Experiments have shown that the presence of free gossypol may lead to adverse animal health effects at doses dependent on the animal species. Gossypol is transferred from feed to food of animal origin. There is very little quantitative information on transfer. Human exposure to gossypol through the consumption of food products from animals fed gossypol seed derived products is probably low and would not result in adverse effects.

Taking into account the conclusions from the EFSA opinion, the following maximum levels for gossypol in complete feed were discussed:

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<td>- complete feedingstuffs for adult cattle</td>
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<td>- complete feedingstuffs for poultry (except laying hens), goats (except kids) and calves</td>
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<td>- complete feedingstuffs for rabbits, sheep (except lambs), and pigs (except piglets)</td>
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Another conclusion from the above mentioned opinion is that the specificity of current official EU method is questionable, as compounds other than gossypol can contribute to the formation of UV adsorption at 440 nm. However, cotton plants do contain gossypol-like compounds, e.g., gossypol methyl ethers of presumably similar toxicity as gossypol, which will be co-determined with gossypol in the spectrophotometric

methods. High-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) determination of gossypol is preferred as it offers a higher degree of specificity. Therefore it should be considered to replace the current official EU method of analysis of gossypol (spectrophotometric method) by a specific analytical method (such as HPLC).

4. Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Regulation (EC) concerning the authorisation of the preparation of *Bacillus cereus* var. *toyoi* as a feed additive for rabbits breeding does (holder of the authorisation Rubinum S.A.)


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

DE voting position: abstention.
See german declaration at point 7.

5. Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Regulation (EC) concerning the authorisation of 6-phytase EC 3.1.3.26 as a feed additive for chickens for fattening, turkeys for fattening, laying hens, ducks for fattening, piglets (weaned), pigs for fattening and sows (holder of the authorisation Danisco Animal Nutrition)


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

DE voting position: abstention.
See german declaration at point 7.

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


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

DE voting position: abstention.
See german declaration at point 7.

7. Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Regulation (EC) amending Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 as refers to establishment of a new functional group of feed additives
The Regulation intends to establish a new functional group in the category of technological additives following Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003. A discussion took place and the vote was taken. The draft Regulation received a favourable opinion by qualified majority.

DE voting position: abstention.

German declaration:

"Leider muss ich feststellen, dass die Dokumente, die heute zur Abstimmung gestellt werden, nicht in deutscher Sprache vorliegen. Nach dem Grundsatz des Vollsprachenregimes müssen die Dokumente für die Abstimmung auch in Deutsch vorgelegt werden. Da jedoch keine deutschen Dokumente vorliegen, enthält sich Deutschland bei der Abstimmung".


The item was withdrawn from the agenda and the vote was postponed.

9. A.O.B.

- **State of formaldehyde**

  As requested by the Austrian and Italian delegations, a discussion on the use of formaldehyde as feed additive took place. It was concluded that formaldehyde is authorised as feed additive under the category of preservatives for pigs up to six months for skimmed milk only with a maximum content of 600 mg/kg and for all species or categories of animals for silage only. Other uses of this product as feed additive are not allowed.

- **Request by Member States on the allocation of a substance as feed additive or feed material**

  On request of one Member State the Committee discussed the status of a product that contains several enzyme activities. It was concluded that the Company which wants to place the product on the market should deliver more information on the product properties including the manufacturing process in order to be able to properly evaluate the issue.
• Discussion on a draft Commission Regulation amending Annex I to Directive 2002/32/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum levels of certain undesirable substances

Following the discussion at previous meetings and the consultation of stakeholders, the draft Commission Regulation containing updated provisions as regards arsenic, theobromine, Datura spp, Ricinus communis and Croton tiglium and a new provision for Abrus precatorius was presented. Comments were received to introduce a specific provision as regards the extraction method to be used for the analysis of arsenic in feed with a high mineral content (as is foreseen for the analysis of lead and cadmium). It was also asked to have the strictest level of theobromine for rabbits and fur animals. No other comments were received.

The Commission representative indicated to introduce in the draft text the necessary changes following the comments made.

• Export of feed additives which are not authorised in the Community

Further to a question raised by a delegation, a representative of the Commission referred to the position expressed in the summary minutes of the meeting of the Standing Committee held on 5-6 June 2008. A proposal for an amendment of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 in order to explicitly clarify the situation could be envisaged at the time of the fulfilment of an assessment concerning the application of the Regulation that could be launched after the re-evaluation exercise provided for in Article 10 of that Regulation.

It was also reminded that the general requirements laid down in Regulation (EC) No 178/2002, in particular as regards the responsibility of the feed operators, traceability and export to third countries must be complied with.

Bernard Van Goethem,
Director (signed)