SUMMARY RECORD OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE FOOD CHAIN AND ANIMAL HEALTH
HELD ON 28 APRIL 2009 IN BRUSSELS
(Section Animal Nutrition)

President: Mr Willem PENNING

All Member States were present, except Malta.

1. Feed Additives

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

1.1.1. New applications

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

1.2.1. Discussion on EFSA opinion on safety and efficacy of Bonvital
(Enterococcus faecium) as feed additive for chickens for fattening

A discussion took place. Supplementary information will be asked to the applicant.
Since the applicant complied with the conditions of Article 10 (2), the period of authorisation of the product is automatically extended until the Commission takes a decision (Article 10(6)).

1.2.2. Discussion on EFSA opinion on safety and efficacy of 25-
hydroxycholecalciferol as a feed additive for poultry and pigs
Annex (Doc. SANCO/5220/2009)

The discussion took place. A draft Regulation will be prepared.

1.2.3. Discussion on EFSA opinion on safety and efficacy of Yea-Sacc
(Saccharomices cerevisiae) as a feed additive for horses
Annex (Doc. SANCO/5221/2009)
The discussion took place. A draft Regulation will be prepared.

1.2.4. Discussion on EFSA opinion on safety and efficacy of ColiCure (*Escherichia coli*) as a feed additive for horses

A discussion took place. Supplementary information will be requested to the applicant.

1.2.5. Discussion on EFSA opinion on safety and efficacy of guanidinoacetic acid as a feed additive for chickens for fattening

A discussion took place. Supplementary information will be requested to the applicant.

1.2.6. Discussion on EFSA opinion on the dossier Selsaf Annex (Doc. SANCO/5464/2009)

The discussion took place. A draft Regulation will be prepared.

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

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

The discussions continued about this issue and the next steps were mentioned. The item will be discussed at further meetings. A discussion will take place at the level of the Chief Veterinary Officers.

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

1.4.1. 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

The discussion took place. Addition information from some Member States is expected shortly.

2. Discussion on the classification of two new products

A discussion took place. Supplementary information will be requested to the applicant.

3. Presentation on the Comitology Reform

A discussion took place following the presentation by Emiliana Bassolino.
4. Discussion on limits for mercury and free-gossypol in feed

The amendments to the existing maximum levels for mercury and free-gossypol as discussed at the previous meeting of the Committee were confirmed.

In addition following the availability of recent European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) opinions on saponins from Madhuca longifolia\(^1\) and nitrites\(^2\), possible amendments to the Annex of the Directive 2002/32/EC on undesirable substances were presented for discussion.

Following the opinion from EFSA, it was suggested to
- delete the entry for Madhuca longifolia from the Annex.
- delete or simplify the provisions for nitrite in feed. The Commission representative indicated that it might be appropriate to keep the provisions (however simplified) but it is to be noted that sodium nitrite is authorised in feedingstuffs for dogs and cats with a moisture content exceeding 20 % with a maximum content of 100 mg/kg of complete feedingstuffs.

No particular comments were raised as regards these proposals.

5. Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Regulation (EC) concerning the authorisation of a new use of the preparation of Saccharomyces cerevisiae as a feed additive for sows (holder of the authorisation Prosol S.p.A.)

(Document SANCO/4919/2009)
(Legal basis : Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003, Right of scrutiny of the European Parliament)

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


(Document SANCO/5243/2009)
(Legal basis : Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003, Right of scrutiny of the European Parliament)

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

7. Exchange of views and possible opinion on amending Regulation (EC) No 378/2005 as regards reference samples, fees and the laboratories listed in Annex II thereto

(Document SANCO/4907/2009)

\(^2\) *The EFSA Journal* (2009) 1017, 1-47
A discussion took place. Some minor amendments were introduced and the vote was taken. The draft Regulation received a favourable opinion by qualified majority.


(Document SANCO/5166/2009)


The proposed amendments are based upon opinions from the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and information provided by competent authorities of the Member States and consist of

- setting maximum levels for total arsenic in additives belonging to the functional group of compounds of trace elements;
- adapting the maximum levels for arsenic in fish meal, fish oil and fish feed following recent developments in technical knowledge;
- setting a maximum level for arsenic in iron, used as tracer;
- lowering of the existing maximum levels for theobromine;
- amending the provisions for Datura sp, Ricinus communis L. and Croton tiglium L.
- introducing a provision for Abrus precatorius L.

The Committee expressed a positive opinion by qualified majority on the proposed measures.

9. A.O.B.

Upon request from a delegation, the Commission representative confirmed that the Community methods of analysis provided for in Commission Regulation (EC) No 152/2009 of 27 January 2009 laying down the methods of sampling and analysis for the official control of feed³ have precedence for official control above a CEN (European Committee for Normalisation) standard even if the CEN standard is a modern method. This is in accordance with article 11 of the Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on official controls performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules⁴.

³ OJ L 54, 26.2.2009, p. 1
It was announced that the methods provided for in Regulation (EC) 152/2009 would be again screened in the near future to verify if they are still appropriate to be kept as official method, alongside the foreseeable revision of the sampling provisions.

Bernard Van Goethem,
Director (signed)