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. 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

The discussion took place.

1.2.2. Endo-1,3(4)-beta-glucanase (EC 3.2.1.6.), Endo-1,4-beta-glucanase (EC 3.2.1.4.), Alpha-amylase (EC 3.2.1.1.), Bacillolysin (EC 3.4.24.28.) and Endo-1,4, beta-xylanase (EC 3.2.1.8.) (enzyme 53) for piglets (weaned) and turkeys for fattening. Application for permanent autorisation. Rapp. BE

The dossier was presented.
1.3. Applications under Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 Art. 9

1.3.1. Discussion on the EFSA opinion on the safety of zinc chelate of hydroxy analogue of methionine as feed additive for chickens for fattening. Annex entry

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

1.3.2. Discussion on the EFSA opinion on the safety and efficacy of chromium methionine as feed additive for all species

The discussion took place. The results of the EFSA assessment do not allow to proceed with the authorisation. The applicant will be informed about this.

1.3.3. Discussion on EFSA opinion on safety and efficacy of Miya-Gold (*Clostridium butyricum*) as feed additive for chickens for fattening

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

1.3.4. Discussion on EFSA opinion on efficacy of Levucell SC10ME (*Saccharomices cerevisiae*) as a feed additive for leisure horses

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

1.3.5. Discussion on EFSA opinions on safety and efficacy of Bactocell (*Pediococcus acidilactici*) for shrimp and fish

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

1.3.6. Discussion on EFSA opinion on safety and efficacy of Econase XT P/L as feed additive for chickens for fattening, chickens reared for laying turkeys for fattening, turkeys reared for breeding and piglets (weaned)

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

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

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

1.3.8. Discussion on EFSA opinion on preliminary evaluation of the safety and efficacy of paromomycin sulphate for turkeys for fattening and turkeys reared for breeding

The discussion took place. The Commission presented the EFSA opinion, pointing out the most important aspects of the evaluation and in particular the antibiotic resistance. During the discussion, Member
States and the Commission agreed that the data provided in the dossier were not sufficient to grant authorisation under the conditions of Article 15 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003. It was concluded that the dossier could be discussed again, when more data are available to clarify the safety concerns raised within the Committee.

2. **Short information of outcome of a conference by R. Herbes**

   R. Herbes made an evaluation of the Alltech Symposium 2009.

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

   The Commission services reported about the ongoing EU coordination in preparation of the forthcoming Codex Alimentarius Commission meeting. After a discussion, the Commission services undertook to further align the coordination orientations taking into account the discussions at the meeting.

4. **Categorisation of products as feed materials and feed additives**

   The Commission representative referred to the launch of the discussions in the meeting 4 months ago and to the contributions provided by the Member States. Based on this, he suggested to start with the differentiation between feed materials and feed additives, presented an approach forward and exemplified it for a list of concrete products. The Member States confirmed the need to make progress in this field and appreciated the Commission's initiative. It was agreed to intensify the discussions, possibly in a working group, on the general approach including the concrete criteria to draw the line between the different types of feed.

5. **Undesirable substances in feed**

   - **discussion on provisions in the Annex to directive 2002/32/EC related to *Madhuca longifolia* and nitrite and mercury and gossypol**

   The amendment of the Annex and the modifications to the current provisions were discussed:
   - for **mercury** a level of 0,1 mg/kg for compound feed with the exception of compound feed for fish (0,2 mg/kg) and compound feed for dog, cat and fur animals (0,3 mg/kg)
   - for **nitrites** the maximum level of 60 mg/kg is proposed to be deleted and the level of 15 mg/kg is maintained for complete feedingstuffs with the exception of feedingstuffs for dogs and cats with a moisture content exceeding 20 %. The appropriateness of setting a maximum level of 15 mg/kg for nitrites in all feed materials was discussed.
   - for **gossypol** a level of 100 mg/kg for goats (except kids), of 60 mg/kg for sheep (except lamb) and a level of 20 mg/kg for kids and lambs.
   - deletion of *Madhuca longifolia* from the annex.
• outlook on topics which will be addressed in the second half of 2009

In the second half of 2009 following topics as regards undesirable substances will be discussed: dioxins and PCBs, non-dioxin-like PCBs, Fusarium-toxins and also the establishment of acceptability criteria for detoxification processes.

6. Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Regulation (EC) concerning the authorisation of a stabilised form of 25-hydroxycholecalciferol as a feed additive for chickens for fattening, turkeys for fattening, other poultry and pigs


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 a draft Regulation (EC) concerning the authorisation of a preparation of Saccharomyces cerevisiae as a feed additive for horses (holder of authorisation Alltech France)


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

8. Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Regulation (EC) concerning the authorisation of selenomethionine produced by Saccharomyces cerevisiae CNCM I-3399 as a feed additive


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

9. Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Regulation (EC) amending Regulation (EC) No 1290/2008 as regards the name of the holder of the authorisation of a preparation of Lactobacillus rhamnosus (CNCM-I-3698) and Lactobacillus farciminis (CNCM-I-3699) (Sorbiflore)


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

- **Medicated Feed:**

A Commission representative informed the Committee that an external study for the revision of Directive 90/167/EEC on medicated feed has just been launched. He announced a letter to the Heads of Delegation in the SCFCAH to request information available from the national Competent Authorities to be forwarded to the Commission in order to support the respective impact assessment.

- **Formaldehyde in feed:**

A Commission representative informed the Committee about the progress on the issue of formaldehyde based products to be used in feed. The concrete issue arose with an application for the inclusion of a formaldehyde based product in Annex I of the Biocide Directive 98/8/EC for product-type 20 (preservatives for food and feedstocks). After careful consideration of the arguments, the Commission services consider such products to fall under the scope of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003. As a consequence, in accordance with point (o) of Article 1(2) of Directive 98/8/EC, such products would not be covered by Directive 98/8/EC and are therefore not subject to the requirements of Directive 98/8/EC or Regulation (EC) No 1451/2007 concerning the systematic examination of existing active substances used in biocidal products. Therefore, the placing on the market of the product for use in feed would have to comply with the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003. An application for formaldehyde as feed additive could be based on Article 4 of that Regulation or on Article 10(2) in the context of the re-evaluation of the existing authorisation of formaldehyde as a feed additive. Until a decision for a non-inclusion of formaldehyde based products in Annex I or IA of Directive 98/8/EC for product-type 20 is taken, Member States may continue to apply their current system or practice of placing biocidal products on the market in accordance with the transitional measures laid down in Article 16(1) of Directive 98/8/EC. Member States appreciated this clarification and pledged for a smooth and structured transfer of such products from the biocide to the feed additive legislation.

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Director (signed)