SUMMARY RECORD OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE FOOD CHAIN AND ANIMAL HEALTH
HEL D ON 17 & 18 SEPTEMBER 2009 IN BRUSSELS
(Section Animal Nutrition)
(Section Plant Protection Products - Legislation)

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 (EC 3.2.1.6.), Endo-1,4-beta-glucanase (EC 3.2.1.4.), Alpha-amylase (EC 3.2.1.1.), Bacillo lysin (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 authorisation. Rapp. BE

A discussion took place and the annex entry was discussed with some minor amendments to be introduced. A draft regulation including this product will be included for a forthcoming meeting of the Standing Committee.
1.3. Applications under Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 Art. 9

1.3.1. Discussion on EFSA opinion on safety and efficacy of Ronozyme® ProAct (serine protease) for use as feed additive for chickens for fattening

The discussion took place. A draft Regulation will be included in a forthcoming meeting of the Standing Committee.

1.3.2. Discussion on EFSA opinion on safety and efficacy of AveMix® 02 CS/L (endo-1,3(4)-β-glucanase, endo-1,4-β-xylanase and pectinase) as feed additive for weaned piglets

The Standing Committee decided to request the missing data for the evaluation by EFSA.

1.3.3. Discussion on EFSA opinion on modification of terms of authorisation of Natuphos® (3-phytase) as feed additive for pigs for fattening

The discussion took place. A draft Regulation will be included in a forthcoming meeting of the Standing Committee.

1.3.4 Discussion on EFSA opinions on safety and efficacy of Danisco Xylanase G/L (endo-1,4-beta-xylanase) as a feed additive for laying hens and chickens and ducks for fattening and turkeys for fattening

The discussion took place. A draft Regulation will be included in a forthcoming meeting of the Standing Committee.

2. Codex Alimentarius' electronic Working Group on animal feeding : information

A exchange of views took place about this electronic Working Group and the next steps for the contribution to this group.

3. Medicated feed : State of play

A Commission representative informed the Committee that 25 Member States and Norway responded to the respective Commission questionnaire sent out this June and thanked the delivering delegations for their good cooperation. The information has been forwarded to the consultant who is in charge of processing it. Further, the industry producing medicated premixes renewed its commitment to deliver data on sales quantities on a confidential basis. The Commission representative announced that the works on the impact assessment for the revision of the medicated feed Directive 90/167/EEC will be intensified this autumn with the aim to finalise it in spring 2010.
4. Discussion on acceptability criteria for detoxification/decontamination processes in feed

Member States welcomed the current document concerning the acceptability criteria for detoxification/decontamination processes in feed and some comments were made which will be taken into account. The Commission representative indicated to prepare a legislative text on the acceptability criteria, in application of Article 8(2) of the Directive 2002/32/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 May 2002 on undesirable substances in animal feed for discussion at a next meeting of the Committee.

5. Discussion on specific topics related to undesirable substances in feed (topics will be communicated in advance of the meeting)

An update on the investigations on the presence of maduramicin in eggs following unavoidable carry over in feed was provided. Furthermore, given that the annex to Directive 2002/32/EC has now been completely updated based on updated risk assessments, and this has resulted in several amendments to the Annex, it is appropriate to prepare a legal text replacing the current Annex and integrating all modifications done since 2003 (11 Commission Directives modifying the Annex). At this occasion, the terminology used in the Annex will be harmonised and minor changes might also be considered, if needed. In addition the possibility to replace the annex by a Commission Regulation instead of a Commission Directive will be considered.

6. Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Commission Regulation concerning the authorisation of a new use of an enzyme preparation of 6-phytase produced by Aspergillus oryzae (DSM 17594) as a feed additive for weaned piglets, pigs for fattening, poultry for fattening and poultry for laying (holder of authorisation DSM Nutritional Products Ltd., represented by DSM Nutritional Products Sp. Z.o.o.)

(Document SANCO/6160/2009)
(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 a draft Commission Regulation concerning the authorisation of an enzyme preparation of endo-1,4-beta-xylanase produced by *Trichoderma reesei* (MUCL 49755) and endo-1,3(4)-beta-glucanase produced by *Trichoderma reesei* (MUCL 49754) as a feed additive for chickens for fattening (holder of authorisation Aveve NV) 
*(Document SANCO/6161/2009)*

(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.

8. Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Commission Regulation concerning the authorisation of an enzyme preparation of endo-1,4-beta-xylanase produced by *Trichoderma reesei* (ATCC PTA 5588), subtilisin produced by *Bacillus subtilis* (ATCC 2107) and alpha-amylase produced by *Bacillus amyloliquifaciens* (ATCC 3978) as a feed additive for chickens for fattening, for ducks and for turkeys for fattening (holder of authorisation Danisco Animal Nutrition, legal entity Finnfeeds International Limited) 
*(Document SANCO/6235/2009)*

(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.

9. Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Commission Regulation concerning the authorisation authorisation of an enzyme preparation of endo-1,4-beta-xylanase produced by *Aspergillus niger* (CBS 109.713) as a feed additive for chickens for fattening and the authorisation of a new use of this preparation as a feed additive for ducks (holder of authorisation BASF SE) and amending Regulation (EC) No 1458/2005 
*(Document SANCO/6225/2009)*

(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/6127/2009)*

*(Legal basis : Directive 2002/32/EC, Regulatory procedure with scrutiny – Articles 5bis and 7 of the Decision 1999/468/EC)*

A discussion took place and some changes were agreed to the proposed provisions as regards the proposed level for nitrites in fish meal and the levels for free gossypol in feed for sheep (including lambs) and goats (including kids). The draft Regulation received a favourable opinion by qualified majority.


*(Document SANCO/6045/2009)*


A discussion took place. The Commission's representative explains that an ad hoc scientific assessment confirmed that an increased maximum level up to 0,05% of toluene is of an equivalent level of safety compared to specification that was originally assessed. The vote was taken: favourable opinion by unanimity.

12. A.O.B.

**Preservatives in water for drinking**

Upon request of the Danish delegation, the Commission representative explained the current situation concerning the interface between the legislation on biocides (Directive 98/8/EC) and feed additives (Regulation (EC) N° 1831/2003). Considering the fact that the Biocide Directive is currently under revision in a Co-decision procedure and pending decisions on concrete products, a final answer on the issue cannot be given at the moment.

**Follow-up of EFSA opinion on the consequences for the consumer of the use of Vitamin A in animal nutrition**

Following a question from the UK delegation, the Commission reported about the recent discussion on this subject at the Chief Veterinary Officers' meeting last 2nd of September. This point had been put in the agenda of the CVO's meeting as a follow up of the earlier discussions on this subject in the Standing Committee of the Food Chain and Animal Health - Animal Nutrition section. At the CVO's meeting there was consensus that a global approach was needed.
as regards consumer protection rather than limit the consideration only to the contribution from products of animal origin to the intake of vitamin A, as also other measures such as advice to those consumers likely to exceed the tolerable intake could be envisaged and were already being undertaken in some Member States. More information was also needed regarding data about the use of vitamin A in animal feed (technological data, characterization, and also the most recent data on safety and animal requirements). The forthcoming re-evaluation of all additives foreseen in 2010 represented a timely opportunity for making available to EFSA all the information relevant, particularly taking into account that Vitamin A is in the top priority group of additives for this re-evaluation process.

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