SUMMARY RECORD OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE FOOD CHAIN AND ANIMAL HEALTH
HELD ON 19-20 JANUARY 2010 IN BRUSSELS
(Section Animal Nutrition)
(Section Animal Health and Welfare)

President: Mr Willem PENNING

1. Feed Additives

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

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

1.2.1. Endo-1,3(4)-betaglucanase (EC 3.2.1.6), Endo-1,4-beta-glucanase (EC 3.2.1.4), Alpha-amylase (EC 3.2.1.1.), and Endo-1,4-beta-xylanase (EC 3.2.1.8) (enzyme 54) laying hens
Application for permanent authorisation. Rapp: BE

A discussion took place and was referred to a further meeting of the SCFCAH.

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

A discussion took place and was referred to a further meeting of the SCFCAH.

1.2.3. Kluyveromyces marxianus var. lactis K1 BCCM/MUCL 39434 for dairy cows.
Application for permanent authorisation.

A discussion took place and was referred to a further meeting of the SCFCAH.
1.3. Applications under Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 Art. 9

1.3.1. Discussion on EFSA scientific opinion on the safety and efficacy of L-isoleucine for all animal species

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

1.3.2. Discussion on EFSA scientific opinion on the safety and efficacy of Natuphos (3-phytase) for minor avian species (quails, pheasants, partridge, guinea fowl, geese, pigeons ostriches, peacocks flamingos) and ornamental birds

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

1.3.3. Discussion on EFSA scientific opinion on the safety and efficacy of Calsporin (Bacillus subtilis) as a feed additive for piglets

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

1.3.4. Discussion on the EFSA scientific opinion on the safety of a copper chelate of hydroxy analogue of methionine as feed additive for all species (Annex entry)

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

1.3.5. Discussion on the EFSA scientific opinion on the safety of a zinc chelate of hydroxy analogue of methionine as feed additive for all species (Annex entry)

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

1.3.6. Discussion on the EFSA scientific opinion on the safety of a manganese chelate of hydroxy analogue of methionine as feed additive for all species (Annex entry)

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

1.3.7. Discussion on the EFSA scientific opinion on the use of cobalt compounds as additives in animal nutrition

A first exchange of views on the EFSA opinion took place. Delegations will do an in-depth screening of the document and the Committee will come back to it in one of its next meetings.

1.3.8. Discussion on the EFSA scientific opinion on modification of the terms of authorisation of a red carotenoid-rich bacterium Paracoccus carotinifaciens (Panaferd-AX) as feed additive for salmon and trout

The EFSA opinion was discussed, as well as the elements of a modifying regulation to be voted at a forthcoming meeting.
1.4. **Re-evaluation Article 10 (2)**

1.4.1. Exchange of views on priorities and other matters relating to additives subject to the re-evaluation procedure under Article 10 of Regulation (EC) N° 1831/2003

The re-evaluation process was reviewed and a number of issues requiring further attention were identified.

2. **Exchange of views on the electronic Working Group relating to future work on animal feeding in Codex Alimentarius**

The issues in discussion in the e-WG were discussed with a view to prepare comments to be submitted to the Chair of the e-WG.


3.1. European Union Catalogue of feed materials

A discussion took place on the draft Regulation and the text will be presented for vote in February.


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4. **Issues related to undesirable substances in feed**

4.1. Replacement of the current annex to Directive 2002/32/EC on undesirable substances in feed integrating all amendments since 2002

A draft of an annex, replacing Annex I to Directive 2002/32/EC on undesirable substances in feed, was presented. The proposed annex includes the more than 10 amendments made to the existing Annex of Directive 2002/32/EC.

Furthermore following changes were discussed:

- the annex is subdivided into 7 sections (inorganic contaminants, mycotoxins, inherent plant toxins, organochlorine compounds except dioxins and PCBs, Dioxins and PCBs, harmful botanical impurities, authorised feed additives into non-target feed following unavoidable carry over);
- consistent terminology across the annex;
- same order for each undesirable substance for the products intended for animal feed (feed materials, feed additives, premixtures, compound feed, complementary feed and complete feed).
It was confirmed that Annex II to Directive 2002/32/EC, containing the action levels, would be replaced at the same occasion.

4.2. Discussion on possible provisions as regards non-dioxin like PCBs in feed

The Commission representative reported on the outcome of the survey the CRL on dioxins and PCBs has performed as regards the analytical sensitivity for the analysis of non-dioxin-like PCBs in feed. Furthermore the country-specific data on non dioxin-like PCBs in feed, contained in the EFSA database, were provided to the delegations in order to verify that no errors have occurred in introducing the data into the database. Comments have to be addressed directly to EFSA with copy to the Commission's services.

4.3. Discussion on the review of the provisions on dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs in feed and the influence of using the new TEF 2005

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5. Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Regulation (EC) on transitional measures under Regulation (EC) No 767/2009 as regards the establishment of a transitional period concerning the labelling provisions

(Document SANCO/11039/2009)


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

6. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation implementing Council Directive 2006/88/EC as regards measures to control increased mortality in oysters of the species Crassostrea gigas in connection with the detection of Ostreid herpesvirus 1 μvar (OsHV-1 μvar)

(Document SANCO/6463/2009 – Rev.5)

The Commission's representative introduced the modification contained in revision 5 of the draft Regulation explaining that the revision 4 of this draft Regulation had been discussed at the Animal Health section of the SCFCAH held on 12 January 2010 (see item 8 of that agenda). Then, vote on the draft was postponed; Member States were informed that this draft document will be presented for an opinion at the next meeting of the Animal Nutrition section of the SCFCAH to be held on 19-20 January. The amendments done in revision 5 compared to revision 4 are related to
the requirements for sampling and testing methods for the detection of the Ostreid herpesvirus 1 μvar (OsHV-1 μvar).

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

7. A.O.B.

- Incorporation of sulphur in animal feed:

France reported about its investigation on the case. There was no claim about the objective use of sulphur in the feed. Further enquiry has been launched. No other Member State referred to experiences with the feed use of sulphur. Based on the information available the impression that it would have to be considered a feed additive could not be ruled out. The Commission representative clarified that sulphur is not authorised as a feed additive in the EU. The Committee will come back on the issue.

- Request for a modified formulation of an additive:

A discussion took place. The dossier will be re-proposed for the discussion.

- The Committee was informed of a workshop on pyrrolizidine alkaloids in feed and food. The workshop will take place in Brussels on 22 February 2010 and is jointly organised by DG Health and Consumers and the Joint Research Centre, Institute for Reference Materials and Measurements (JRC-IRMM).

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