SUMMARY RECORD OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE FOOD CHAIN AND ANIMAL HEALTH
HELD ON 16 & 17 SEPTEMBER 2010 IN BRUSSELS
(Section Animal Nutrition)

President: Mr Willem PENNING

1. Feed Additives

1.1. Applications under Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 Art. 4, Art. 10.2 and Art. 10.7.

1.1.1. New applications

1.2. Discussion on EFSA scientific opinion on the safety and efficacy of sodium carbonate (soda ash) for all species.

The item was discussed and the decision will be taken at the latest stage.

1.3. Discussion on "Statement on the establishment of guidelines for the assessment of additives from the functional group "substances for reduction of the contamination of feed by mycotoxins" EFSA Panel on Additives and Products on Substances used in Animal Feed (FEEDAP).

The statement of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) on mycotoxinbinders was presented by the Chairman and the most important points on the safety and efficacy for this new additive functional group were illustrated. The issue was discussed and it was proposed to further discuss it in the presence of the stakeholder organisations.

The Commission services updated the delegations about the statistics of the applications.

3. Information about OIE work on pet food.

The Commission services drew the attention of delegations about the ongoing OIE work on a new chapter of the OIE Terrestrial Code referring to pet food. The text would be focusing on the risks included in the OIE lists of animal health diseases of prepacked heat treated pet food for cats and dogs and measures to tackle these risks when using animal derived ingredients. The text will be further discussed during the coming months within the usual mechanisms of OIE with a view to a possible adoption of a final text at the month of May at the annual OIE meeting.

4. Issues related to undesirable substances in feed.


A discussion took place on the provisions as regards melamine and Ambrosia seeds.

As regards nitrites, the information provided by the European starch industry was extensively discussed, and pending more detailed information on the levels found and the method of analysis to be used for the control of nitrites in wet/liquid feed, the same exception as foreseen for the products and by products of the sugar beet and sugarcane could also be foreseen for the by-products of the starch industry.

The extraction procedure to be applied for the analysis of arsenic and mercury needs to be further discussed with the experts on methods of analysis in feed and the European Union Reference Laboratory (EU RL) on heavy metals in feed and food.

The measures foreseen for harmful botanical impurities apply to feed materials and compound feed but not to feed additives.

The small changes introduced in the levels for aflatoxin B1 related to the simplification on the provisions for aflatoxin B1 were mentioned.

The Commission representative announced that the remaining issues would be addressed in the coming weeks and that the text for discussion and agreement would be finalised subsequently before the next meeting.
4.2. Update and if needed discussion on

- non-dioxin like PCBs in feed

A discussion took place, mainly on the levels suggested for fish oil, fish meal and fish feed. Amongst other issues, the issue of feeding of fresh fish to tuna was raised.

- dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs in feed based on TEF 2005

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- good practice to avoid dissemination of Ambrosia seeds.

A discussion took place.

4.3 Follow-up on recent RASFF notifications related to the presence of undesirable substances in feed.

The Committee was informed on the recent RASFF notifications related to the finding of high level of lead in iron oxide and a second finding on the presence of dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs in copper carbonate originating from Israel. Given that it concerns a second finding in a short period of time, it is appropriate to pay sufficient attention on this with regard to future imports from Israel.

4.4. Submission to EFSA of occurrence data on the presence of undesirable substances in feed. Information from the Commission.

The Committee was informed of the mandate sent to EFSA on collection of occurrence data of undesirable substances in feed in order to provide EFSA with accurate data for risk assessment purposes. These data will also be used by the Commission services in support of risk management measures. It is expected that for this data collection the occurrence data will be generated in accordance with the standard sample description for feed and food and that the data will be transmitted electronically in the appropriate reporting format. The Committee was also informed that an information meeting will be organised by the Commission on 22 September 2010 on the data collection in the field of contaminants in feed and food.


5.1. Final discussion on the development of guidelines clarifying the distinction between feed materials, feed additives and other products (Article 7(1)).

The Committee discussed this item on the basis of contributions received from stakeholders and Member States. As important progress
on the content has been made, the Commission services will now prepare a Regulation for adopting the guidelines.

5.2. **Final discussion on a draft update of the Catalogue of feed materials (Article 24).**

The Committee discussed in detail the proposal, recently submitted by the representatives of the European feed business sectors, containing the first update of the Catalogue and which was revised based on the comments made by the Member States. The text was perceived very positively though considerable modifications have been suggested. The Commission services will now prepare a Regulation for updating the EU Catalogue of feed materials.

5.3. **Applications for updating the list of intended uses of feed for particular nutritional purposes as referred to in Article 8(2) (Article 32(2)) : state of play.**

A Commission representative informed the Committee about the various applications based on Article 32(2) which have been registered. There are many applications for new intended uses but also extensions of use to other animal species for existing intended uses. Currently it cannot be overseen whether all products on the market are covered by a respective application. The Commission services will organise a working group to assess the applications.

5.4. **Information about the Registry of feed materials.**

A Commission representative informed the Committee that the representatives of the European feed business sectors established in time the register of feed materials as requested by Article 24(6) of the Regulation. It can be found on: http://www.feedmaterialsregister.eu.


The Committee discussed the application. The essential question is whether the active substance in the product (1,25-dihydroxyvitamin D3) is covered by the EU-authorisation as a feed additive. The Commission services will clarify this. The Committee agreed to do the evaluation on the efficacy of the product directly without requesting an EFSA opinion.

7. **Medicated feed: state of play on the revision of Directive 90/167/EEC.**

A Commission representative informed the committee about the next steps in the margins of the impact assessment which are the publication of the external report on medicated feed in the EU and the online stakeholder consultation which is schedule to start this October.
8. Commission Regulation concerning the authorisation of 6-phytase as a feed additive for sows (holder of authorisation DSM Nutritional Products Ltd).

(Document SANCO/11466/2010)

(Legal basis: Article 9 of 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. Commission Regulation concerning the authorisation of Enterococcus faecium DSM 7134 as a feed additive for chickens for fattening (holder of the authorisation Lactosan Starterkulturen GmbH & Co KG).

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