SUMMARY RECORD OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE FOOD CHAIN AND ANIMAL HEALTH
HELD ON 18 & 19 OCTOBER 2010 IN BRUSSELS
(Section Animal Nutrition)

Chairman : 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. Break-out session : 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

The industry's views on this issue were illustrated. At the following discussion, the stakeholder was requested by some delegations to clarify his approach on aspects of the safety and efficacy studies.

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

1.2.1. Discussion on EFSA scientific opinion on the safety and efficacy of Bactocell PA (Pediococcus acidilactici) as a feed additive for laying hens. Annex

A discussion took place. A Regulation will be proposed for the vote.
1.2.2. Discussion on EFSA scientific opinion on the safety and efficacy of Clinacoix 0.5% (diclazuril) for guinea fowl. Annex

A discussion took place. A Regulation will be proposed for the vote.

1.2.3. Discussion on EFSA scientific opinion on the safety and efficacy of Calsporin (Bacillus subtilis) for turkeys fattening, ducks, geese, pigeons and other game birds for meat production, ducks, geese, pigeons, game birds, ornamental and sporting birds for rearing to point lay, turkeys for breeding and chickens reared for laying. Annex

A discussion took place. A Regulation will be proposed for the vote.

1.2.4. Discussion on EFSA scientific opinion on the safety and efficacy of Biosprint (Saccharomyces cerevisiae) as a feed additive for piglets. Annex

A discussion took place. A Regulation will be proposed for the vote.

1.2.5. Discussion on EFSA scientific opinion on Ronozyme P (6-phytase) as a feed additive for chickens and turkeys fattening, laying hens, piglets (weaned), pigs for fattening and sows. Poultry and pigs. Annex

A discussion took place. A Regulation will be proposed for the vote.

1.2.6. Discussion on EFSA scientific opinion on the compatibility of Bacillus subtilis PB6 with coccidiostats in chickens for fattening. Annex

A discussion took place. A Regulation will be proposed for the vote.

2. Exchange of views on the re-evaluation procedure under Article 10 of Regulation (EC) N° 1831/2003

The Commission services updated the delegations about the statistics of applications received and forwarded to EFSA.
3. Issues related to undesirable substances in feed


The Commission representative highlighted the few changes introduced following the last discussions. One delegation made an additional comment which was accepted. The draft Regulation will after the internal Commission procedure be presented for opinion at a next meeting of the Committee.


The Commission representative informed the Committee that further work needed to be done on the extraction method for arsenic and mercury in mineral feeds and that therefore no extraction method would yet be proposed.
Furthermore, it was confirmed by governmental experts on analysis in animal feed that further work was needed in order to determine a valid method of analysis for the determination of nitrites in feed, in particular in wet feed.
Following a comment from FEDIAF, an extensive discussion took place on the foreseen provision as regards *Ambrosia* in feed materials containing unground grains and seeds. The Commission indicated to examine the issue in detail and to eventually come forward with proposals in particular as regards sorghum and millet grains.


No further comments were made as regards the proposed levels. The Commission representative indicated to present at a next meeting the text for opinion depending on when the discussions concerning the levels of dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs in food would be finalised.

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3.5. Discussion on a draft Commission Recommendation as regards good practices for the reduction of the presence of Ambrosia seeds in grains intended for feed and food

The draft Commission Recommendation was presented. No major comments were made.

3.6. Information on a draft Commission Recommendation on the monitoring of the presence of ergot alkaloids in feed and food

The draft Commission Recommendation was presented. No major comments were made.

3.7. Topics related to undesirable substances in feed

The Commission representative informed the Committee of RASFF notification 2010.1357 related to the presence of dioxins in calcium iodate from Canada, RASFF notification 2010.1262 on high levels of lead in copper sulphate from Israel and RASFF notification 2010.BSV on high levels of aflatoxins in peanuts for birdfeed from Argentina.


4.1. Applications for updating the list of intended uses of feed for particular nutritional purposes as referred to in Article 8(2) and (Article 32(2)) of Regulation (EC) N° 767/2009

A draft table listing the applications sent to the Commission has been presented. Member States appreciated this compilation. They noted that the level to which extent the maximum contents for complete feed might be exceeded by the respective complementary feeds was according to the applications rather vague. The Commission representative announced to set up a specific working group to start the assessment of the dossiers.
4.2. **Application for a new entry in the Annex of Directive 2008/38/EC as regards feedingstuffs containing *Solanum glaucophyllum* powder**

The discussion focussed on the issue of the toxicological profile of the *Solanum glaucophyllum* powder. As there is uncertainty about the safety of the product as feed a request for a scientific assessment by the European Food Safety Authority is envisaged. The applicant is requested for a full scientific dossier.

4.3. **Placing on the market of certain products :**

- **Amadeite**

  The Member States were reminded that this product is not covered by the generic authorisations of several clays. Consequently, the competent authorities should verify that it is not on the EU-market. France announced that the company is drafting a feed additive application for the product.

- **Cell-Vet/Cell-Pet**

  The Committee agreed to require from the responsible feed business operator more information on the product and labelling.

- **Rumen protected sodium selenite**

  Germany reported that, according to their information from the local competent authorities, the sodium selenite has not been processed to an extent that the product should be considered a new feed additive. Germany will come up with more information on the product and manufacturing process. The Commission representative stressed that the recommended inclusion rate of the additive should reflect the claimed significantly higher bioavailability of the selenium in the animals.

4.4. **Feed Marketing Regulation (EC) No 767/2009: situation in the Member States concerning the notification obligation laid down in Article 31 of the Regulation (national provisions on penalties)**

The Chairman reminded the Member States of their notification obligation provided for in Article 31 of Regulation (EC) No 767/2009 and of the possibility for the Commission of launching an infringement procedure in case of non-compliance.

It was therefore requested to the Member States concerned to conform without delay to this obligation.
5. Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Commission Regulation concerning the authorisation of a new use of *Pediococcus acidilactici* CNCM MA 18/5M as a feed additive for weaned piglets (holder of the authorisation Lallemand SAS)

(Document SANCO/11555/2010)

(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.

6. Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Commission Regulation concerning the authorisation of a new use of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* MUCL 39885 as a feed additive for horses and amending Regulation (EC) No 1520/2007 (holder of the authorisation Prosol SpA)

(Document SANCO/11554/2010)

(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.

7. Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Commission Regulation concerning the authorisation of diclazuril as a feed additive for chickens for fattening (holder of authorisation Jansen Pharmaceutica N.V.) and amending Regulation (EC) No 2430/1999

(Document SANCO/11552/2010)

(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.

8. Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Commission Regulation concerning the authorisation of a preparation of citric acid, sorbic acid, thymol and vanillin as a feed additive for weaned piglets (holder of the authorisation Vetagro)

(Document SANCO/11465/2010)
(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. A.O.B.

- **Labelling of feed additives in compound feed**:

  One Member State raised the point with respect to point 2.3 of the report of the Committee meeting in July. The Commission representative clarified that Regulation (EC) n° 767/2009 gives in its Chapters 1.1 of Annexes VI and VII no room for interpretation: The respective additives have to be "listed with their specific names as defined in the relevant legal act authorising the feed additive in question, added amount,...". Thus, it is compulsory to label the additive name according to the third column of the authorisation annex with title "additive" and the "added amount" refers to the additive. There is no mentioning of the active substance. Nonetheless it was highlighted that the active substance level might be labelled voluntarily.

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