SUMMARY RECORD OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE FOOD CHAIN AND ANIMAL HEALTH
HELD ON 11 & 12 APRIL 2011 IN BRUSSELS
(Section Animal Nutrition)

Chairman : Mr Willem PENNING

1. Feed Additives

1.1. Applications under Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 Art. 4 or 13

1.1.1. New applications

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

1.2.1. Discussion on EFSA opinion: Scientific Opinion on safety and efficacy of Clinacox® 0.5% (diclazuril) for turkeys for fattening

A discussion took place.
A Commission Implementing Regulation will be submitted to the vote.

1.2.2. Discussion on EFSA opinion: Scientific Opinion on the safety and efficacy of Avatec®150G (lasalocid A sodium) for pheasants, partridges, quails and guinea-fowl

A discussion took place.
A Commission Implementing Regulation will be submitted to the vote.

1.2.3. Discussion on EFSA opinion: Scientific Opinion on the safety and efficacy of Fecinor and Fecinor plus (Enterococcus faecium) as a feed additive for chickens for fattening

A discussion took place.
A Commission Implementing Regulation will be submitted to the vote.
1.2.4. **Discussion on EFSA opinion: Scientific Opinion on the safety of Finase EC (6-phytase) as feed additive for sows**

A discussion took place.
A Commission Implementing Regulation will be submitted to the vote.

1.2.5 **Discussion on EFSA opinion: Scientific Opinion on the modification to the formulation of GalliPro® and compatibility with formic acid**

A discussion took place.
A Commission Implementing Regulation will be submitted to the vote.

1.2.6.

- **Discussion on EFSA opinion: Scientific Opinion on the safety and efficacy of *Lactobacillus plantarum* (DSM 21762) as a silage additive for all species**

A discussion took place on this opinion.
A Commission Implementing Regulation will be submitted to the vote.

- **Discussion on EFSA opinion: Scientific Opinion on the safety and efficacy of *Lactobacillus buchneri* (DSM 22693) as a silage additive for all species**

A discussion took place on this opinion.
A Commission Implementing Regulation will be submitted to the vote.

1.2.7. **Discussion on EFSA opinion: Scientific Opinion on the safety and efficacy of *Bacillus subtilis* PB6 for chickens reared for laying, ducks for fattening, quails, pheasants, partridges, guinea fowls, pigeons, geese for fattening and ostriches**

A discussion took place.
A Commission Implementing Regulation will be submitted to the vote.

1.2.8. **Discussion on EFSA opinion: Scientific Opinion on the safety and efficacy of Sel-Plex® (organic form of selenium produced by *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* CNCM I-3060) for all species**

The Committee agreed with the EFSA's conclusion on the intended function of the selenised yeast, in particular with the fact that the improvement of the quality was not sufficiently substantiated. Therefore, the Commission will not proceed with the authorisation procedure and contact the applicant.

Concerning the implications increased selenium deposition in food of animal origin in the case of feeding selenised yeast compared to other
selenium sources, the Commission will further strive for a consistent general approach.

2. Feed Marketing under Regulation (EC) N° 767/2009

2.1. Union Code for good labelling practice for pet food (Article 25)

The Commission consulted the Committee on the draft EU code. Constructive suggestions from the Member States were noted and will be forwarded to the initiator of the draft. Once these proposals are included into the text the formal approval of the Code could proceed.

2.2. Applications for updating the list of intended uses of feed for particular nutritional purposes as referred to in Article 8(2) (Article 32(2))

A Commission representative informed the Committee about the state of play on the applications that have been sent to experts for evaluation. The first round of evaluations is finalised and for all dossiers additional information is deemed to be necessary. The Commission will contact the applicants and ask for the specific information to be delivered.

2.3. Labelling of Hydroxy Analogue of Methionine in Feed

Referring to the earlier discussions in the Committee on the issue, a Commission representative presented a concrete proposal on how methionine and its hydroxy analogue should be labelled: The labelling of methionine, mandatory for pig and poultry feed, in the list of analytical constituents should contain the native methionine content and the added DL methionine. On a voluntary basis, the feed business operator can declare in addition a methionine equivalent which could take into consideration, if applicable, the addition of hydroxy analogue of methionine as a source of methionine. This approach was very welcomed by the Member States and it was further concluded, not to fix a certain conversation factor for hydroxy analogue of methionine. Until new scientific evidence is delivered on this issue, the range for the conversion factor concluded in the last December Committee remains a reasonable scientific basis. Feed business operators are in any case free to choose another scientific basis. Finally, the Commission representative clarified that the hydroxy analogue of methionine has to be declared with its monomer/total acid content in the list of feed additives, if applicable.

2.4. Claims on a feed consisting of maltodextrine, trypsin hydrolysed bovine casein and magnesium stearate

In an earlier discussion, the Committee concluded that this product is considered to be feed. A Member State representative explained that their scrutiny of the data to substantiate the claim used "anxiety and unpleasant experiences" resulted in a decision that the data is not sufficient. Other Member States were not yet in a position to judge on the issue and therefore
the Committee will come back on it in one of its next meetings.

2.5. Discussion of EFSA opinion on the safety of hemp (*Cannabis* genus) for use as animal feed

The Committee took note of the EFSA opinion. Evident concerns on the assessment were raised and the recommendation in the opinion was considered to be too far going. The Commission will reflect on how to proceed on the issue.

3. Working document concerning the approval of establishments placing on the market oils of vegetable origin and their by-products intended for use in feed and the specific requirements for production, storage, transport and testing for dioxin in fats, oils and products derived thereof

The Committee undertook a very constructive discussion on all four EU measures contained in the working document. Based on these comments of the Member States, the Commission services will revise the working document and proceed with the elaboration of a legal act.

4. Undesirable substances:

⇒ Update on the draft measures as regards the acceptability criteria for detoxification processes.

The discussion on this point was postponed

⇒ Update and exchange of views on recent RASFF notifications related to undesirable substances in feed

Detailed information was provided on the RASFF notifications since last meeting (period between 17/03/2011 and 11/04/2011)

- 25 notifications related to too high level of aflatoxin B1 in groundnuts for feed, mainly bird feed. 23 notifications concerned groundnuts from India and 2 notifications concerned groundnuts from Argentina. The Commission indicated to closely follow up this issue given that this high level of non-compliance is not acceptable as it might constitute a risk for animal health.

- 1 notification related to a non-compliant level of dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs in a compound feed from Germany intended for pigs. As the compound feed was composed of 97% of fish oil and 3% of rapeseed oil, the non-compliance is related to the very high proportion of fish oil in this compound feed.

- 1 notification related to a non-compliant level of dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs in sunflower cake from Germany. Given that there is only a low level of dioxins but a high level of dioxin-like PCBs, it concerns
possibly a contamination with PCBs. Investigations on the source were ongoing and would be reported once finalised.

- 2 notifications related to an exceeding of the action level but not from the maximum level of calcium salt of palm fatty acids in one batch from Spain and the other batch from the Netherlands.

- 1 notification related to a too high level of aflatoxin B1 in organic corn from Romania, 1 notification on too high level of rye ergot in triticale from France, 1 notification related to a too high level of fluorine in feed for fish from Japan, 1 notification on too high level of arsenic in shrimp feed from Belgium.

- 1 notification related to a too high level of ochratoxin A in dried raisins from Uzbekistan for use in pet food. Given that it concerned a relative big consignment and the unusual nature of the use of dried raisins in pet food, the consignment was controlled by the Dutch authorities and the maximum level established for ochratoxin A in dried raisins for food was used as reference value to evaluate the acceptability of the consignment.

Member States were requested to take account of these findings in defining the priorities for control of undesirable substances in feed.

5. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of robenidine hydrochloride as a feed additive for rabbits for breeding and for fattening (holder of authorisation Alpharma Belgium BVBA) and amending Regulation (EC) No 2430/1999 and Regulation (EC) No 1800/2004

(Document SANCO/10443/2011)

(Legal basis: Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003) (Opinion of the Committee via the examination procedure)

A discussion took place and the vote was taken.

The draft Commission Implementing Regulation received a favourable opinion by qualified majority.

6. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 109/2007 as regards the composition of the feed additive monensin sodium, belonging to the group of coccidiostats and histomonostats

(Document SANCO/10444/2011)

(Legal basis: Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003) (Opinion of the Committee via the examination procedure)

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

7. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of sodium benzoate as a feed additive for weaned piglets (holder of the authorisation Kemira Oyj)

(Document SANCO/10445/2011)

(Legal basis: Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003) (Opinion of the Committee via the examination procedure)

A discussion took place and the vote was taken.

The draft Commission Implementing Regulation received a favourable opinion by qualified majority.

8. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of a preparation of endo-1,4-β-xylanase, endo-1,3(4)-β-glucanase and polygalacturonase as feed additive for weaned piglets (holder of the authorisation Aveve NV)

(Document SANCO/10476/2011)

(Legal basis: Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003) (Opinion of the Committee via the examination procedure)

A discussion took place and the vote was taken.

The draft Commission Implementing Regulation received a favourable opinion by qualified majority.

9. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of endo-1,4-β-xylanase (EC 3.2.1.8) produced by Trichoderma reesei (ATCC PTA 5588) as a feed additive for weaned piglets and pigs for fattening (holder of authorisation Danisco Animal Nutrition)

(Document SANCO/10477/2011)

(Legal basis: Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003) (Opinion of the Committee via the examination procedure)

A discussion took place and the vote was taken.

The draft Commission Implementing Regulation received a favourable opinion by qualified majority.

10. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of vitamin B₆ as a feed additive for all animal species

(Document SANCO/10487/2011)
A discussion took place and the vote was taken. The draft Commission Implementing Regulation received a favourable opinion by unanimity.

11. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 600/2005 as regards the use of the preparation of *Bacillus licheniformis* DSM 5749 and *Bacillus subtilis* DSM 5750 in compound feed containing formic acid

(Document SANCO/10711/2011)

A discussion took place and the vote was taken. The draft Commission Implementing Regulation received a favourable opinion by unanimity.

12. Any Other Business

- A Commission representative informed the Committee about a stakeholder consultation on "Smart Regulation of Medicated Feed - how to safeguard public and animal health while increasing the competitiveness of EU’s livestock sector" which is open from 31 March - 30 May 2011. The delegates were invited to participate and to further disseminate the following link:
  http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/animalnutrition/labelling/medicated_feed_en.htm

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Director (signed)