SUMMARY RECORD OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE FOOD CHAIN AND ANIMAL HEALTH
HELD ON 6 & 7 JULY 2011 IN BRUSSELS
(Section Animal Nutrition)

Chairman: Mr James Moynagh

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 the safety and
efficacy of InteSwine® (Saccharomyces cerevisiae) as a feed additive for
weaned piglets. Annex

A discussion took place.
A Commission Implementing Regulation will be submitted for an opinion at a
forthcoming meeting.

1.2.2. Discussion on EFSA opinion: Scientific Opinion on the safety and
efficacy of Natugrain® TS (endo-1,4-beta-xylanase and endo-1,4-beta-
glucanase) as a feed additive for chickens reared for laying, turkeys for
breeding purposes, turkeys reared for breeding, other minor avian species
(other than ducks) and ornamental birds. Annex

A discussion took place.
A Commission Implementing Regulation will be submitted for an opinion at a
forthcoming meeting.
1.2.3. Discussion on EFSA opinion: Scientific Opinion on the safety and efficacy of FRESTA® F for weaned piglets

A discussion took place. The final discussion, taking the full opinion into account, will be held at the next Standing Committee.

1.2.4. Discussion on EFSA opinion: Scientific Opinion on the safety and efficacy of Vitamin B6 as a feed additive for all animal species adopted on 11 May 2011

An Implementing Regulation amending the one adopted recently on vitamin B6, essentially adding the method of analysis in feedingstuffs and water mentioned in the second opinion, will be discussed and presented for an opinion at a forthcoming meeting.

1.2.5. Discussion on the EFSA opinion: Scientific Opinion on the safety and efficacy of pantothenic acid (calcium D-pantothenate and D-panthenol) as a feed additive for all animal species

As the EFSA opinion was not yet available, the item was postponed.

1.3. Discussion on the latest opinions issued by the European Food Safety Authority concerning feed additives

A discussion took place on the following EFSA opinions:

- Scientific Opinion on the safety and efficacy of *Lactobacillus plantarum* (NCIMB 30236) as a silage additive for all species
- Scientific Opinion on the safety and efficacy of Econase XT P/L (endo-1,4-beta-xylanase) as a feed additive for laying hens, minor poultry species (including ducks, geese, quails, pheasants and pigeons) and pigs for fattening
- Scientific Opinion on the safety and efficacy of AveMix®XG 10 (endo-1,4- beta-xylanase and endo-1,3(4)-beta-glucanase) as a feed additive for weaned piglets.

Draft Implementing Regulations will be submitted for an opinion.

1.4. 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

In response to the EFSA opinion, the applicant withdrew its application for the category "zootechnical additives" and supplied additional information concerning consumer safety. The Commission services will forward this information to EFSA for consideration.
2. Exchange of views on the preparation of the work of the Codex Alimentarius Task Force on Animal Feeding

The documents prepared by the Swiss authorities were regarded as a very good starting point for further discussions. There was an exchange of views on the content of the documents. The schedule for the preparation and the coordination of the positions at the various stages of the process during the coming months, such as for the future Codex circular Letter and the meeting of the Task Force at Commission and Council level, were also discussed.

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

An overview of RASFF notifications relating to the presence of undesirable substances issued since the beginning of April was provided.

Of the 54 RASFF notifications, 42 are related to the presence of excessive levels of aflatoxins, of which 37 were due to the presence of high levels of aflatoxins in groundnuts for birdfeed from India. As the situation is very worrying, the Commission has been in contact with the Indian authorities and urged the authorities to immediately put in place the necessary measures to avoid the export of such highly contaminated groundnuts for bird feed to the EU. The Indian authorities undertook to inform the Commission at short notice of the measures taken. The Commission will closely follow up this issue. Other findings of excessive levels of aflatoxins relate to groundnuts from Brazil, groundnuts from Argentina and sunflower seeds from Egypt on aflatoxins.

Five notifications relate to the presence of dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs in iron chelate from the United States, copper sulphate from Romania and fish meal from Mauritania. Another notification was due to the use of contaminated green clay in complementary feed for calves. The green clay was sold for both non-food and non-feed purposes.

Other notifications related to the presence of excessively high levels of arsenic in copper sulphate from Poland, cyanuric acid in pet food from the Netherlands and cadmium in squid used as bait from Argentina.

Finally, two notifications were related to adulteration. The first possible case of adulteration concerned petfood for dogs from Belgium, resulting in adverse behavioural (epileptic) in dogs. The cause of these symptoms has not yet been identified with certainty.

The other case of adulteration was the presence of a high level (27.5 %) of ammonium sulphate in protein feed from Italy. Ammonium sulphate is listed in the catalogue of feed materials and can therefore be used in feed as a non-protein nitrogen source, which can be used as a protein source only by ruminants. The labelled crude protein content consists largely of ammonium sulphate.
As ammonium sulphate is not mentioned on the label, and as the label suggests that the crude protein content relates also to monogastric animals, this is considered to be a case of adulteration.


4.1. Community Code for good labelling practice for compound feed for food producing animals

Item withdrawn from the agenda.

4.2. Safety of the leaves of *Solanum glaucophyllum* for use as a feed material

As concluded in earlier discussion on leaves of *Solanum glaucophyllum* for feed use, at the request of the Commission Services, it has received a dossier concerning the safety of the product. The Committee agreed that the dossier will be sent to EFSA for a risk assessment of leaves of *Solanum glaucophyllum* for use as a feed material.

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

In response to the EFSA opinion, the Commission has received scientific information from the European Industrial Hemp Association regarding the assessment conducted by EFSA. The Commission services will forward this information to EFSA for consideration.

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

The Committee had a further discussion on this issue, which had already been considered in its meeting of December 2010. It was re-affirmed that the product would be considered neither as a veterinary drug, nor as dietetic feed. In terms of the scientific substantiation of the claim as referred to in Article 13 of Regulation (EC) № 767/2009, Member States had not yet fully assessed the information available. Sweden announced that it would provide more data. The Committee will return to the issue.

5. Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of *Lactobacillus plantarum* (DSM 21762) and *Lactobacillus buchneri* (DSM 22963) as feed additives for all animal species


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 on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of a new use of 6-phytase as a feed additive for sows (holder of authorisation Roal Oy)

(Document SANCO/10878/2011) -- (Legal basis: Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003) (Opinion of the Committee via the examination procedure)

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

7. Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of a new use of Bacillus subtilis ATCC PTA-6737 as a feed additive for chickens reared for laying, minor poultry species and ostriches (holder of authorisation Kemin Europa N.V.)

(Document SANCO/10879/2011) -- (Legal basis: Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003) (Opinion of the Committee via the examination procedure)

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

8. Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1137/2007 as regards the minimum concentration and the use of the preparation of Bacillus subtilis DSM 17299 (holder of authorisation Chr. Hansen A/S) in feed containing formic acid

(Document SANCO/10880/2011) -- (Legal basis: Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003) (Opinion of the Committee via the examination procedure)

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

9. Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the authorisation of a preparation of Enterococcus faecium CECT 4515 as feed additive for chickens for fattening (holder of the authorisation Norel S.A.)

(Document SANCO/10881/2011) -- (Legal basis: Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003) (Opinion of the Committee via the examination procedure)

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

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

(Document SANCO/10882/2011) -- (Legal basis: Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003) (Opinion of the Committee via the examination procedure)

A discussion took place and a vote was taken.

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

11. Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the authorisation of lasalocid A sodium as a feed additive for pheasants, guinea fowl, quails and partridges other than laying birds (holder of authorisation Alpharma (Belgium) BVBA)

(Document SANCO/10883/2011) -- (Legal basis: Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003) (Opinion of the Committee via the examination procedure)

A discussion took place and a vote was taken.

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


(Document SANCO/11515/2011) -- (Legal basis: Article 8 (1) of Directive 2002/32/EC) (Opinion of the Committee via the regulatory procedure with scrutiny)

This draft Regulation replaces the existing maximum levels for dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs, expressed in Toxic Equivalency Factors (TEF) established by the World Health Organisation (WHO) in 1998 (i.e. WHO-TEF-1998) by maximum levels expressed in TEFs modified by WHO in 2005 (i.e. WHO-TEF-2005). The database on occurrence data on dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs, needed to convert these maximum levels, was only finalised by EFSA in 2010.
Furthermore, maximum levels for non dioxin-like PCBs are established in accordance with the EFSA opinion of 2005. The database on occurrence data on non dioxin-like PCBs, which was needed in order to establish these maximum levels, was only finalised by EFSA in 2010.

The Commission's representative proposed to keep the current existing maximum level proposed for feed additives and premixtures, following comments that had been received very recently. Furthermore, as calcium sulphate dihydrate is no longer to be considered as a feed additive; it now falls under the group of feed materials of mineral origin.

The changes were accepted by the Committee.

The Committee expressed a favourable opinion by qualified majority on the proposed measures.


Commission Regulation (EC) 152/2009 of 27 January 2009 laying down methods of sampling and analysis for the official control in feed establishes specific provisions concerning the sampling procedure and the methods of analysis to be applied for the official control in feed, including for dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs.

The conversion of the existing maximum levels expressed in WHO-TEF-1998 into maximum levels based on the WHO-TEF-2005, the setting of new maximum levels for non-dioxin like PCBs and the need for a very significant update of the criteria for screening methods require significant amendments to the current provisions. For reasons of clarity, the whole section relating to dioxins and PCBs is therefore replaced.

Some comments were made, all of which were taken into account.

The Committee expressed a favourable opinion by qualified majority on the proposed measures.

(Document SANCO/6448/2009) -- (Legal basis: Article 8 (3) of Directive 2002/32/EC) (Opinion of the Committee via the regulatory procedure with scrutiny)

This item was postponed, as the internal consultation procedure within the Commission had not yet been finalised.

15. Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Commission Regulation amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 183/2005 as regards the approval of establishments placing on the market blended oils and fats and products derived from vegetable oils intended for use in feed and as regards the specific requirements for production, storage, transport and testing for dioxin in fats, oils and products derived thereof intended for use in feed

(Document SANCO/10282/2011) -- (Legal basis: Article 27 (b) and (f) of Regulation (EC) No 183/2005) (Opinion of the Committee via the regulatory procedure with scrutiny)

The Committee had a detailed exchange of views on the four measures of the proposal to avoid dioxin contamination of the food and feed. The Commission's representative provided a comprehensive explanation of the details of the amendments compared to the paper discussed in the Committee in April. These changes take into account the comments received from the Member States and stakeholders. In the light of the constructive discussions, further amendments were made. However, there was not sufficient support for the revised text to enable the proposal to be put to a vote.

16. Any other business

- Labelling of feed additives in compound feed

A representative of one Member State recalled the position that had already been put forward in writing to the Commission on this issue, which was supported by several other Member States. The Commission's representative pointed out that Regulation (EC) No 767/2009 of the European Parliament and the Council clearly states that additives shall be labelled. He stressed that the Member States are required to enforce this principle. A possible revision of these new rules is not envisaged and this issue would have to be addressed with care.
• Residues of packaging materials from food packaging in feed

One Member State representative highlighted the need to remove the current zero tolerance for these residues. The Commission representative asked the Member States to provide information on the quantities of feed involved and the different types of packaging residues, in order to have data that would enable progress to be made on the issue.