SUMMARY RECORD OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE FOOD CHAIN AND ANIMAL HEALTH
HELD ON 15-16 DECEMBER 2011 IN BRUSSELS
(Animal Nutrition Section)

Chairman : Mr James Moynagh.

27 Member States were present.
Greece was absent and represented by Cyprus.

1. Feed Additives

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

1.1.1. New applications

The latest applications were circulated for possible comment.

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 Lactococcus lactis (NCIMB 30117) as silage additive for all species -- Annex

Following the discussion, a draft Implementing Regulation will be proposed for possible vote at a future meeting.

1.2.2. Discussion of EFSA opinion : Scientific Opinion on safety and efficacy of propionic acid, sodium propionate, calcium propionate and ammonium propionate for all animal species. -- Annex

Following the discussion and comments made by Member States representatives, this document will be proposed for further discussion at a future meeting.
1.2.3. Discussion of EFSA opinion: Scientific Opinion on safety and efficacy of Biogalactosidase BL (alpha-galactosidase and beta-galactosidase) as feed additive for chickens for fattening -- Annex

Following the discussion, a draft Implementing Regulation will be proposed for possible vote at a future meeting.

1.2.4. Discussion of EFSA opinion: Scientific Opinion on safety and efficacy of Coxidin (monensin sodium) as a feed additive for chickens reared for laying -- Annex

Following the discussion, a draft Implementing Regulation will be proposed for possible vote at a future meeting.

1.2.5. Discussion of EFSA opinion: Scientific Opinion on modification of the terms of authorisation of VevoVitall® (Benzoic acid) as a feed additive for weaned piglets -- Annex

Following the discussion, a draft Implementing Regulation will be proposed for possible vote at a future meeting.

1.2.6. Discussion of EFSA opinion: Discussion of EFSA opinion: Scientific Opinion on safety and efficacy of Biosprint (Saccharomyces cerevisiae) for cattle for fattening

Following the discussion, and as the EFSA opinion was inconclusive on efficacy part, the Commission will contact the applicant regarding its outcome.

1.2.7. Discussion of new EFSA opinions adopted by FEEDAP at the Plenary of 13-15 December 2011

No discussion.

1.2.8. Discussion on EFSA opinion: Scientific Opinions on Vitamin B1 and its forms for all animal species -- Annex

A discussion took place. A draft implementing Regulation will be submitted for vote in a forthcoming meeting.

1.2.9. Discussion on EFSA opinion: Scientific Opinions on pantothenic acid -- Annex

A discussion took place. A draft Implementing Regulation will be submitted for vote in a forthcoming meeting.

1.2.10. Discussion on EFSA opinion: Scientific Opinion on Naringin for all animal species -- Annex

A discussion took place. A draft Implementing Regulation will be submitted for vote in a forthcoming meeting.
2. Coordination of the work relating to the Codex Alimentarius Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Animal Feeding

The revised document prepared by Switzerland and the comments made by countries were considered. The next steps were also considered. The issue will again be on the agenda of the meeting of the Committee in January 2012.


Based on the draft text as presented by the Feed Chain Task Force, the Committee had a detailed discussion on the newly suggested processes in the glossary, the incorporation of bleaching earth and filter aids into meals and expeller from oil fruits and seeds and the newly suggested entries for oil and fat derivatives. In addition, the potential listing of certain products in Annex III of Regulation (EC) No 767/2009 (prohibited and restricted materials) was raised. The Task Force will be informed about the concrete outcome of the discussions and the Committee will come back on the issue subsequently.

4. Outcome of the working group on 29 November 2011 about applications for high concentrate products under Article 32(2) of Regulation (EC) No 767/2009

The Committee was informed by a Commission's representative that the evaluation of the first 14 applications of high concentrated products is proceeding well but that for the majority of them, further clarification from the applicants is needed.

5. Information on packaging in former foodstuffs recycled for use in animal feed

The representative of the Commission reiterated the legislative position and requested Member States to provide information on this sector operating in their territory. The Commission also indicated that they would be prepared to approach EFSA on the question of tolerances of packaging waste in a specific sector e.g. bakery waste, if the scientific support was provided and requested input in this respect if this was available.

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

The Committee was informed of the following recent RASFF notification related to undesirable substances in feed

⇒ aflatoxins in groundnuts from India (5 notifications);  
⇒ arsenic in dried apple pomace from Poland (2 notifications) and in pet food from Thailand (4 notifications);  
⇒ dioxins in colour premixture (probably paprika powder) from Peru and in fishmeal from Denmark;  
⇒ mercury in vitamin preparation from India.

7. Discussion on the outcome of the Working Group on sampling of feed

As the working group on sampling of feed could not take place on the foreseen date due to unforeseen circumstances, this point has not been treated.
The Committee was informed that the working group meeting on sampling will take place on 21 December 2011.

8. Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of 6-phytase (EC 3.1.3.26) produced by *Pichia pastoris* (DSM 23036) as a feed additive for chickens and turkeys for fattening, chickens reared for laying, turkeys reared for breeding, laying hens, other birds for fattening and laying, weaned piglets, pigs for fattening and sows (holder of authorisation Huvepharma AD)

(Document SANCO/12619/2011)
(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 Implementing Regulation received a favourable opinion by unanimity.

9. Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of *Lactobacillus plantarum* (DSM 8862) and *Lactobacillus plantarum* (DSM 8866) as a feed additive for all animals

(Document SANCO/12620/2011)
(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 Implementing Regulation received a favourable opinion by unanimity.

10. Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of *Bacillus subtilis* (CBS 117162) as a feed additive for weaned piglets and pigs for fattening (holder of authorisation Krka d.d.)

(Document SANCO/12343/2011)
(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 Implementing Regulation received a favourable opinion by unanimity.

11. Exchange of views and possible opinion on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the denial of authorisation of *Lactobacillus pentosus* (DSM 14025) as a feed additive

(Document SANCO/12883/2011)
(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 Implementing Regulation received a favourable opinion by unanimity.

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Following issues were discussed and concluded:

⇒ lead in natrolith phonolith;
⇒ fluorine, arsenic, lead and mercury in calcium and magnesium carbonate;
⇒ arsenic in di copper chloride tri hydroxide (tribasic copper chloride) (following EFSA opinion);
⇒ guidance on application on the provisions as regards seeds from Ambrosia spp.

Following issues were discussed:

⇒ dioxins in crustacea meal;
⇒ endosulfan in fish feed: the proposal was discussed to set a higher maximum level for feed for Salmonids and to keep the current maximum level for feed for other fish species;
⇒ arsenic in pet food (see also point 6). A letter from FEDIAF (representing pet food industry) proposing to set the maximum levels for inorganic arsenic (replacing the current maximum levels on total arsenic) or to discuss the possibility to set higher levels for total arsenic in pet food containing fish, fishery products or seaweed or products derived thereof. The Committee was of the opinion that it is premature to set maximum levels for inorganic arsenic.

(Document SANCO/6448/2009)  
(Legal basis : Article 8 (2) of Directive 2002/32/EC) (Opinion of the Committee via the regulatory procedure with scrutiny)

A short update was provided.

15.A.O.B.

- On request of one delegation, a Commission's representative confirmed that a political agreement on the revision of the biocide directive has been reached. The Committee will address the implications concerning the borderline with feed legislation which has to be seen also in the context of a potential new functional group of feed additives in due course.