SUMMARY RECORD OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE FOOD CHAIN AND ANIMAL HEALTH
HELD ON 16 & 17 APRIL 2012 IN BRUSSELS
(Animal Nutrition Section)

Chairman: Mr James Moynagh.
26 Member States were present.
Cyprus, Portugal and Luxembourg were absent but represented.
Greece was absent and not represented.
Croatia attended the meeting as an observer.

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 of EFSA opinion on:
Lactiferm® (Enterococcus faecium) as a feed additive for
weaned piglets and calves - annex entry

Following the discussion, and subject to clarification on the
availability of additional data, a draft Implementing Regulation
could be proposed for vote at a future meeting.

⇒1.2.2. Discussion of EFSA opinion on:
Scientific Opinion on safety and efficacy of carmoisine in
feed for cats and dogs - annex entry

Following the discussion, a draft Implementing Regulation will
be submitted for vote at a future meeting.
1.2.3. Discussion of EFSA opinion on:
Scientific Opinion on anthranilate derivatives (Chemically defined flavourings 27) for all species - annex entry

The discussion focused on a number of considerations regarding the substances in this application and also in general in the whole series of chemically defined flavourings. It was noted that a) there are still a majority of groups of chemically defined flavouring (there were applications on more than 550 chemically defined flavourings subject to evaluation in some 30 different groups) for which EFSA has not yet delivered opinions, and b) it is very difficult to ensure consistency in the regulations of these substances if regulations are adopted in isolation.

In view of the exceptional complexity of these issues and in accordance with Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003, it was considered desirable to finalise draft regulations on these groups when substantially more assessments on additional groups were available from EFSA, most likely later this year. New opinions on additional groups of chemically defined flavouring groups will continue to be discussed as EFSA releases them.

1.2.4. Discussion of EFSA opinion on:
Scientific Opinion on allylhydroxybenzenes (Chemically defined flavourings 18) for all species - annex entry

A certain number of considerations were discussed regarding the substances in this application. See also point 1.2.3.

1.2.5. Discussion of EFSA opinion on:
Scientific Opinion on alicyclic and aromatic lactones (Chemically defined flavourings group 11) for all animal species - annex entry

A certain number of considerations were discussed regarding the substances in this application. See also point 1.2.3.

1.2.6. Discussion of EFSA opinion on:
Scientific Opinion on phenol derivatives containing ring-alkyl, ring-alkoxy and side-chains with an oxygenated functional group for all animal species (Chemically defined flavourings group 25) - annex entry

A certain number of considerations were discussed regarding the substances in this application. See also point 1.2.3.
1.2.7. Discussion on EFSA opinion on:
Scientific Opinion on naringin for all animal species - annex entry

Following the discussion on this application and also the other discussions on the flavourings, a draft Implementing Regulation will be submitted for vote at a future meeting.

1.2.8. Discussion on EFSA opinion on:
Scientific Opinion on thaumatin for all animal species - annex entry

Following the discussion on this application and also the other discussions on the flavourings, a draft Implementing Regulation will be submitted for vote at a future meeting.

1.2.9. Discussion on EFSA opinion on:
Scientific Opinion on neohesperidine dihydrochalcone for several species - annex entry

Following the discussion on this application and also the other discussions on the flavourings, a draft Implementing Regulation will be submitted for vote at a future meeting.

1.2.10. Discussion on EFSA opinion on:
Scientific Opinion on safety and efficacy of zinc compounds (E6) as feed additives for all animal species: Zinc chelate of amino acids hydrate

The initial discussion took place. The Committee will come back on the issue once the EFSA opinion on other zinc compounds is available.

1.2.11. Discussion on EFSA opinion on:
Scientific Opinion on the safety and efficacy of Urea for ruminants – annex

Following the discussion, the Commission will contact the applicant for a clarification, with a view to proposing a draft Implementing Regulation for possible vote at a future meeting.

1.2.12. Discussion on EFSA opinion on:
Scientific Opinion on DL-Methionine, DL-Methionine sodium salt, Hydroxy Analogue of Methionine, Calcium salt of Methionine Hydroxy Analogue for all animal species; Isopropyl ester of Methionine Hydroxy Analogue and DL-Methionine technically pure protected with copolymer vinlypyridine/styrene for dairy cows; DL-Methionine technically pure protected with ethylcellulose for ruminants
The initial discussion of this extensive opinion on 7 forms and sources of Methionine took place. The committee will come back to the issue at a future meeting.

1.2.13. Discussion on EFSA opinion on:
Scientific Opinion on Lantharenol (lanthanum carbonate octahydrate) as a feed additive for dogs - annex

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

1.2.14. Discussion on EFSA opinion on:
Scientific Opinion on the safety and efficacy of Phyzyme XP (6-phytase) as a feed additive for minor poultry species – annex

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

1.2.15. Discussion on EFSA opinion on:
Scientific Opinion on the safety and efficacy of Lactobacillus brevis DSMZ 21982) as a silage additive for all animal species - annex

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

1.2.16. Discussion on EFSA opinion on:
Scientific Opinion on the safety and efficacy of Crina Poultry Plus (preparation of benzoic acid and essential oil compounds) as a feed additive for chickens for fattening

The Commission informed the Committee that the applicant had decided to carry out additional trials and was withdrawing the application pending their conclusion.

2. Feed Marketing


The latest draft received from the Feed Chain Task Force was subject to detailed discussion and clear position was obtained on many open issues. The Commission will contact the Task Force to clarify certain outstanding issues. A legal draft will be elaborated with vote expected to be taken at the next Committee.

2.2. State of play on applications for high concentrate products under Article 32(2) of Regulation (EC) N° 767/2009
Review of progress on the examination of these applications. Several dossiers are close to being finalised. A list with the specifications for the products that are under evaluation and can therefore remain on the market will be published in the SANCO homepage.

2.3. **Application to amend Annex I to Directive 2008/38/EC by introducing the new particular nutritional purpose "Regulation of thyroid hormone metabolism in the case of hyperthyroidism"**

The applicant provided supplementary information on the questions raised during the assessment. The next committee will come back on the issue to discuss the supplementary information.

2.4. **Application to amend Annex I to Directive 2008/38/EC by introducing a new specification for the particular nutritional purpose "Support of joint function in the case of osteoarthritis"**

Member States commented on the dossier. The applicant will be asked to respond to the issues raised.

3. **Follow-up of 6th meeting of the Codex Alimentarius Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Animal Feeding**

Details of the coordination of the work of delegations having expressed the wish to take part in the electronic Working Group taking place ahead of the 2013 meeting of the Codex Task Force on Animal Feeding were discussed. It was noted that it is unlikely that it will be possible to discuss the initial submission at a Standing Committee meeting in view of the schedule of the electronic Working Group.

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

An overview of the RASFF notifications as regards undesirable substances since last meeting was provided. The notifications relate to

- an excessive level of melamine in dog feed (2 notifications). It was clarified that the melamine was present in the dog feed as a consequence of migration from the can coating. In the wet feed the migration was about 1 mg/kg feed but the maximum level of 2.5 mg/kg relates to a feed with 88% dry matter. Therefore, after recalculation of the level to an 88% dry matter feed, the level was non-compliant with the maximum level of 2.5 mg/kg. A letter from EMPAC (European Metal packing) was received in which the problem was highlighted and reference was made to the maximum level in food where the same maximum level of 2.5 mg/kg is applicable to the food as sold. The Committee agreed to examine this issue in more detail at the next meeting.

- dioxins in a feed supplement for homing pigeons. The supplement was a mixture of yellow clay, red stones, quartz stones and mussel shells. It was clarified that the too high level was related to the yellow clay which was found to contain high levels of dioxins.

- dioxins in fishmeal, aflatoxin B1 in cotton seed and mercury in canned pet food.
high levels of aflatoxins in peanuts for birdfeed from India (again 5 notifications).

Reference was made to the findings of dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs in organic and free range eggs from Germany. The analysed feed was found not to be contaminated by dioxins. Investigations to the source of contamination are ongoing.

The Dutch delegation informed the Committee that investigations have confirmed the hypothesis that the hydrogenation of palm fatty acid distillates under certain conditions could result in a de-chlorination of the higher chlorinated dioxins and furans whereby the dioxin congener mixture becomes more toxic.

5. Discussion on a possible amendment to Commission Recommendation 2006/576/EC of 17 August 2006 on the presence of deoxynivalenol, zearalenone, ochratoxin A, T-2 and HT-2 and fumonisins in products intended for animal feeding, following the availability of the scientific opinion on T-2 and HT-2 toxin in feed (and food)

The Committee was informed that FEDIAF has committed itself to provide more information as regards T-2 and HT-2 toxin and feed for cats. Also the comments received from FEFAC were discussed. The Committee did not raise any objection to the intention to consult the stakeholder organisations for comments on the guidance levels currently under discussion.

6. Sampling provisions for the control of feed: Discussion on the outcome of working group "Sampling feed"

The Committee was informed of the outcome of the discussions of the working group "sampling feed" which took place on 11 April 2012.

The main changes under discussion relate to

⇒ the scope of the sampling provisions;
⇒ the quantitative requirements for feed lots consisting of packages and containers;
⇒ the sampling of very large lots and of feed lots transported or stored in a manner by which certain part of the lot are not accessible;
⇒ the sampling of non-uniformly distributed constituents and substances to bring this to a certain extent in line with the sampling provisions foreseen for the control of such constituents and substances in food.

The Working Group had also expressed the wish to already have at this stage the input from stakeholders. Although it was acknowledged that several aspects required further discussion at technical level, it was agreed to submit the current text under discussion to the stakeholders for comments as input for future discussions in the Working Group.

7. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) N° 554/2008 as regards the minimum content of 6-phytase as a feed additive in feed for turkeys for fattening

(Document SANCO/13028/2011)
8. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) N° 496/2011 as regards the minimum content of sodium benzoate in feed additive for weaned piglets

(Document SANCO/12888/2011)

(Legal basis: Article 9 of Regulation (EC) N° 1831/2003) (Opinion of the Committee via the examination procedure)

A discussion took place and the vote was taken on the text with minor amendments. The Committee expressed a favourable opinion by qualified majority on the proposed draft measure (333 votes in favour, 12 votes absent and not represented).

9. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the withdrawal from the market of certain feed additives belonging to the functional group of silage additives

(Document SANCO/10243/2012)

(Legal basis: Article 10(5) of Regulation (EC) N° 1831/2003) (Opinion of the Committee via the examination procedure)

The draft Implementing Regulation provides for the withdrawal from the market of silage additives for which no application for authorisation in accordance with Article 10(7) in conjunction with Article 10(2) of Regulation (EC) N° 1831/2003 with minor amendments.

The delegation of Germany made the following statement:

"Die deutsche Delegation geht davon aus, dass die in den Anhängen der Verordnung genannten Stoffe weiterhin als Futtermittelzusatzstoffe einzuordnen sind, die mit Anwendung der Verordnung jedoch nicht mehr zugelassen sind. Sie dürfen daher in keiner anderen Form in der Tierernährung verwendet werden. Dies gilt jedoch nicht für solche Stoffe, die als Futtermittelzusatzstoffe gemäß der Verordnung (EG) Nr. 1831/2003 gegebenenfalls in anderen Kategorien/Funktionsgruppen als der Funktionsgruppe „Silierzusatzstoffe“ oder als Silierzusatzstoffe für andere als in den Anhängen genannten Tierarten/Tierkategorien zugelassen sind."

The Committee expressed a favourable opinion by qualified majority on the proposed draft measure (333 votes in favour, 12 votes absent and not represented).
10.A.O.B.

**Maximum level of certain undesirable substances in special forms of complementary feed, in particular slow release forms**

These special forms might contain certain compounds in a much higher concentration than normal complementary feed, by which consideration of the setting of a higher maximum level of certain undesirable substances specifically for this special form of complementary feed might be appropriate. The Committee indicated that this could indeed be considered for individual cases on the condition that evidence is provided for the need thereof, it is justified and that it does not endanger public and animal health.

**The Revision of legislation on Medicated Feed**

The Commission clarified, in response to a query from a Member State, that this proposal was currently expected to be available in early to mid 2013.