SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE FOOD CHAIN AND ANIMAL HEALTH
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 15 NOVEMBER 2012 - 16 NOVEMBER 2012
(Section Animal Nutrition)

A.1 Feed Additives - Applications under Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 Art. 4 or 13.

New applications.

Documents were distributed.


Discussion on EFSA Scientific Opinions on:

A.2.1 the efficacy and safety of Toyocerin (Bacillus cereus) for sows, piglets, pigs for fattening, calves for rearing, cattle for fattening, chickens for fattening and rabbits for fattening.

A detailed discussion was held on the EFSA opinion. The Commission will present a legislative proposal at a future meeting.

A.2.2 the safety and efficacy of Roxazyme® G2 G/L (endo-1,4-beta-glucanase, endo-1,3-beta-glucanase and endo-1,4-beta-xylanase) for chickens and turkeys for fattening, laying hens, ducks, poultry and piglets (weaned) - Annex.

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

A.2.3 the safety and efficacy of sodium hydroxide for dogs, cats and ornamental fish - Annex.

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

A.2.4 sodium benzoate, propionic acid and sodium propionate as preservative for pigs, poultry, bovines, sheep, rabbits and horses - Annex.

Following the discussion, a draft Implementing Regulation will be proposed for vote at a future meeting.
A.2.5 Bentonite as technological additive - Annex.

Following the discussion and upon the availability of further information from the Reference Laboratory, a draft Implementing Regulation will be proposed for vote at a future meeting.

A.2.6 The safety and efficacy of selenium in the form of organic compounds produced by the selenium-enriched yeast Saccharomyces cerevisiae NCYC R645 (SelenoSource AF 2000) for all species.

A discussion of the EFSA opinion took place. As the opinion is inconclusive, a Commission representative informed the Committee that the company has agreed to carry out supplementary work and resubmit by January 2013.

A.2.7 The safety and efficacy of cobalt carbonate as feed additive for ruminants, horses and rabbits, the safety and efficacy of cobalt compounds (E3) as feed additives for all animal species: Cobaltous acetate tetrahydrate, basic cobaltous carbonate monohydrate and cobaltous sulphate heptahydrate and the safety and efficacy of coated granulated cobaltous carbonate monohydrate as feed additive for all species.

Grouping the three EFSA opinions on several cobalt compounds, the Committee continued the discussions also taking into account the comments made from applicants and other stakeholders on feed-supplementation with cobalt compounds. Based on the discussions, an Annex entry will be prepared for the next Committee.

A.2.8 The safety and efficacy of selenium in the form of organic compounds produced by the selenium-enriched yeast Saccharomyces cerevisiae YSC 11111 – R646 (Selemax 1000/2000) as feed additive for all species. Annex.

Based on the discussion of the EFSA opinion it was decided to request clarification from the applicant on the composition of the additive and to suggest to him to authorise only one formulation. Assuming the applicant will react accordingly, the Commission services will prepare a draft Regulation for authorisation by one of the next committees. This draft would include a reduction of the maximum supplementation with selenium by selenised yeast additives in line with the EFSA-recommendation. This reduction would also have to be mirrored in the existing authorisations of selenised yeast additives.

A.3 Administration of feed additives via water


Preliminary discussion on the modification to clarify that feed additives may also be added to water took place. Apart from suggestions to fine-tune the text it was decided that DG Health and Consumers will sort out with DG Environment the borderline with disinfectants for drinking water (feed additive vs biocide legislation). The Committee will come back on the issue in due course.
A.3.2 Disinfectants and Preservatives in drinking water for animal. See A.3.1

A.3.3 EFSA opinion on DL-methionine, DL-methionine sodium salt, the hydroxy analogue of methionine and the calcium salt of methionine hydroxy analogue in all animal species; on the isopropyl ester of methionine hydroxy analogue and DL-methionine technically pure protected with copolymer vinylpyridine/styrene in dairy cows; and on DL-methionine technically pure protected with ethylcellulose in ruminants.

A Commission representative recalled the initial discussion of the EFSA opinions and reported from the successive contacts with the applicants and other stakeholders. There was general agreement on the way forward in particular to allow the use in water with some precautionary measures. Based on the discussions, an Annex entry will be prepared for the next Committee.

A.4 Discussion on EFSA scientific opinions on the safety and efficacy of nicotinic acid and nicotinamide as feed additive for all animal species.

A discussion took place on the basis of the five EFSA opinions on the different forms of this vitamin. A number of considerations were introduced during the discussion. A draft Regulation will be submitted for opinion of the Committee in a forthcoming meeting possibly including this additive in a single Regulation together with other similar additives.

A.5 Exchange of views on the work of the Task Force on Animal Feeding of the Codex Alimentarius.

The revised draft comments to the two documents object of the discussion in the Task Force were discussed and a number of changes were considered. Revised versions of the documents following the discussions will be circulated through the Member States’ Codex Contact Points for agreement or comments to finalise a version for submission to Codex.


A.6.1 State of play and discussion of applications for high concentrate products under Article 32(2).

The discussion of the high concentrate products in the first wave was constructively continued. Member States were asked to further comment on the draft annex entries. The Committee in December will take stock of the further developments.

A.6.2 Update concerning packaging material in former foodstuffs.
Information for some Member States collected by the industry organisation on quantities of former foodstuffs was distributed and Member States were reminded to follow the approach agreed and further source data on the issue on their territory.

**A.7**

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

**A.7.1. Recent RASFF notifications**

Information was provided on the following RASFF notifications as regards non-compliant levels of:

- mercury in complementary feed for cats from Thailand;
- unauthorised chlortetracycline in feed supplement form the Netherlands;
- dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs in fish meal from Latvia;
- cadmium in fish meal from Argentina;
- aflatoxins in sunflower seeds from France, white sorghum from Egypt and groundnuts for birdfeed from Senegal.

**A.7.2. Guidelines for the measures to be taken following the finding of non-compliant feed in particular the case of feed already distributed (in small quantities) over a very large number of establishments**

Following the request of a delegation the Commission has prepared a document for discussion. The working document for discussion was presented. As a general rule, all non-compliant feed has to be taken from the market. However, there might be specific situations in which the efforts and resources needed to withdraw/recall all the non-compliant feed from the market is not proportionate to the possible risk for human or animal health or the environment.

Some guidance is provided for the situations where the finding of non-compliance relates to a provision established

- to protect animal health with no or very limited relevance for public health, or;
- to protect public health with no or very limited relevance for animal health, or;
- to protect environment with no or very limited relevance for animal or public health.

Several delegations welcomed the document but indicated that it needed further scrutiny and that following aspects should be elaborated more

- distinction between feed materials/complementary feed and complete feed and to take into account the daily ration;
- distinction between withdrawal and recall;
- to ensure to be in accordance with approach applicable to food.

The Commission's representative stated that the document would be further elaborated taking into account the comments made and a revised version be presented for discussion at a future meeting.

**A.7.3. Other issues related to undesirable substances**
The Commission's representative indicated that a proposal would be submitted for discussion at the next meeting setting specific maximum levels of undesirable substances (in particular heavy metals) for slow release forms of complementary feed (such as boluses).

On the request of a Member State, the Commission's representative committed to continue the discussions on the acceptability criteria for detoxification processes at one of the forthcoming meetings of the Standing Committee.

**B.1 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Commission Regulation (EU) No 9/2010 as regards the minimum content of endo-1,4-beta-xylanase produced by Trichoderma reesei (ATCC PTA 5588) as a feed additive in feed for laying hens (holder of authorisation Danisco Animal Nutrition)**

Following discussion and minor amendments, the draft Implementing Regulation received a favourable opinion.

*Vote taken: Unanimity.*

**B.2 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of endo-1,4-beta-xylanase produced by Trichoderma koningii (MUCL 39203) for turkeys for fattening and turkeys reared for breeding (holder of authorisation Lyven)**

Following discussion and minor amendments, the draft Implementing Regulation received a favourable opinion.

*Vote taken: Unanimity.*

**B.3 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 837/2012 as regards the minimum activity of 6-phytase produced by Aspergillus oryzae (DSM 22594) as feed additive for poultry, weaned piglets, pigs for fattening and sows (holder of authorisation DSM Nutritional Products)**

Following discussion and minor amendments, the draft Implementing Regulation received a favourable opinion.

*Vote taken: Unanimity.*
B.4 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of endo-1,4-beta-xylanase produced by Aspergillus oryzae (DSM 10287) as a feed additive for poultry for fattening, weaned piglets and pigs for fattening and amending Regulations (EC) No 1332/2004 and 2036/2005 (holder of the authorisation DSM Nutritional Products)

Following discussion and minor amendments, the draft Implementing Regulation received a favourable opinion.

Vote taken: Unanimity


The Commission's representative indicated that the document had been discussed in four meetings of the expert working group, the last meeting on 23 October 2012. The provisions on sampling apply for the official control of feed as regards the determination of constituents, including GM material, additives, pesticide residues, prohibited substances and undesirable substances with the exception of harmful micro-organisms. It was clarified that the proposed sampling provisions are stricter than the minimum requirements provided for in Directive 2002/63/EC of 11 July 2002 establishing Community methods of sampling for the official control of pesticide residues, and consequently the proposed sampling procedure can also be applied for the control of the presence of pesticide residues.

Comments in writing were received from three Member States. The Commission's representative indicated that some of the comments received related to specific requests of (certain) experts in the working group. The importance was highlighted to ensure a good communication between the representatives in the Standing Committee and the experts in the Working Group.

Several delegations made further comments on the document.

The Commission's representative informed the Committee that the draft Regulation was sent for consultation to the professional stakeholder organisations on 29 October 2012, with the request to provide comments, if any by 30 November.

Delegations are invited to send any additional comments in writing.

A 5th meeting of the working group will be organised in the first two weeks of December 2012 to discuss the comments received from the stakeholder organisations and the Member States and to finalise the technical discussions on the draft Regulation.

A revised text, taking into account the outcome of the discussions at the working group will be presented for discussion at the next meeting of the Standing Committee.
In response to a query, the Commission again clarified the situation concerning the use of coccidiostats after 31 December 2012. The conditions set out in Article 11 of Regulation (EC) N° 1831/2003 have been complied with. The Commission will not be making any proposals to change the current situation and therefore authorised coccidiostats may continue to be placed on the market after 31 December 2012.