A.01 Feed Additives - Applications under Regulation (EC) N° 1831/2003 Art. 4 or 13. Documents were distributed.

A.02 Feed Additives - Applications under Regulation (EC) N° 1831/2003 Art. 9
Discussion on EFSA Scientific Opinions on the safety and efficacy of :

A.2.1. Coxiril® (diclazuril) as a feed additive for turkeys for fattening - Annex
A discussion took place on the Annex. A new one will be submitted in a future meeting.

A.2.2. Coxiril® (diclazuril) as a feed additive for guinea fowl - Annex
The discussion was taken on a common Annex. A new one will be submitted in a future meeting.

A.2.3. Coxiril® (diclazuril) as a feed additive for chickens for fattening - Annex
The discussion was taken on a common Annex. A new one will be submitted in a future meeting.

A.2.4. Sodium bisulphate (SBS) for all species as preservative and silage additive
A discussion took place and an Annex will be submitted in a future meeting. New data will be requested on the inconclusive part as silage additive.

A.2.5. Natugrain® TS/TS L (endo-1,4-beta-xylanase and endo-1,4-beta-glucanase) as a feed additive for laying hens - Annex
The discussion was taken and a draft Regulation will be submitted in a future meeting.

A.2.6. Rovabio® Excel (endo-1,3(4)-beta-glucanase and endo-1,4-beta-xylanase) as a feed additive for lactating sows - Annex

The discussion was taken and a draft Regulation will be submitted in a future meeting.

A.2.7. Yea-Sacc® (Saccharomyces cerevisiae) as a feed additive for cattle for fattening, goats for fattening, dairy cows, dairy sheep, dairy goats and buffaloes - Annex

The discussion was taken and a draft Regulation will be submitted in a future meeting.

A.2.8. Fecinor® and Fecinor® plus (Enterococcus faecium) as a feed additive for piglets

New data will be requested on the inconclusive part as silage additive.

A.2.9. Fumonisin esterase (FUMzyme®) as a technological feed additive for pigs - Annex

The discussion was taken and a draft Regulation will be submitted in a future meeting.

A.2.10. Bentonite-and sepiolite (Toxfin® Dry) as feed additive for all species - Annex

The discussion was taken and an Annex will be submitted in a future meeting.

A.2.11. Ronozyme® Rumistar (alpha-amylase) as a feed additive for dairy cows - Annex

The discussion was taken and an Annex will be submitted in a future meeting.

A.2.12. L-tryptophan technically pure produced by fermentation with Escherichia coli for all animal species, based on a dossier submitted by HELM AG on behalf of Global Bio-Chem Technology

The discussion was taken as the EFSA opinion is inconclusive, the applicant will be contacted on a further follow up.

A.2.13. L-threonine produced by Escherichia coli for all animal species, based on a dossier submitted by HELM AG on behalf of Global Bio-Chem Technology

The discussion was taken as the EFSA opinion is inconclusive, the applicant will be contacted on a further follow up.
A.2.14. L-threonine produced by Escherichia coli for all animal species, based on a dossier submitted by HELM AG on behalf of Star Lake Bioscience Co.

The discussion was taken as the EFSA opinion is inconclusive, the applicant will be contacted on a further follow up.

A.2.15. Vitamin A for all animal species and categories - Annex

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

A.2.16. Neohesperidine dihydrochalcone - Annex

Following the discussion, a draft implementing regulation will be proposed for possible vote in a further meeting.


One Annex was prepared for the application referred to in this point and in point A.2.18.

A.2.18. Astaxanthin for salmonids and ornamental fish (Carophyll Pink) - Annex

One Annex was prepared for the application referred to in this point and in point A.2.17.

The discussion of the annex was concluded for the use in salmonids:

- the applicant will be contacted to provide additional information if he wants to continue with the request for ornamental birds;
- as the EFSA opinion is inconclusive for the use of the product for fish, the applicant will be contacted on a further follow up.


The discussion of the annex was concluded for the use of the products for fish, the applicant will be contacted on a further follow up for cats and dogs.


- An in-depth discussion took place. Several Member States commented on various issues contained in the text. All comments will be compiled in a response to the initiators of the Code by mid of September. The written comments received from the MS will be uploaded on CIRCA BC.

- Several Member States reported about their investigations concerning arbitrary products listed in the Register of feed materials. The respective companies announced that they will withdraw the notifications. The competent authorities in the
Member States were encouraged to continue the screening of the Register for incorrect listings.

**A.04 Update and exchange of views on recent RASFF notifications.**

Information was provided on recent RASFF notifications as regards undesirable substances in feed:

- 1 notification on the presence of cadmium in complementary feed from the UK;
- 1 notification on the presence of hexachlorobenzene in fish meal from Peru;
- 1 notification on the presence of fluorine in magnesium oxide from China;
- 1 notification on the presence of aflatoxins in peanuts from Madagascar.

Extensive information was provided by the Italian delegation on the findings related to the presence of significant levels of dioxins in corn from Ukraine and the measures taken in Italy. When the contamination was detected, the feed made from the corn was already distributed on the territory of Italy and part of it was traded to Greece and Montenegro. About 55 farms with food producing animals which received feed containing more than 32% of possibly contaminated corn from Ukraine have been blocked as a precaution in Italy by the competent authorities. No food of animal origin has yet been found to be non-compliant with EU legislation. It was also confirmed that the risk management measures taken by the Italian authorities are only applicable to products of animal origin produced on the Italian territory.

On request of the Italian delegation, the Commission representative confirmed that feed containing more than 32% of possibly contaminated corn from Ukraine can be used for animal feeding after sampling and analysis have confirmed that it is compliant with EU legislation as regards the level of dioxins and PCBs. The Commission representative concluded that the Italian authorities have taken all necessary measures to ensure the safety of feed and food of animal origin placed on the market.

- Upon request of the Commission representative, the Polish delegation indicated that the source of the finding of melamine in inactive yeast could not be identified and that melamine could not be detected in other lots of inactive yeast produced in the same period or thereafter.

**A.05 Undesirable substances in feed.**

The Commission representative indicated to have contacted experts in microscopic analysis experienced in the analysis of botanical impurities to provide clarification of the term "trace amounts not quantitatively determinable". It appears to be not a straightforward issue and a meeting with the experts might be organised preferably before the next meeting of the Committee. At the next meeting, feedback on the discussions from that meeting will be provided.
A.06 Updating of the list of national laboratories (Regulation (EC) No 378/2005).

The updated list of the National Reference Laboratories was presented. A draft Regulation amending Annex II of Regulation (EC) No 378/2005 will be submitted in a future meeting.

A.07 Updating of the re-evaluation of feed additives (Article 10 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003).

The status of re-evaluation trend was presented. A discussion took place on some points related to re-evaluation and future developments of the re-authorisation procedure.

A.08 Feed Additives placed on the market as preparations - working document.

The working document was divided into two parts:

- Points 1 to 5 referring to the legal background, characterisation of preparations, differences between premixtures and preparations and conclusions.


All the delegations agreed on the first part of the document, subject to the introduction of some small changes.

As regard the proposal to modify the Annexes to Regulation No 1831/2003, all the delegations agreed on the principle to establish labelling requirements for preparations not linked to an authorisation holder. For the specific requirements a majority of delegations supported the proposed wording.

A representative of the Commission informed that the Commission will explore the possibility to prepare a proposal for a Regulation amending Annexes III and IV.

A.09 Vitamins in water (exchange of views) - working document.

A majority of delegations agreed on the proposed working document while some delegations proposed some modifications.

One delegation proposed the possibility to establish guidelines for the proper use of additives in water.

Some delegations indicated that other additives such as trace elements are also matter of concern for their use in water.

A representative of the Commission indicated that the next step is to define the necessity to establish some restrictions to the use of vitamins or other additives (for which a maximum level is established) in complementary feed used in water for drinking, taking into account the concerns expressed by some delegations. This can be discussed in the working group to be organised in September.
B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of L-methionine as a feed additive for all animal species.

The draft proposes to authorise L-methionine produced by a microbial fermentation process as a feed additive for all animal species. A discussion took place.

Vote taken: favourable opinion.

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing concerning the authorisation of DL-selenomethionine as a feed additive for all animal species.

The draft proposes to authorise DL-selenomethionine as a new organic form of selenium as a feed additive for all animal species. A discussion took place.

Vote taken: favourable opinion.

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of L-valine produced with Corynebacterium glutamicum as a feed additive for all animal species and amending Regulation (EC) No 403/2009 as regards the labelling of the feed additive L-valine.

The draft proposes to authorise L-valine produced by a microbial fermentation process as a feed additive for all animal species and revised labelling requirements for the L-valine already authorised. A discussion took place.

Vote taken: favourable opinion.

B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of the preparations of Pediococcus acidilactici NCIMB 30005, Lactobacillus paracasei NCIMB 30151, Lactobacillus plantarum DSMZ 16627 as feed additives for all animal species.

The draft proposes to re-authorise the above micro-organisms as silage additives. A discussion took place.

Vote taken: favourable opinion.
B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulations (EC) No 1730/2006 and (EC) No 1138/2007 as regards the name of the holder of the authorisation of the feed additive benzoic acid.

The draft Regulation implements a change in the name of the authorisation holder for the feed additive benzoic acid. A discussion took place.

Vote taken: favourable opinion.

B.06 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 496/2011 as regards the name of the holder of the authorisation of the feed additive sodium benzoate.

The draft Regulation implements a change in the name of the authorisation holder for the feed additive sodium benzoate. A discussion took place.

Vote taken: favourable opinion.

M.01 Revision of the dioxin testing requirements as laid down in Regulation (EU) No 225/2012.

The feed industry concerned by the dioxin testing according to Regulation (EU) No 225/2012 presented to the committee the results of their sampling in the past years. Based on the findings, the stakeholders made some suggestions for amendments of the Regulation, in particular with respect to the testing protocol. The committee took note of the presentations and had some additional questions that were directly addressed by the respective association. The Commission will come back on the issue in one of its next meetings with a more advanced paper on the different issues to be addressed in the revision taking into account the data from the stakeholders, the reports of the FVO and the comments of the Member States on the implementation of Regulation (EU) No 225/2012.

AOB

- On request of one delegation the Commission representative informed the Committee about the situation concerning insects in the food chain. He confirmed that the recent mandate sent by the Commission to EFSA covers food and feed, but in a more general approach. The technical amendments discussed at working group level about the extension of the potential feed materials for insects (legislation on animal by-products) and about the requirements for the establishments placing processed insect protein on the market to be fed to food producing animals (Annex IV of TSE-Regulation) are not explicitly mentioned in the mandate; these amendments are rather matters of consistency than associated with unknown risks.

- A communication on the adoption on the opinion on Toyocerin and its outcome was done. An in depth discussion will be held in September.

- Request for clarification on cotton GM events MON531 and MON15985.
Following the recent finding of GM cotton events MON531 and MON15985 in consignments of cotton seeds destined to animal nutrition and imported to Italy and upon a request for clarification by the Italian delegation, the Commission provided information on the legal status of the two GM cotton events with respect to their feed uses (feed containing, consisting or produced from the GMO). The Commission also provided clarification on the EURL Genetically Modified Food and Feed-validated methods for the detection of cotton MON531 and MON15985 and the relative specificity.