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SUMMARY REPORT

A.01 Update on certain topics related to RASFF notifications and undesirable substances

An update on the RASFF notifications since the last meeting of the Committee was provided. The attention was drawn to the RASFF notifications related to dog chews from China resulting in acute behavioural changes in dogs (see also point M.02). There were also RASFF notifications on exceedance of the maximum level (ML) of aflatoxins in groundnuts for wild birds and in maize gluten feed, of dioxins in palm fatty acid distillate, of ragweed in sunflower seeds from France. Furthermore, one RASFF notification related to a too high level of cross-contamination of narasin in feed for broiler chicken from Poland, one on presence of prohibited substance chloramphenicol in vitamin D3 from China, two on CBD oils for pets, 5 on pesticide residues, 3 on foreign material and 4 on the presence moulds in dog snacks and beet pulp.

Additionally, the Committee was informed on the outcome of the discussions, at the meeting of 9 January 2025 of the Working Group on undesirable substances, on the following topics:

- mycotoxins (deoxynivalenol, zearalenone, fumonisins, T-2 and HT-2 toxin and ochratoxin A) in feed;
- *Ambrosia* seeds;
- scope of the provisions as regards acceptability criteria for detoxification processes applied to products intended for animal feed;
- monitoring and prevention of nitrates and nitrites in feed;
- monitoring of quinolizidine alkaloids in lupins and lupin-derived feed.

The delegations were invited to send comments on the outcome of those discussions, preferably before end of February, at the latest by 14 March 2025.

A.02 Update on topics related to methods of analysis in feed

The Committee was informed on the outcome of the discussions, at the meeting of 27 January 2025 of the Working Group on undesirable substances, on the following topics:

- sampling for the control of pesticide residues in feed: clarification on the interaction between sampling in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 152/2009 and with the draft Regulation foreseen to replace Directive 2002/63/EC;
- method of analysis for the determination of asbestos to control the requirement "free of asbestos";
- analytical performance criteria for the analysis of undesirable substances in feed (metals, mycotoxins, plant toxins);
- provisions related to sampling shovel and formula for the determination of chlorine from chlorides;
- use of mechanical dividers – exchange on good practices;
- methods of analysis listed in Regulation (EC) No 152/2009 for which certain performance criteria are missing: way forward to fill the gaps;
- methods of analysis for fluorine, fluorine and sugar;
- determination of packaging material in feed.

As for several topics additional input from the Member States is needed, delegations were invited to submit their input also preferably by 14 March 2025.

A.03 Presentation of a harmonised list of target animal species and categories

The Commission presented the latest version of the draft harmonised list of target animal species and categories. Only minor adjustments were made. The Commission will now focus on the implementation of this list, as stabilised, in the application process of feed additives.

A.04 Member State membership to the FEED Additives workspace of EFSA

The Commission encouraged Member States to subscribe to the FEED Additives workspace. This space provides an overview of all the FEED applications (including a weekly newsletter with updates on FEED applications), access to the dossiers and the corresponding adopted opinions. A link to subscribe was provided to all delegations.

A.05 Follow up of the opinion on consumer safety of feed additives containing selenium (DOI: 10.2903/j.efsa.2024.8857)

The letter received on behalf of the applicant companies concerning selenium compounds in response to the Commission's request for supplementary information was presented.

The Commission reminded that during the meeting organised on 25 November 2024 by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) with applicants and several Member States representatives, it was made clear by the Commission and EFSA that dietary exposure data and analytical data would not be suitable to clarify the concerns expressed in the EFSA opinion of 6 June 2024 on consumer safety of feed additives containing selenium (DOI: 10.2903/j.efsa.2024.8857). It was also explicitly stated by the Commission and EFSA that the new data described in point 2.6.4 of the said opinion were necessary for a reliable estimate of consumer exposure. And finally, it was reiterated that the methodology followed by EFSA was not a matter for discussion.

An exchange of views took place.

It was agreed to request the applicant companies to present without delay a clear and justified roadmap for the submission of the required additional data, as described in point 2.6.4. of the EFSA opinion. The possibility to adopt any appropriate risk management measure was also broadly supported by the Member States' representatives, including a suspension of the authorisation of certain additives (organic forms of selenium for food-producing animals) with a view to minimise the risk for consumers while ensuring animal health and animal welfare.

A.06 Status of inert iron

A discussion took place on the status of inert iron in PARNUTS ('feed intended for particular nutritional purposes') entries 50, 51, 52, 56, 57, 59, 60 and 61 of the list of intended uses laid down in part B of the Annex to Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/354. Member States were offered the possibility to send comments in writing. The discussion will continue at the next meeting of the Working Group on Animal Nutrition.

A.07 Rules of Procedures of the PAFF Committee

The Member States' representatives took note of the rules of procedures of the Committee.

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 152/2009 as regards the determination of carbonates

The draft relates to the re-introduction of the analysis method for the determination of carbonates in feed.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of L-valine produced with *Escherichia coli* CGMCC 22721 for all animal species

The draft refers to the authorisation of L-valine produced with *Escherichia coli* CGMCC 22721 under the category 'nutritional additives' and in the functional group 'amino acids, their salts and analogues'. The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act and its annex.

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-lysine produced with *Corynebacterium glutamicum* NRRL B-68248 as a feed additive for all animal species

The vote was not taken as the Commission Interservice Consultations are still ongoing.

Vote Postponed

B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending and correcting Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/913 and correcting Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1471 concerning the authorisation of lanthanum carbonate octahydrate as feed additives for cats

The Commission presented a draft Regulation amending and correcting Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/913 and correcting Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1471. The issues addressed include the proper designation of the additive as an active substance (instead of a preparation), clarifying that the authorisation is limited to adult cats (instead any cats), and formalising a change of ownership of the additive 4d1.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of L-arginine produced with *Escherichia coli* CGMCC 7.401 for all animal species

The draft refers to the authorisation of L-arginine produced with *Escherichia coli* CGMCC 7.401 under the category 'nutritional additives' and in the functional group 'amino acids, their salts and analogues'. The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act and its annex.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.06 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of a preparation of *Lentilactobacillus buchneri* DSM 32651 for all animal species

The draft refers to the authorisation of a preparation of *Lentilactobacillus buchneri* DSM 32651 under the category 'technological additives' and in the functional group 'silage additives'. The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act and its annex. An adjustment to the draft annex was requested.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.07 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of geranium rose essential oil from *Pelargonium graveolens* L'Hér., eucalyptus essential oil from *Eucalyptus globulus* Labill. and lemongrass essential oil from *Cymbopogon flexuosus* (Nees ex Steud.) Will. Watson as feed additives for all animal species

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Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.08 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of sepiolite as a feed additive for all animal species

The draft refers to the authorisation of sepiolite under the category 'technological additives' and in the functional groups 'binders and anticaking agents'. The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act and its annex with minor adjustments.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.09 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of sodium ferrocyanide and potassium ferrocyanide as feed additives for all animal species

The draft refers to the authorisation of sodium ferrocyanide and potassium ferrocyanide under the category 'technological additives' and in the functional groups 'anticaking agents'. The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act and its annex with minor adjustments.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.10 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the renewal of the authorisation of a preparation of endo-1,4-beta-xylanase produced with *Trichoderma reesei* MUCL 49755 and endo-1,3(4)-beta-glucanase produced with *Trichoderma reesei* MUCL 49754 as a feed additive for weaned piglets, laying hens and minor poultry species for laying and fattening, pigs for fattening of all Suidae species, turkeys for fattening, the authorisation of a preparation of endo-1,4-beta-xylanase produced with *Trichoderma reesei* MUCL 49755 and endo-1,3(4)-beta-glucanase produced with *Trichoderma reesei* MUCL 49754 as a feed additive for suckling piglets (holder of authorisation: AVEVE BV) and repealing Implementing Regulations (EU) No 1088/2011, (EU) No 989/2012 and (EU) No 1040/2013

The draft refers to the authorisation of a preparation of endo-1,4-beta-xylanase produced with *Trichoderma reesei* MUCL 49755 and endo-1,3(4)-beta-glucanase produced with *Trichoderma reesei* MUCL 49754 under the category 'zootechnical additives' and in the functional group 'digestibility enhancers'. The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act and its annex.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.11 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of indigo carmine as a feed additive for cats, dogs and ornamental fish

The draft refers to the authorisation of indigo carmine under the category 'sensory additives' and in the functional groups 'colourants: substances that add or restore colour in feedingstuffs'. The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act and its annex with minor adjustments.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.12 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the renewal of the authorisation of L-tyrosine as a feed additive for all animal species

The draft refers to the renewal of the authorisation of L-tyrosine under the category 'nutritional additives' and in the functional group 'amino acids, their salts and analogues'. The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act and its annex.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.13 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) concerning the authorisation of riboflavin produced from Eremothecium ashbyi CCTCCM 2019833, in the form of a dried inactivated fermentation product, as a feed additive for all animal species)

The vote was not taken as the Commission Interservice Consultations are still ongoing.

Vote Postponed

C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of a preparation of *Bacillus subtilis* DSM 33862 and *Lentilactobacillus buchneri* DSM 12856 for all animal species

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. The discussion will continue at the next meeting of the Working Group on Animal Nutrition.

C.02 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of a preparation of *Lactiplantibacillus plantarum* NCIMB 41028 for all animal species

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. The discussion will continue at the next meeting of the Working Group on Animal Nutrition.

C.03 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of a preparation of the bacteriophages PCM F/00069, PCM F/00070, PCM F/00071 and PCM F/00097 for poultry (holder of authorisation: Proteon Pharmaceuticals S.A.)

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. The discussion will continue at the next meeting of the Working Group on Animal Nutrition.

C.04 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of a preparation of *Lactiplantibacillus plantarum* NCIMB 30148 for all animal species

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. The discussion will continue at the next meeting of the Working Group on Animal Nutrition.

C.05 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of a preparation of *Lactiplantibacillus plantarum* NCIMB 30094 for all animal species

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. The discussion will continue at the next meeting of the Working Group on Animal Nutrition.

C.06 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 684/2014 as regards the terms of the authorisation of a preparation of canthaxanthin as a feed additive for breeder hens (holder of authorisation: DSM Nutritional Products Ltd.)

The Commission presented a draft act and its annex amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 684/2014. The discussion will continue at the next meeting of the Working Group on Animal Nutrition.

C.07 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of canthaxanthin for chickens for fattening, minor poultry species for fattening, laying poultry and poultry reared for laying, ornamental fish and ornamental birds except ornamental breeder hens, ornamental breeder hens

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. The discussion will continue at the next meeting of the Working Group on Animal Nutrition.

C.08 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of feed additives consisting of a preparation of *Enterococcus faecium* ATCC 53519 and a preparation of *Enterococcus faecium* ATCC 55593 for all animal species

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. The discussion will continue at the next meeting of the Working Group on Animal Nutrition.

C.09 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of feed additives consisting of peppermint essential oil from *Mentha* × *piperita* L., clary sage oil from *Salvia sclarea* L. and sage oil from *Salvia officinalis* L. for all animal species

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. The discussion will continue at the next meeting of the Working Group on Animal Nutrition.

C.10 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of a preparation of red carotenoid-rich *Paracoccus carotinifaciens* NITE SD 00017 as a feed additive for salmon and trout

It was decided to give the applicant the possibility to provide supplementary information on the assessment of MRLs.

C.11 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of a preparation of *Lacticaseibacillus paracasei* NCIMB 30151 for all animal species

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. The discussion will continue at the next meeting of the Working Group on Animal Nutrition.

C.12 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation correcting Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/1186 as regards the methyleugenol concentration in cinnamon bark essential oil

The Commission presented the draft act. The discussion will continue at the next meeting of the Working Group on Animal Nutrition.

C.13 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of *Pediococcus acidilactici* NCIMB 30005 for all animal species

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. The discussion will continue at the next meeting of the Working Group on Animal Nutrition.

C.14 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 378/2005 as regards the consortium of national reference laboratories

The Commission presented a preliminary draft act amending Regulation (EC) No 378/2005, including slight adaptations introduced since a first discussion at the working group on animal nutrition of 16 and 17 January 2025.

The main objective of this draft act is to transfer to the European Union Reference Laboratory (EURL) for feed additives the responsibility for the update and publication of the list of national reference laboratories belonging to the consortium assisting the EURL for the duties and tasks under Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003.

The relevant consultations on the draft act will now be launched.

C.15 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of *Lactiplantibacillus plantarum* NCIMB 40027 for all animal species

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. The discussion will continue at the next meeting of the Working Group on Animal Nutrition.

C.16 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of a preparation of endo-1,3(4)-beta-glucanase and endo-1,4-beta-xylanase produced with *Talaromyces versatilis* IMI CC 378536 for all poultry species, weaned piglets, pigs for fattening and sows (Adisseo France SAS)

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. The discussion will continue at the next meeting of the Working Group on Animal Nutrition.

C.17 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the denial of the authorisation of Patent Blue V as a feed additive for non-food producing animals

The Commission presented a draft act that will now be submitted to Interservice Consultations and then to SPS notification.

M.01 Declaration of carriers from premixtures in the labelling of compound feed

Article 17(1)(e) of Regulation (EC) No 767/2009 clearly requires that a list of the feed materials of which the feed is composed, be included in the labelling of compound feed, listing them in descending order by weight.

Taking account of:

- the fact that the above-mentioned provision does not exclude feed materials used as carriers in premixtures, which are part of the composition of the compound feed;
- the explicit reference to the use of feed materials as carriers of premixtures both in the definition of 'feed materials' laid down in Article 3(2)(g) of Regulation (EC) No 767/2009 and in the definition of 'premixtures' laid down in Article 2(2)(e) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003;
- the requirement laid down in Article 16(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 to declare carriers, in the case of feed materials, in compliance with Article 17(1)(e) of Regulation (EC) No 767/2009;

All Member States but one agreed that feed materials acting as carriers in premixtures must be declared in the labelling of compound feed as a mandatory labelling requirement.

In addition, as regards compound feed for food-producing animals, information on the quantitative composition data may be requested by the purchaser to the person responsible for the labelling, in accordance with Article 17(2)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 767/2009 and in line with the provisions on the feed business operators' responsibilities laid down in Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 767/2009.

M.02 Update on the issue of dog chews originating from China

Several Member States have notified through the Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF) that certain consignments of dog chews imported from China pose safety risks. The Commission confirmed being in contact with the Chinese authorities and pressing them to provide the critical information requested.

M.03 Medicated feed for pets in the galenic form of tablets, pills and soft capsules

The Commission clarified that Regulation (EU) 2019/4 on medicated feed does not prohibit medicated feed for pets in the galenic form of tablets, pills and soft capsules. However, the Commission also stressed that all relevant provisions laid down in Regulation (EU) 2019/4 should of course be complied with, including the following:

- "Medicated feed and intermediate products shall only be manufactured from veterinary medicinal products (…) authorised for the purpose of the manufacture of medicated feed (…)." (Article 5(1)).
- On the labelling, the requirement provided for in Article 9 of, and Annex III to, Regulation (EU) 2019/4.
- "Feed business operators manufacturing, storing, transporting or placing on the market medicated feed or intermediate products shall ensure that establishments under their control are approved by the competent authority." (Article 13(1)).
- On the veterinary prescription, the requirements provided for in Article 16, including the need for a veterinary prescription (paragraph 1(a)), "issued only after a clinical examination (…) by a veterinarian and only for a diagnosed disease" (paragraph 2), and ensuring "that the medicated feed (…) corresponds to at least 50% of the daily feed ration on a dry matter basis (…)." (paragraph 10(c)).