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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE  
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED  
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 26 MARCH 2015 - 27 MARCH 2015  
(Section Animal Nutrition)**

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**A.01 Feed Additives - Applications under Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 Art. 4 or 13.**

Documents were distributed.

**A.02 Feed Additives - Application under Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 Art. 9.**

**A.2.1. Cygro® 10G (maduramicin ammonium) for turkeys**

Following the discussion, supplementary information will be requested to the applicant.

**A.2.2. Formaldehyde for pigs and poultry-Annex**

The discussion was focused on the condition of use to protect worker safety. The subject will be discussed at a future meeting.

**A.2.3. Hexamethylene tetramine as a silage additive for pigs, poultry, bovines, sheep, goats, rabbits and horses**

Following the discussion, supplementary information will be requested to the applicant.

**A.2.4. Biomin®C3 (Bifidobacterium animalis ssp. animalis, Lactobacillus salivarius ssp. salivarius and Enterococcus faecium) as feed additive for chickens for fattening, chickens reared for laying and minor avian species other than laying species-Annex**

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

**A.2.5. Coxiril® (diclazuril) for rabbits for fattening and breeding-Annex**

Following the discussion, a new Annex will be proposed for discussion at a future meeting.

**A.2.6. Lenziaren (iron, aqua carbonate hydroxyl oxo starch sucrose complex) as a feed additive for cats-Annex**

Following the discussion, a new Annex will be proposed for examination at a future meeting.

**A.2.7. Oralin® (Enterococcus faecium) as a feed additive for calves for rearing, piglets, chickens for fattening, turkeys for fattening and dogs-Annex**

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

**A.2.8 Oralin® (Enterococcus faecium) when used as a feed additive for cats-Annex**

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

**A.2.9. CRINA® Poultry Plus (benzoic acid, thymol, eugenol and piperine) as a feed additive for chickens for fattening, chickens reared for laying and minor poultry species for fattening and reared for laying-Annex**

Following the discussion, a new Annex will be proposed for discussion at a future meeting.

**A.2.10. Citric acid when used as a technological additive (preservative) for all animal species**

Following the discussion, a new draft will be proposed for examination at a future meeting.

**A.2.11. Citric acid when used as a technological additive (acidity regulator) for all animal species**

Following the discussion, a new draft will be proposed for examination at a future meeting.

**A.2.12. XTRACT® Evolution-B, Code X60-6930 (carvacrol, cinnamaldehyde and capsicum oleoresin), as a feed additive for chickens for fattening-Annex**

Following the discussion, a new Annex will be proposed for examination at a future meeting.

**A.2.13. DL-methionyl-DL-methionine for all aquatic animal species**

The EFSA opinion was presented. An annex entry will be prepared for the next Committee.

**A.2.14. L-tryptophan produced by Escherichia coli CGMCC 7.59 for all animal species based on a dossier submitted by HELM AG on behalf of Meihua Holdings Co. Ltd**

A Commission representative presented the opinion. The next steps for the re-authorisation of L-tryptophan will be undertaken once all pending EFSA opinions on this feed additive are available.

**A.2.15. L-valine produced by Escherichia coli (NITE SD 00066) for all animal species-Annex**

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

**A.2.16. Iodine compounds : calcium iodate anhydrous and potassium iodide based on a dossier submitted by Ajay Europe, calcium iodate anhydrous and potassium iodide, based on a dossier submitted by Helm, calcium iodate anhydrous based on a dossier submitted by Calibre Europe and calcium iodate anhydrous (coated granulated preparation) based on a dossier submitted by Doxal Italia-Annex**

The Annex was discussed and some modifications have been suggested. A draft Implementing Regulation will be presented for a possible vote in the next Committee.

**A.2.17. L-cysteine hydrochloride monohydrate**

A preliminary short discussion was held. The discussion will continue in the next PAFF Committee.

**A.2.18. Patent Blue V (E 131) for non-food-producing animals-Annex Entry**

A representative of the Commission explained that the re-evaluation of colorants does not need further demonstration of efficacy if the additive is authorised in food. This

approach was followed in the adoption of Patent Blue V and the same should apply for other colorants that are in the pipeline.

### **A.03 Priorities for the implementation of co-funded programmes for the EURLs.**

A representative of the Commission thanked the delegations for their contributions to this topic. The priorities for the implementation of co-funded programmes for the EURLs in 2016 and 2017 will be for the feed additives area: vitamin A (2016) and cobalt (2017).

The representative from the EURL explained that the EURL on feed additives also develop other activities funded on its own budget.

### **A.04 Feed marketing Regulation (EC) N° 767/2009.**

A.4.1. Update on the applications for amending Directive 2008/38/EC by modifying the list of intended uses as particular nutritional purposes.

A Commission representative informed the Committee about the progress made on certain applications.

A.4.2. Revision of the dioxin testing requirements as laid down in Regulation (EU) N° 225/2012.

A Commission representative informed about the changes in the revised working paper. A discussion took place. A new version of the working paper will be presented in the next meeting.

A.4.3. Feeding of calves with milk containing residues of antibiotics.

A Commission representative informed the Committee that only 12 Member States responded to the respective questionnaire sent out to the Chief Veterinary Officers in September 2014. Several Member States announced to submit their replies in due course. The Committee will come back on the issue in a future meeting.

A.4.4. Legal status of insects in feed legislation.

Due to time constraints, the point was postponed.

### **A.05 Exchange of views on a revised proposal for exploring issues associated with innovative novel feed ingredients - development of an OECD guidance document on novel feed ingredients.**

The OECD document was distributed in advance to MS for discussion: ENV/JM/FOOD(2013)5/REV2 revised proposal for exploring issues associated with innovative feed ingredients- development of OECD guidance document on novel feed ingredients. The Commission informed in other PAFF Committee about this meeting

but the document for discussion arrived very late and it was no possible to have a discussion before.

This document was circulated to delegates of the Task Force for the Safety of Novel Foods and Feeds for consideration at their 22nd meeting (15-17 April 2015). Written comments provided in advance to the next TF meeting were welcomed (by 13th April 2015).

The Commission is an observer in the OECD Task force but was willing to submit comments on this document. In principle, the Commission was not convinced to support the desired outcome to develop an OECD guidance document regarding the safety assessments of novel feeds. There is no clear definition along the Member States and OECD countries about the meaning of novel feed. On the other hand, this may interfere with the works developed by CODEX.

Member States did not express clear views on this item and the Commission informed that it will send comments to OECD following the considerations expressed before.

**A.06 Draft proposal on new functional groups on feed additives.**

The proposal intends to authorise new functional groups. A very preliminary discussion took place. The discussion will continue in a future meeting.

**A.07 Update and exchange of views on recent RASFF notifications.**

The Committee was informed on recent RASFF notifications related to the presence of :

- a high level of zearalenone in corn gluten used for the production of pet food from Hungary;
- a non-compliant presence of ragweed seeds (*Ambrosia spp.*) in bird feed from Austria;
- a too high of aflatoxins in groundnuts for bird feed from Brazil.

**A.08 Discussion on the provisions as regards nitrites in Directive 2002/32/EC on undesirable substances in feed.**

A short discussion took place. Following the discussions at previous meetings and the information provided, it appears that a deletion of the maximum levels for nitrites as provided for in Directive 2002/32/EC on undesirable substances in feed could be considered. On the other hand some delegations suggested that while supporting the deletion of the maximum levels of nitrites in Directive 2002/32/EC, it would be appropriate to elaborate a recommendation on the management of the presence of nitrates/nitrites in feed.

The Commission representative committed to draft a discussion paper on this for discussion at a next meeting.

**A.09 Mycotoxins in pet food – discussion.**

Due to time constraints the issue was only shortly discussed. The document providing an overview of the current legal provisions and the relevant extracts from EFSA opinions on mycotoxins related to the possible adverse animal health effects in pet animals. Furthermore the presentation from FEDIAF on their actions and views on mycotoxins in pet food was provided. An exchange of views took place.

**A.10 Discussion on other issues related to the presence of undesirable substances in feed.**

At the last meeting it was observed that most RASFF notifications as regards the presence of ragweed seeds originate from Denmark and Germany, and it was foreseen to discuss to which extent the problem occurs in other Member States or if there were specific enforcement problems. An overview of the RASFF notifications on the presence of non-compliant levels of ragweed seeds in feed was provided. Since 2012 there were 11 notifications: 6 from Denmark, 4 from Germany and 1 Belgium.

Following discussion, it was concluded that controls are taken place across the EU and that there are no specific enforcement problems.

No other issues were raised.

**B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of retinyl acetate, retinyl palmitate and retinyl propionate as feed additives for all animal species.**

The Regulation proposes to authorise different sources of Vitamin A as feed additives for all animal species. A discussion took place.

**Vote taken:** Unanimous in favour.

**B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of taurine as a feed additive for Canidae, Felidae, Mustelidae and carnivorous fish.**

The Regulation proposes to authorise taurine as a feed additive for certain carnivorous species : Canidae (e.g. dogs), Felidae (e.g. cats), Mustelidae (e.g. ferrets) and carnivorous fish (e.g. salmon). A discussion took place.

**Vote taken:** Unanimous in favour.

**B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of L-carnitine and L-carnitine L-tartrate as feed additives for all animal species.**

The Regulation proposes to authorise different forms of carnitine as feed additives for all animal species.

**Vote taken:** Unanimous in favour.

**B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of biotin as a feed additive for all animal species.**

The Regulation proposes to authorise biotin as a feed additive for all animal species.

**Vote taken:** Unanimous in favour.

**B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of the preparation of endo-1,4-beta-xylanase and endo-1,3(4)-beta-glucanase produced by *Talaromyces versatilis* sp. nov. IMI CC 378536 and DSM 26702 as a feed additive for chickens for fattening, chickens reared for laying and minor poultry species for fattening and reared for laying (holder of the authorisation Adisseo France S.A.S.).**

The proposal concerns the authorisation of an enzyme preparation.

**Vote taken:** Unanimous in favour.

**M.01 Any Other Business.**

**Extension of CODEX Guidelines for the Exchange of Information Between Countries on Rejections of Imported Food to feed.**

During the 21st Session of CCFICS held in Brisbane, Australia, from 13th to 17th October 2014, the Committee agreed to submit a proposal to commence new work on the revision of the Proposed Draft amendments to the Guidelines for the Exchange of Information Between Countries on Rejections of Imported Food (CAC/GL 25-1997) (Appendix VI REP 15/FICS) through CCEXEC70 to CAC38 for critical review and approval as new work respectively.

The Committee identified shortcomings with the guideline (CAC/GL 25-1997) in the process of amending the text to address animal feed. A holistic review is required to ensure the usefulness of the document. According to the proposal, the existing CAC/GL 25-1997 would be revised to include, amongst others, if it is appropriate inclusion of feed in this document.

The Commission presented a document with proposed answers to the questionnaire submitted by CODEX. After a short discussion, the Commission agreed to include the comments from the Member States and send a revised version to CODEX secretariat.