



Summary record of the 127th SCAN Plenary Meeting - Brussels, 02-03 December 1999 (Approved at the 128th meeting on 17-18 February 2000)

1. Welcome, apologies

Two external experts likely to become members of the Committee were welcomed by the Chairman. They were authorised to participate to the discussions but not to take part to possible adoptions of opinions.

2. Declarations of interests

Two members recalled that they have been involved in the studies recently presented in a supplementary dossier for product Narasin. Therefore it is agreed they won't be involved in the evaluation of the product, nor in the discussion on it in the plenary meetings.

3. Approval of the agenda

Two items were added: 6.12 on avilamycin and 6.13 on dimetridazole. The agenda was approved as amended.

4. Approval of the summary record of the 126th meeting

Minutes were adopted after minor corrections (typographic errors).

5. Discussion and possible adoption of a scientific opinion concerning :

5.1. Question 89 on the use of Diclazuril as feed additive for rabbits

The draft report was thoroughly discussed. Some amendments were made. Some gaps were identified which do not allow the Committee to conclude on the substance. It was therefore agreed to question the Company for clarification or new information.

5.2. Question 85 on the safety of use the micro-organism additives listed in notice 96/263 (O.J. N° C263, 11.9.96, p.3) following article 5 of Council Directive 93/113/EC (O.J. N° L334, 31.12.93, p.17)

The summaries of the assessment were presented for a micro-organism product intended for calves (Adjulact 2000) and for the extension of use to calves and turkeys of an other product previously assessed and accepted by the Committee: Bioplus 2B[®]. The SCAN plenary endorsed the Working Group conclusion that the safety of use of these products was demonstrated. The annex to the SCAN report on the use of certain micro-organisms as additive in feedingstuffs was amended accordingly and adopted unanimously.

Product Esporafeed Plus[®] was also discussed. The *Bacillus cereus* strain involved in this product is resistant to tetracyclines. As the tetracycline resistance gene (*tetB*) of the *Bacillus cereus* is typically located on a transposon, a mobile genetic element that is easily transferable to other bacteria, the Committee agreed to conclude that its use could

pose a risk. Therefore, the working group proposal to add this product to the annex to the report (on the use of certain micro-organisms as additives in feedingstuffs), under the heading of products that pose a risk for humans, animal categories or environment, was approved unanimously by the Committee. A specific executive summary dedicated to Esporafeed Plus[®] was also adopted.

5.3. Question 86 on the safety of use enzyme additives listed in notice 96/263 (O.J. N° C263, 11.9.96, p.3) following article 5 of Council Directive 93/113/EC (O.J. N° L334, 31.12.93, p.17)

Product Natuphos 5000[®] was discussed. The Working Group only considered the safety of the product originating from strain FTU-8. Following reception of satisfactory results for the tolerance of target animal species and considering the other studies provided in the dossier, the group concluded to the safety of use of this product when used in animal nutrition at the recommended dose. This conclusion was endorsed by the plenary and the addition of Natuphos 5000 to the annex of SCAN report on the use of certain enzymes in animal feedingstuffs was unanimously adopted.

6. Progress reports concerning :

6.1. Question 79 on the use of semduramycin in feedingstuffs for chickens for fattening

A first rough draft has been circulated in the group by the rapporteur. The contributions of the Working group members are scheduled for January 2000. The rapporteur will review its draft report on the basis of the latter and circulate again the document. One member is moved to an other Working Group.

6.2. Question 95 concerning the use of narasin as antibiotic feed additive in feed for pigs

The rapporteur has now all the contributions except on the safety for the environment. A member is added to the group to deal with this particular subject. The rapporteur will prepare the draft report on the basis of the contributions and will circulate it in January 2000 before asking the Secretariat to organise a finalisation meeting.

6.3. Question 96 concerning the use of Vevocel (co-product of penicillin production) as a source of protein for ruminants and pigs

Members of the group have to contribute before the end of January 2000 to allow the rapporteur to finalise the draft report.

6.4. Question 101 on the way to assess the efficacy of enzymes

The working group is about to finalise a draft report which should be submitted to the SCAN at the next plenary meeting.

6.5. Question 102 on the way to assess the efficacy of probiotics

Two reports are expected for the next plenary meeting. A general draft opinion reflecting on the way to assess the efficacy of probiotics and a more practical draft opinion, which would establish for most of the target animal categories, the practical requirements to be fulfilled in order to demonstrate the efficacy of a micro-organism.

6.6. Question 105 on the safety of use of anticaking agents

The question has to be clarified by the Secretariat. In addition, no dossiers have been received.

6.7. Question 106 on the use of canthaxanthin in feedingstuffs for laying hens, other poultry, salmon and trout

The group received information relating to the question. It is agreed to add an expert to the group. A meeting should be organised.

6.8. Question 107 on the use of nifursol in feedingstuffs for turkeys

The group continues its work.

6.9. Question 108 on the use of potassium diformate in feedingstuffs for piglets and pigs for fattening

Two experts are added to the group to help on the toxicological evaluation. Provided the dossiers on the product have been sent to these new experts, the contributions are expected for the end of January 2000.

6.10. Question 109 on the safety of use of Bacillus in animal nutrition

Working group members have contributed to the rapporteur who is preparing the first draft report. The latter will be discussed in the next meeting on 11 January 2000.

6.11. Question 110 on the dioxin contamination of feedingstuffs and its contribution to the contamination of food of animal origin

The first meeting of the group is fixed on 22 December 1999.

6.12. Question 94 on the use of avilamycin as feed additive

The mandate given to the group has been amended and the evaluation is reactivated on that basis.

6.13. Question 87 on the re-evaluation of the safety of use of nitroimidazole as feed additives (dimetridazole)

Members of the SCAN were invited by the Safety of Residues Working Party (SRWP) of the European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products to exchange their views on the draft report prepared by the Committee and the opinions previously issued by the Committee for Veterinary Medicinal Products (CVMP). The outcome of the discussion was reported to the Committee. On the basis of this meeting, the SRWP will prepare a document for submission to the CVMP, which should consider it at its plenary meeting of 07-09 December 1999.

7. Feed-back by the chairman on subjects discussed in the SSC and having an interest for SCAN

None

8. Feed-back by members of SCAN having attended working group meetings of other scientific committees

None

9. Miscellaneous

None