

EUROPEAN COMMISSION HEALTH & CONSUMER PROTECTION DIRECTORATE-GENERAL

Directorate B - Scientific Health Opinions Unit B3 - Management of scientific committees II

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 126TH SCAN PLENARY MEETING (BRUSSELS, 21-22 OCTOBER 1999)

(APPROVED AT THE 127TH MEETING ON 02-03 DECEMBER 1999)

1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES

See the attached list of presence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

4. APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 125th meeting

Minutes were adopted.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF AN OPINION ON THE REVISION OF THE GUIDELINES

After having considered the comments of Member States and of FEFANA in the two previous plenary meetings, the Committee reviewed the whole draft report and concentrated in particular on some questions of the safety section. After clarification of these remaining points, the opinion was adopted unanimously.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF A SCIENTIFIC OPINION CONCERNING :

6.1. Question 97 on the use of protein products of fermentation from natural gas obtained by culture of *Methylococcus capsulatus* (Bath), *Alcaligenes acidovorans, Bacillus firmus*, the living cells of which have been killed, in piglets, pigs for fattening and chickens for .

The draft report was discussed in the plenary and a few minor amendments were done by the Committee. The report was adopted unanimously as amended.

6.2. Question 89 on the use of diclazuril as feed additive for rabbits

Not discussed.

6.3. 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)

The working group reported on its work and presented the outcome of several assessments. The following products intended to be used for other animal categories than those already assessed by the Committee were considered satisfactory:

- Natugrain/Barlican[®]: extension of use to laying hens and turkeys
- Biofeed Alpha[®]: extension of use to turkeys
- Lyxasan forte[®]: extension of use to laying hens and turkeys
- Grindazym GP/GPL[®]: extension of use to laying hens and turkeys

In addition, the favourable result of the safety assessment of product Biofeed Phytase [®] (intended for piglets, pigs for fattening, chickens for fattening, laying hens and turkeys) was accepted by the Committee.

The Committee adopted accordingly unanimously the update of the annex to the report on the safety of use of enzyme additives.

6.4. 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 summary of the assessment of a micro-organism product: Fecinor Plus[®] (intended for pigs up to four months age, for calves up to four months age and for fattening cattle) was presented. The Working Group conclusion that the safety of use of this product was demonstrated, was endorsed by the plenary. The Committee adopted therefore unanimously the addition of this product to the annex to the report on the use of certain micro-organisms as additives in feedingstuffs.

7. PROGRESS REPORTS CONCERNING :

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

Not discussed.

7.2. 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).

See item 6.4.

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

Not discussed.

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

Not discussed.

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

Not discussed.

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

Not discussed.

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

Not discussed

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

Not discussed.

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

Not discussed.

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

Not discussed.

8. CREATION OF WORKING GROUPS

8.1. Question 109 on the safety of use of Bacilli in animal nutrition

A rapporteur was appointed. He will be helped by SCAN members and by external experts having specific expertise on the field. The Committee mandated the rapporteur to identify the most suitable experts.

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

A rapporteur was appointed. Members of the SCAN will also participate to this group. The rapporteur will identify with the Secretariat the additional external experts (Fish nutrition) necessary to cover the whole field of the question. In addition, to ensure proper coordination with the on-going exercise on dioxins carried out by the Scientific Committee for Food (SCF), an expert of the SCF working group will be asked to join the group.

9. FEED-BACK BY THE CHAIRMAN ON SUBJECTS DISCUSSED IN THE SSC AND HAVING AN INTEREST FOR SCAN

None

10. FEED-BACK BY MEMBERS OF SCAN HAVING ATTENDED WORKING GROUP MEETINGS OF OTHER SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES

None

11. MISCELLANEOUS

The dates of the plenary meetings for year 2000 were fixed. The Committee will meet on 17/18 February, 27/28 April, 22/23 June, 21/22 September and 23/24 November