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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 1 RASFF notifications on aflatoxin B1 in maize from India, 2 on ragweed (*Ambrosia* spp.) in bird feed and sorghum, 1 on *Datura* spp. seeds in bird feed, 1 on lead and arsenic in calcium carbonate, 2 on the presence of coccidiostats (robenidin and salinomycin) in non-target feed and 1 on the presence of formaldehyde in feed for ruminants form the UK and 7 on pesticide residues. Highlighted was the RASFF notification 2023.7694 related to adverse health effects in dogs in Finland due to the presence of high levels of glycoalkaloids in pet food, in which potato products were used as ingredient. No information is available in the EFSA opinion on glycoalkaloids in feed and food published in August 2020 as regards the toxicity of glycoalkaloids for dogs. EFSA has been requested to verify if information since then has become available. Finland informed the Committee that their investigations are ongoing and expected the outcome of these investigations within short notice. The discussion on this topic will be continued at the next meeting of the Working Group Undesirable substances scheduled on 18 December 2023.

A.02 Endorsement of a draft Commission Recommendation on the monitoring of perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in feed

The draft Commission Recommendation on the monitoring of perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in feed was presented. The monitoring is targeted to perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA) and perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS). If possible, monitoring of the presence of compounds which are similar to PFOS, PFOA, PFNA and PFHxS, but have a different alkyl chain such as those mentioned in Recommendation (EU) 2022/1431 should be undertaken. The monitoring should include a wide variety of feed, in particular, fish, other aquatic animals and products derived thereof, seaweed meal and feed materials derived from seaweed, feed of mineral origin, forage, silage, hay and fresh grass, compound feed containing fish, other aquatic animals and products derived thereof and/or seaweed meals and feed materials derived from seaweed. In follow-up investigations to identify the source of contamination, also the presence of PFAS in

packaging material, soil and water should be verified. The limit of quantification of the analytical methods used should be below or at $0.1 \mu g/kg$ for each individual PFAS.

Comments were made as regards the limit of quantification, the relevance of packaging material. Furthermore, it was mentioned that it would be appropriate to examine the possibility to establish trigger values in feed at least for PFOS in relation to the maximum levels established in the food of animal origin.

The draft Recommendation was endorsed by the Committee.

A.03 List of species on several botanical flavourings

There was a discussion on a document presented by the Commission. It was agreed to convene a dedicated working group early next year to discuss this point and the point A.04.

A.04 Concept of "Low concern"

There was a discussion on a document presented by the Commission. It was agreed to create a dedicated working group by early next year to deal with this point and the point A.03.

A.05 Exchange of views of the Committee on a feed additive consisting of phenylcapsaicin (aXiphen) for chickens for fattening (aXichem AB)

The opinion of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) was inconclusive. It was agreed to request complementary information to the applicant to address the issues expressed in the opinion. It was stressed that a clear definition of endpoints and of the specific function claimed in relation to the functional group under which the authorisation of the feed additive has been requested ("physiological condition stabilisers") will be necessary.

A.06 Confirmation of the classification of the use of 5-chloro-2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one q(m)it and mit 2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one of artemia nauplii during the hatching period

A representative of the Commission presented a draft text to be included in the report of the meeting. Nevertheless, as there were some remaining issues to be clarified in relation with the environment, the discussion was postponed to next working group's meeting.

A.07 Presentation by FEFAC, FEFANA and Copa-Cogeca of a draft Code of Good practice for Green Feed Labelling

An upgrade of the FEFAC/Copa-Cogeca Code of Good Labelling Practice for compound feed for food producing animals was presented for examination in accordance with article 26 of Regulation (EC) No 767/2009. The focus was on the introduction of guidance related to environmental labelling of compound feed as a means to foster the reduction of the environmental impact of feed at the production and use stages. The methodology used is based on the Product Environment Footprint (PEF, the EU recommended Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) based methodology). The specific Category Rules for feed production (PEFCR feed), together with the FAO Livestock Environmental Assessment and Performance (LEAP) Guidance documents on feed and feed additives, are the technical guide for conducting comprehensive footprint

measurements on the environmental impact of feed. The reference dataset for the LCA calculations is the database of the Global Feed LCA Institute (GFLI). Several Member States delegations welcomed the initiative, pointing to its innovative character. They inquired, inter alia, on the applicability of the guidance (e.g. to organic feed), the share of feed ingredients included in the GFLI database, the relative performance of imported feed materials vs. locally produced and on comparative claims. The three organisations will organise a webinar in the second half of January 2024 to provide more technical insight to national experts.

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of L-Lysine monohydrochloride, concentrated Liquid L-lysine, concentrated Liquid L-lysine monohydrochloride produced by *Escherichia coli* NITE BP-02917 for all animal species

The draft refers to the authorisation of L-lysine base, liquid, L-lysine monohydrochloride, liquid, and L-lysine monohydrochloride produced by *Escherichia coli* NITE BP-02917 for all animal species in the category 'nutritional additives', functional group 'amino acids, their salts and analogues' and in the category 'sensory additives', functional group 'flavouring compounds'. The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act.

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 gentian tincture from *Gentiana lutea L*. as a feed additive for certain animal species

The draft refers to the authorisation of a gentian tincture as a flavouring for certain animal species, belonging to the category 'sensory additives' and the functional group 'flavouring compounds'. The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act.

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 a preparation of Bacillus subtilis CNCM I-4606, Bacillus subtilis CNCM I-5043, Bacillus subtilis CNCM I-4607 and Lactococcus lactis CNCM I-4609) for all animal species

The draft refers to the authorisation of a preparation of *Bacillus subtilis* CNCM I-4606, *Bacillus subtilis* CNCM I-5043, *Bacillus subtilis* CNCM I-4607 and *Lactococcus lactis* CNCM I-4609) for all animal species in the category 'technological additives' and in the functional group 'hygiene condition enhancers'. The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act. The draft was finalised after minor adjustments resulting from the discussion.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the renewal of the authorisation of thaumatin as a feed additive for all animal species and repealing Regulation (EU) No 869/2012

The draft refers to the renewal of the authorisation of thaumatin (sweetener) for all animal species, belonging to the category 'sensory additives' and the functional group 'flavouring compounds'. The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act.

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 lignosulphonate as a feed additive for all animal species

The draft refers to the authorisation of lignosulphonate for all animal species in the category 'technological additives' and in the functional group 'binders'. The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act. The draft was finalised after minor adjustments resulting from the discussion.

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 endo-1,4-beta-xylanase produced by *Komagataella phaffii* CGMCC 7.371 as a feed additive for all avian species and piglets of all *Suidae* species (holder of authorisation: Victory Enzymes GmbH)

The draft refers to the authorisation of a preparation of endo-1,4-beta-xylanase produced by *Komagataella phaffii* CGMCC 7.371 in the category 'zootechnical additives' and the functional group 'digestibility enhancers'. The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.07 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 Lactiplantibacillus plantarum NCIMB 30083 for all animal species

The draft refers to the authorisation of preparations of *Lactiplantibacillus plantarum* NCIMB 30083 and *Lactiplantibacillus plantarum* NCIMB 30084 as feed additives for all animal species in the category 'technological additives' and in the functional group 'silage additives'. The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act.

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 a preparation of thyme oil, star anise oil and quillaja bark powder as a feed additive for all poultry species for fattening (holder of authorisation: Delacon Biotechnik GmbH)

The draft refers to the authorisation of a preparation of thyme oil, star anise oil and quillaja bark powder in the category 'zootechnical additives' and the functional group 'other zootechnical additives' (improvement of performance parameters). The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.09 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 Lactiplantibacillus plantarum NCIMB 30084 for all animal species

Cancelled (draft authorisation act merged with the one of agenda point B.07).

B.10 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of pine tincture from Pinus sylvestris L. as a feed additive for all animal species

The draft refers to the authorisation of a pine tincture as a flavouring for all animal species, belonging to the category 'sensory additives' and the functional group 'flavouring compounds'. The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.11 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 alpha-galactosidase produced by *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* CBS 615.94 and endo-1,4-beta-glucanase produced by *Aspergillus niger* CBS 120604 as a feed additive for chickens for fattening, minor poultry species for fattening and chickens reared for laying (holder of authorisation: Kerry Ingredients & Flavours Ltd.) and repealing Commission Implementing Regulations (EU) 237/2012 and 1365/2013

The draft refers to the authorisation of a preparation of alpha-galactosidase produced by *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* CBS 615.94 and endo-1,4-beta-glucanase produced by *Aspergillus niger* CBS 120604 in the category 'zootechnical additives' and the functional group 'digestibility enhancers'. The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act.

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 preparations of *Lactiplantibacillus plantarum* DSM 3676, *Lactiplantibacillus plantarum* DSM 3677 and *Lentilactobacillus buchneri* DSM 13573 as feed additives for all animal species

The draft refers to the renewal of the authorisation of preparations of *Lactiplantibacillus plantarum* DSM 3676, *Lactiplantibacillus plantarum* DSM 3677 and *Lentilactobacillus buchneri* DSM 13573 in the category 'technological additives' and in the functional group 'silage additives'. The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act. It was agreed to synchronise this renewal in relation to the adoption of two other Implementing Regulations, and therefore to postpone the vote.

Vote Postponed

B.13 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of a preparation of protease produced by *Bacillus licheniformis* DSM 33099 as a feed additive for all poultry species for fattening, reared for laying and reared for breeding (holder of authorisation: DSM Nutritional Products Ltd)

The draft refers to the authorisation of a preparation of protease produced by Bacillus licheniformis DSM 33099 in the category 'zootechnical additives' and the functional group 'digestibility enhancers'. The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.14 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of cinnamon bark oil and cinnamon leaf oil from *Cinnamomum verum* J. Presl as feed additives for certain animal species

There was an agreement to proceed with the notification of the draft Regulation in the framework of the Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Agreement.

Vote Postponed

B.15 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation correcting Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/415 concerning the authorisation of malic acid, citric acid produced by *Aspergillus niger* DSM 25794 or CGMCC 4513/CGMCC 5751 or CICC 40347/CGMCC 5343, sorbic acid and potassium sorbate, acetic acid, sodium diacetate and calcium acetate, propionic acid, sodium propionate, calcium propionate and ammonium propionate, formic acid, sodium formate, calcium formate and ammonium formate, and lactic acid produced by *Bacillus coagulans* (LMG S-26145 or DSM 23965), or *Bacillus smithii* (LMG S-27890) or *Bacillus subtilis* (LMG S-27889) and calcium lactate as feed additives for all animal species

The draft refers to the correction of the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/415. The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act.

A Member State delegation questioned the need for transitional measures as a result of the correction of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/415 with regard to the removal of the use of lactic acid and calcium lactate for ruminants with a non-functional rumen. The Commission indicated that, as a result of the withdrawal of the application for those additives concerning that specific use, corresponding entries have been included in the annex to the draft Implementing Regulation withdrawing from the market certain feed additives (cfr item C.20 of the meeting's agenda) and that the transitional measures related to the 'withdrawal from the market' measure will apply to that use of the additives concerned, being considered as 'existing products'.

In order to avoid further complexity in the application of the respective acts concerned, *i.e.* Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/415 and its own transitional measures, the proposed correcting Implementing Regulation and the forthcoming Implementing Regulation on the withdrawal from the market with its own transitional measures, and taking into account the probable limited impact on the operators concerned, it has been considered that the provision of specific additional transitional measures was not necessary.

The following declaration was made by a Member State delegation:

"Die deutsche Delegation kann den Verordnungsvorschlag der Europäischen Kommission unterstützen, gibt allerdings zu bedenken, dass aufgrund der mit Artikel 1 Nr. 2 geänderten Bestimmungen, die Verwendung der Futtermittelzusatzstoffe Milchsäure (1a270) und Calciumlactat (1a327) in Futtermitteln für nicht ruminierende Wiederkäuer nunmehr ausgeschlossen wird. Übergangs- oder Marktrücknahmeregelungen werden für diese noch in der Verordnung (EU) 2022/415 eingeschlossene Verwendung nicht vorgesehen, sodass Unsicherheiten bezüglich bereits im Verkehr befindlicher Futtermittel für nicht ruminierende Wiederkäuer mit ingredierter Milchsäure (1a270) und/oder Calciumlactat (1a327) nicht ausgeschlossen werden können."

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.16 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of essential oil from Cinnamomum cassia (L.) J. Presl as a feed additive for certain animal species

There was an agreement to proceed with the notification of the draft Regulation in the framework of the Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Agreement.

Vote Postponed

B.17 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the denial of authorisation of a preparation of astaxanthin-rich *Phaffia rhodozyma* ATCC SD-5340 for salmon and trout

The draft refers to the denial of authorisation of a preparation of astaxanthin-rich *Phaffia rhodozyma* ATCC SD-5340 for salmon and trout. The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.18 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 by *Trichoderma citrinoviride* DSM 34663 as a feed additive for all poultry species for fattening, all poultry species for laying and reared for laying, weaned piglets, pigs for fattening and carps, the authorisation of that preparation as a feed additive for all poultry species for breeding and reared for breeding, ornamental birds, suckling piglets and minor porcine species for fattening (holder of authorisation: Huvepharma NV) and repealing Implementing Regulations (EU) 2015/1043, 2017/1906 and 2018/327

The draft refers to the authorisation of a preparation of endo-1,4-beta-xylanase produced by *Trichoderma citrinoviride* DSM 34663 in the category 'zootechnical additives' and the functional group 'digestibility enhancers'. The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.19 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1762 as regards the terms of the authorisation of a preparation of *Bacillus subtilis* DSM 32324, *Bacillus subtilis* DSM 32325 and *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* DSM 25840 as a feed additive for all poultry species for fattening or reared for laying or reared for breeding (holder of authorisation: Chr. Hansen A/S)

The draft refers to the modification of the terms of the authorisation of a preparation of *Bacillus subtilis* DSM 32324, *Bacillus subtilis* DSM 32325 and *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* DSM 25840, as regards the compatibility of the use of that additive with certain coccidiostats. The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of iron(II)-betaine complex as a feed additive for all animal species

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. The discussion will continue at the next working group's meeting.

C.02 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of a preparation of Saccharomyces cerevisiae MUCL 39885 as a feed additive for cats (holder of authorisation: Prosol S.p.A)

The Commission presented a draft Commission Implementing Regulation. The discussion will continue at the next working group's meeting.

C.03 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of riboflavin-5-phosphate monosodium salt' or 'Vitamin B2' as a feed additive for all animal species

The Commission presented a draft Commission Implementing Regulation. The discussion will continue at the next working group's meeting.

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 *Weizmannia faecalis* DSM 32016 for poultry for fattening, poultry reared for laying/breeding, ornamental birds, and suckling and weaned Suidae piglets (Biochem Zusatzstoffe Handels-und Produktionsgesellschaft GmbH)

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. The discussion will continue at the next working group's meeting.

C.05 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the renewal of the authorisation of folic acid as a feed additive for all animal species and repealing Implementing Regulation (EU) No 803/2013

C.06 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of a preparation of rosemary extract for cats and dogs

The Commission presented a draft Commission Implementing Regulation. The discussion focussed on the annex entry.

C.07 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of coriander essential oil from *Coriandrum sativum* L. as a feed additive for all animal species

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. The discussion will continue in the light of the outcome of the discussion mentioned in point A.03.

C.08 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation withdrawing from the market essential oil from star anise terpenes as a feed additive

The Commission presented a preliminary version of the draft Implementing Regulation. An exchange of views took place. Upon request of a Member State delegation, the precise denomination of the additive concerned will be further checked. As regards the forthcoming notification of the draft measure under the SPS Agreement, the possibility to provide for a shorter comment period will be examined, due to the need to withdraw the product from the market as soon as possible.

C.09 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of sweet essential oil and bitter fennel essential oil from *Foeniculum vulgare* Mill. ssp. vulgare for certain animal species

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. The discussion will continue in the light of the outcome of the discussion mentioned in point A.03.

C.10 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of a feed additive consisting of a preparation of 6-phytase produced by *Komagataella phaffii* CGMCC 7.19 for chickens for fattening, other poultry for fattening or reared for laying and ornamental birds (Nutrex N.V.)

The Commission presented a draft Commission Implementing Regulation. The discussion will continue at the next working group's meeting.

C.11 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of manganese(II)-betaine complex as a feed additive for all animal species

C.12 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* FERM BP-07462, *Enterococcus lactis* FERM BP-10867 and *Clostridium butyricum* FERM BP-10866 for chickens for fattening and reared for laying, turkeys for fattening and reared for breeding, and all avian species for rearing/fattening or reared for laying/breeding (TOA BIOPHARMA Co., Ltd.)

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. The discussion will continue at the next working group's meeting.

C.13 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing concerning the authorisation of laurel leaf essential oil from Laurel nobilis L. as a feed additive for certain animal species

Cancelled.

C.14 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of a preparation of sodium hydroxide for dogs, cats and ornamental fish

A discussion took place on a draft act, including its annex, presented by the Commission.

C.15 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of undec-10-enal, terpineol acetate, borneol, d,lisomethone, l-carvone, (1R)-1,7,7- trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptanone,2 isobornyl acetate, 3-propylidenephthalide, phenylacetic acid, methyl salicylate, thymol, carvacrol, benzothiazole, terpinolene, isoborneol, trans[1]menthone, bornyl acetate, 3- butylidenephthalide, phenylacetaldehyde, phenethyl acetate, phenethyl phenylacetate, methyl phenylacetate, ethyl phenylacetate, isobutyl phenylacetate, 3-methylbutyl phenylacetate, 2-methoxyphenol, 2-methoxy-4-methylphenol, 4-ethylguaiacol, 2-methoxy-4-vinylphenol, 4-ethylphenol, 2-methylphenol, 2,6-dimethoxyphenol, phenol, 2,6-dimethyphenol, 2-isopropylphenol, benzene[1]1,3-diol, alpha-phellandrene, alpha-terpinene, gamma-terpinene and l-limonene as feed additives for all animal species (herbal flavour)

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. The discussion will continue at the next working group's meeting.

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 *Enterococcus lactis* DSM 7134 and *Lacticaseibacillus rhamnosus* DSM 7133 for calves for rearing (Lactosan GmbH & Co.KG)

C.17 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the renewal of the authorisation of dicopper chloride trihydroxide as a feed additive for all animal species and repealing Regulation (EU) No 269/2012

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. The discussion will continue at the next working group's meeting.

C.18 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of a preparation of *Lentilactobacillus buchneri* DSM 19455 for all animal species

A discussion took place on a draft act, including its annex, presented by the Commission.

C.19 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the renewal of the authorisation of nicotinic acid and niacinamide as feed additives for all animal species and repealing Regulation (EU) No 642/2013

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. The discussion will continue at the next working group's meeting.

C.20 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation withdrawing from the market certain feed additives

The Commission presented a preliminary version of the draft Implementing Regulation. An exchange of views took place. Comments were made by a Member State delegation on specific additives included in the annex to the draft act, or new additives to be added in that annex as a result of recent re-authorisation acts. Those remarks will be properly examined in view of a possible new version of the draft act.

In relation to the draft correcting act referred to in item B.15 of the meeting's agenda, the Commission highlighted that the additives 'lactic acid' and calcium lactate' are included in the annex to the draft 'withdrawal' act with regard to the use for ruminants with a non-functional rumen.

As regards the (usual) transitional measures laid down in the draft act, it was reminded by the Commission that the concept of "existing stocks", which is referred to in Article 10(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003, relates to additives which have been produced before the date of entry into force of the Implementing Regulation.

C.21 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of an additive consisting of an essential oil from the seeds of Myristica fragrans Houtt. (nutmeg oil) for all animal species

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. The discussion will continue in the light of the outcome of the discussion mentioned in point A.03.

C.22 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of a preparation of *Enterococcus faecium* DSM 21913, *Bifidobacterium animalis* ssp. *Animalis* DSM 16284 and *Ligilactobacillus salivarius* DSM 16351 for all poultry species for fattening and reared for laying/breeding and minor poultry species other than for laying (Biomin GmbH)

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. The discussion will continue at the next working group's meeting.

C.23 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of feed additives consisting of geranium rose essential oil from *Pelargonium graveolens* L'Hér., eucalyptus essential oil from *Eucalyptus globulus* Labill., lemongrass essential oil from *Cymbopogon flexuosus* (Nees ex Steud.) Will. Watson, clove bud essential oil and clove leaf essential oils from *Syzygium aromaticum* (L.) Merr. & L.M. Perry as feed additives for certain animal species

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. The discussion will continue in the light of the outcome of the discussion mentioned in point A.03.

C.24 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of a feed additive consisting of a preparation of endo-1,4-beta-xylanase produced by *Aspergillus oryzae* DSM 33700 for all poultry species and all *Suidae* (DSM Nutritional Products Ltd, represented by DSM Nutritional Products Sp. z o.o.)

The Commission presented a draft Commission Implementing Regulation. The discussion will continue at the next working group's meeting.

C.25 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of an essential oil derived from the fruit of *Illicium verum* Hook.f. (star anise oil)

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. The discussion will continue in the light of the outcome of the discussion mentioned in point A.03.

C.26 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of a preparation of *Lactiplantibacillus plantarum* LMG P-21295 for all animal species

A discussion took place on a draft act, including its annex, presented by the Commission.

C.27 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of a preparation of *Enterococcus lactis* NCBMI 10415 for all poultry for fattening or reared for laying/breeding and ornamental birds, all Suidae, calves and other ruminant species for fattening or rearing (DSM Nutritional products Ltd)

C.28 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on feed additives consisting of two tinctures and one anise essential oil from *Pimpinella anisum* L. for certain animal species

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. The discussion will continue in the light of the outcome of the discussion mentioned in point A.03.

C.29 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of a preparation of orthophosphoric acid for all animal species

A discussion took place on a draft act, including its annex, presented by the Commission.

C.30 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of a preparation of *Enterococcus lactis* DSM 7134 for chickens reared for laying and minor poultry species other than those used for laying (Lactosan GmbH & Co.KG)

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. The discussion will continue at the next working group's meeting.

C.31 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of a juniper oil and a juniper tincture from *Juniperus communis* L. for all animal species

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. The discussion will continue in the light of the outcome of the discussion mentioned in point A.03.

M.01 Status of soybeans degummed crude oil in relation to dioxin monitoring

Crude vegetable oils are excluded from the 100 % monitoring requirement for dioxins and PCBs provided for in Annex II of the Feed Hygiene Regulation (EC) No 183/2005. Batches of products derived from (crude) oils and fats of vegetable origin have to be monitored for 100 % for the presence of dioxins and PCBs. A Member State raised the question if "soybean degummed crude oil" is to be considered as a crude oil or as a product derived from crude oil.

Degumming is the first step in the refinement process and therefore the degummed crude vegetable oil is no longer a crude vegetable oil. It is furthermore to be noted that lecithins and gums, which are the products obtained after degumming of crude vegetable oil, are explicitly mentioned in the exemptions to the 100 % monitoring but degummed crude vegetable oil is not.

Therefore, the degummed crude soybean oil is subject to the 100 % monitoring requirement provided for products derived from (crude) oils.

M.02 Requests for free sales certificates in the context of import and re-export of feed

A Member State's delegation indicated that they faced regular requests to issue free sales certificates for feed imported from third countries and intended to be re-exported to third countries. Some other Member States representatives shared their own experience on dealing with such requests. The Commission referred to articles 86 to 91 of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 ('Official Controls Regulation') as regards the rules

applicable to official certification in the context of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 ('General Food Law').

M.03 Authorisation status of certain quebracho extracts as feed additives

A representative of the Commission informed that after verification, it was concluded that the initial notification did not include *Schinopsis lorentzii* (Griseb.) Engl.as a plant to produce the extract. It appears that this plant was indeed introduced only during the assessment by EFSA and should therefore not have been mentioned in the authorisation Act voted at the Committee meeting of 5 and 6 October 2023. This mistake will be corrected.

M.04 Information from EFSA

EFSA is currently updating the list of authorised Member State representatives who will be granted access to confidential information on the EFSA Document Management System (DMS), and specifically to the FEED Additives Workspace for 2024. The Feed Additives Workspace provides with 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. Active Member States representatives' users will be contacted to renew their membership. However, access to the FEED Additives Workspace is open to any new Member States representative who would like to join.

The FEEDAP Panel has endorsed for public consultation the <u>draft Guidance on the</u> <u>assessment of the Efficacy of feed additives</u>. Any person interested may contribute to the consultation. Deadline for comments is 26th of January 2024.