



Summary Record of the 117th SCAN Plenary Meeting (Brussels, 09-10 July 1998)

1. Welcome, apologies

See presence list attached

2. Declarations of interests

No specific interests that might be prejudicial to the independence of the members in relation to items under discussion were declared.

3. Approval of the agenda

Question 93 on the Danish safeguard clause concerning the ban of virginiamycin in animal feed (urgent question) was moved from point 6.2 (progress report) to point 5.6 (discussion and possible adoption) of the draft agenda.

The agenda, as amended, was adopted.

4. Approval of the summary record of the 116th meeting

The report was approved.

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

5.1. Question 91 on the re-evaluation of the safety of use of quinoxaline-n-dioxides (carbadox, olaquinox). The Committee discussed the new draft opinion that resulted from the discussion at the last plenary. It also examined the written comments that were provided by three members. The discussion mainly concentrated on the genotoxic and carcinogenic aspects of the substances and on risk and safety for consumers and workers.

The Committee adopted the opinion as it was amended during the meeting. One member expressed his disagreement with certain aspects of the report. His minority views will be included in the report.

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

The Committee discussed the new draft including the suggestions made by the other members of the working group. Because of absence of the rapporteur, the discussion could not be finalised.

Several members recalled that dimetridazole is no longer authorised as veterinary drug and suggested a more general approach in the light of the current provisions.

The Committee recognised that progress on this outstanding question needs to be boosted. It was agreed to extend the working group with an additional member. The secretariat will contact the members of the working group with a view

to the organisation of a final working group meeting in September.

5.3. Question 63 on the use of virginiamycin in feedingstuffs for sows and gilts

The rapporteur explained the final draft report on the efficacy of virginiamycin in feedingstuffs for sows and gilts. The Committee agreed with the draft report but decided that aspects other than efficacy need to be considered.

Some members questioned the interrelation with question 93.

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

The rapporteur informed the Committee on the progress made. The draft report is in a progressed stage and will be finalised for the next plenary.

5.5. Question on the use of Ethoxyquin in dog food.

Members of the previous SCAN recalled that the reply to this question had been agreed upon as a supplement of an earlier formal opinion from 1993.

5.6. Question 93 on the Danish safeguard clause concerning the ban of virginiamycin in animal feed (urgent question)

The draft report was explained in detail. The Committee discussed the draft opinion and adopted it with some minor amendments unanimously.

6. Progress reports concerning:

6.1. Question 70 on the use of formaldehyde as preservative-agent for feed

A working group meeting is scheduled for 23 September.

6.2. Swedish request for a general ban on antibiotics, coccidiostats and other medicinal substances and growth promoters as feed additives.

Considering the ongoing work by the SSC working group on antimicrobial resistance, this question was not discussed.

6.3. Request from Denmark to review the question of tylosin as feed additive.

Since there are no new elements, this question was not discussed.

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

The complete file has only been received very recently. A working group meeting will be organised.

6.5. 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 rapporteur reported on a working group that had been held the previous day which continued the examination of several dossiers concerning the use of enzymes as feed additives. A discussion took also place concerning the use of a pancreatic extract as an additive to feed. Most members were of the opinion that because this product seemed to make medicinal claims, it should not be considered as a feed additive in the context of the Directive. It was noted however that this was primarily a legal rather than a scientific issue. The next meeting is scheduled for 28 September 1998.

6.6. 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 next working group meeting is scheduled for 1 October which will continue the work on this question.

7. Establishment of a working group

Establishment of a Working Group on Question 96 concerning the use of "Vevocell" (co-product of penicillin production) as a source of protein for ruminants and pigs

A working group was established.

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

Postponed

9. Feed-back by members of scan having attended working group meetings of other scientific committees

Postponed

10. At the request of the committee: discussion of the internal rules of procedure

Postponed

11. OTHER POINTS

11.1. The Committee confirmed its earlier position that, on the basis of the comments received from Finland, it does not intend to reconsider its earlier opinion on the efficacy and risk for users of the therapeutic macrolides antibiotics tylosin and spiramycin used as feed additives.

11.2. The secretariat informed the Committee that, because of the overlap with the conference "The Microbial Threat" in Denmark on 7-10 September, the plenary originally planned for 10-11 September is cancelled. The next plenary is scheduled for 29-30 September.