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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 23 APRIL 2015 - 24 APRIL 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. Formaldehyde for pigs and poultry - Annex

A discussion was focused on the condition of use to protect worker safety. The matter will continue at a future meeting.

A.2.2. Coxiril® (diclazuril) for rabbits for fattening and breeding - Annex

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

A.2.3. Lenziaren (iron, aqua carbonate hydroxyl oxo starch sucrose complex) 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.2.4. CRINA® Poultry Plus (benzoic acid, thymol, eugenol and pipeline) 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 draft Implementing Regulation will be proposed for possible vote at a future meeting.

A.2.5. XTRACT® Evolution-B, Code X60-6930 (carvacrol, cinnamaldehyde and capsicum oleoresin), as a feed additive for chickens for fattening - Annex

No discussion took place.

A.2.6. Citric acid when used as a technological additive, preservative and acidity regulator for all animal species - Annex

No discussion took place.

A.2.7. Copper compounds (E4) as feed additives for all animal species: cupric acetate, monohydrate; basic cupric carbonate, monohydrate; cupric chloride, dihydrate; cupric oxide; cupric sulphate, pentahydrate; cupric chelate of amino acids, hydrate; cupric chelate of glycine, hydrate

Due to time constraints, the point was postponed.

A.2.8. Zinc compounds as feed additives for all species : zinc acetate, dihydrate; zinc chloride, anhydrous; zinc oxide; zinc sulphate, heptahydrate; zinc sulphate, monohydrate; zinc chelate of amino acids, hydrate; zinc chelate of glycine, hydrate

Due to time constraints, the point was postponed.

A.2.9. L-lysine monohydrochloride produced by fermentation with Escherichia coli CGMCC 7.57 for all animal species

Due to time constraints, the point was postponed.

A.2.10. L-threonine produced by Escherichia coli CGMCC 7.58 for all animal species

Due to time constraints, the point was postponed.

A.2.11. DL-methionyl-DL-methionine for all aquatic animal species - Annex

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

A.2.12. L-cysteine hydrochloride monohydrate as a flavouring additive for pets - Annex entry

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

A.03 Feed marketing Regulation (EC) N° 767/2009.

A.3.1. 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 on certain applications. Based on the supplementary information on the remaining six high concentrate applications, the finalisation of this task can now be envisaged. Also, the evaluation for several applications for pets to improve the vague characterisations of existing intended uses are quite advanced and could thus be included in a revision

quite soon. In this context it was again discussed, whether for the existing intended uses for food producing animals with vague characterisations (a document with candidates has been distributed) a phasing out period should be envisaged considering that -despite several warnings- no applications to improve the characterisations have been done. The control authorities in the Member States are called to report if those vague characterisations are enforceable at all and what value added the vague characterisations have in order to verify in practice the truthfulness of the labelled particular nutritional purposes.

A.3.2. Revision of the labelling requirements for feed additives in feed materials and compound feed (Annex VI and VII).

Since Regulation (EC) N° 767/2009 is now in force for several years, the discussion about a revision of the labelling rules for additives incorporated in feed materials and compound feed based on the experiences gained in practice has been launched about the following issues :

- Mandatory labelling of the added amount of the active substance;
- Mandatory labelling only for the animal species for which a maximum content is set;
- Discrepancy between labelled added amount and guaranteed amount in the feed placed on the market;
- Simplifications of names and functional groups in the labelling;
- Mandatory labelling requirements in case of sales by means of distance communication;
- Modernisation of mandatory labelling requirements considering the different mediums by which these information are delivered.

A.3.3. Legal status of insects in feed legislation.

On request of one Member State it was clarified that for insects kept as pets, the EU feed legislation for non-food producing animals applies. This implies that retailers of feed for pet insects are excluded from the scope of the feed hygiene Regulation.

A.04 Revision of the dioxin testing requirements as laid down in Regulation (EU) N° 225/2012.

A Commission representative informed about additional amendments to the working paper considering contributions from the Member States during the last meeting and from stakeholders. A draft Regulation will be proposed for possible vote at a future meeting.

A.05 Integration of former foodstuff into the feed chain.

Coming back to the discussion of the issue in the previous Committee, further progress was made in order to obtain more harmonisation and enhance the increased safe integration of former foodstuff into the feed chain. With respect to the current conditions for former foodstuff to be exempted from the waste Directive 2008/98/EC, it might be envisaged to tackle the issue in the margins of the circular economy

package. Concerning the approval and registration of food business operators placing former foodstuff on the market it was discussed how to avoid double approval/registration. With respect to the labelling of former foodstuff for feed use, specific provisions based on Article 20 of Regulation (EC) N° 767/2009 were discussed. The Committee will come back on the issue in a future meeting.

A.06 RASFF.

Since the last meeting there were no RASFF notifications falling within the scope of Directive 2002/32/EC on undesirable substances in feed.

Since 2012, there have been 19 RASFF notifications related to the presence of pesticide residues in feed. 17 notifications were classified as “information for follow-up” and 2 were classified as “border rejection”. 4 notifications related to a non-compliance with the provisions provided for organochlorine pesticides in Directive 2002/32/EC on undesirable substances in feed and the 15 other notifications related to a non-compliance with the provisions Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 February 2005 on maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin.

A.07 Nitrites and nitrates.

From the discussions at previous meetings of the Committee, it appears that a deletion of the maximum levels for nitrites as provided for in Directive 2002/32/EC on undesirable substances in feed. 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. Following possible topics to be covered by such a Recommendation were put forward for consideration: sources of presence of nitrates/nitrites in feed, prevention measures to reduce the presence of nitrates/nitrites in feed, guideline/action levels in feed. At the meeting further support for such a Recommendation was expressed but the scope and content of such a recommendation needs to be further discussed.

The Committee was also informed of the letter received from CEFS (Comité Européen des Fabricants de Sucre – European Committee of Sugar Producers).

A.08 Mycotoxins.

Following the discussions at the previous meeting the Commission representative presented possible changes to the current provisions on mycotoxins in feed for cats and dogs for consideration. In particular a reduction of the guidance value for deoxynivalenol from 5 mg/kg to 2 mg/kg, the establishment of a guidance value for zearalenone in feed for cats and dogs of 0.1 mg/kg and a guidance level for ochratoxin A in feed for cats and dogs of 0.05 mg/kg. Due to time constraints no extensive discussion took place.

A.09 Undesirable substances.

The Committee was informed of the ongoing discussions for regulatory measures on ergot sclerotia in cereals for human consumption and on tropane alkaloids in cereal-based foods for infants and young children containing rye, millet or sorghum.

The Committee was also informed on the publication on 20 April 2015 of the scientific opinion of the EFSA Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain on the risks to animal and public health and the environment related to the presence of nickel in feed [1] . The follow-up to this opinion will be discussed at a next meeting of the Committee.

[1] EFSA CONTAM Panel (EFSA Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain), 2015. Scientific Opinion on the risks to animal and public health and the environment related to the presence of nickel in feed. EFSA Journal 2015;13(4):4074, 76 pp. doi:10.2903/j.efsa.2015.4074 Available online: www.efsa.europa.eu/efsajournal

A.10 Discussion on draft proposal on new functional groups on feed additives.

Following the discussion, a new proposal will be submitted for discussion at a future meeting.

A.11 Discussion on the list of the feed additives to be withdrawn from the market under Article 10 of Regulation 1831/2003.

The list was presented and explained by the Commission representative. Following the discussion of the list it was decided, due to the complexity of the list, that a future check by Member States and stakeholders was necessary.

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of potassium iodide, calcium iodate anhydrous and coated granulated calcium iodate anhydrous as feed additives for all animal species.

The draft proposes to re-authorise two compounds of iodine and to authorise one new compound of iodine for all animal species. A discussion took place.

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 beta carotene as a feed additive for all animal species.

The draft proposes to authorise beta-carotene as a feed additive for all animal species. A discussion took place.

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 thiamine hydrochloride and thiamine mononitrate as feed additives for all animal species.

The draft proposes to authorise of thiamine hydrochloride and thiamine mononitrate as feed additives for all animal species. These substances are sources of vitamin B1. A discussion took place.

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 tocopherol extracts from vegetable oils, tocopherol rich extracts from vegetable oils (delta rich) and alpha-tocopherol as feed additives for all animal species.

The draft proposes to authorise of different types of tocopherols as feed additives for all animal species. A discussion took place.

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 ascorbic acid, sodium ascorbyl phosphate, sodium calcium ascorbyl phosphate, sodium ascorbate, calcium ascorbate and ascorbyl palmitate as feed additives for all animal species.

After discussion, the vote was not taken. The Commission representative will submit for the next meeting a revised text for discussion and possible opinion.

Vote postponed

B.06 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 237/2012 as regards the authorisation of a new form of the preparation of alpha-galactosidase (EC 3.2.1.22) produced by *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (CBS 615.94) and endo-1,4-beta-glucanase (EC 3.2.1.4) produced by *Aspergillus niger* (CBS 120604) (holder of authorisation Kerry Ingredients and Flavours).

The proposal concerns the authorisation of an enzyme preparation as zoo-technical additive. Following discussion, the draft Implementing Regulation received a favourable opinion.

Vote taken: Unanimous in favour.

C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the revocation of the authorisations of the preparation of

Bacillus cereus var. toyoi (NCIMB 40112/CNCM I-1012) as provided for by Regulations (EC) No 256/2002, (EC) No 1453/2004, (EC) No 255/2005, (EC) No 1200/2005, (EC) No 166/2008 and (EC) No 378/2009 and the denial of authorisation of Bacillus toyonensis (NCIMB 14858T) as a feed additive and repealing Implementing Regulation (EU) No 288/2013.

No discussion took place.