



**SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 146TH SCAN PLENARY MEETING
(BRUSSELS, 22-24 JANUARY 2003)**

(APPROVED ON 19-20 FEBRUARY 2003)

1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES

The list of those present is annexed.

The Chairman welcomed everyone and presented his best wishes for the new year. The Secretariat informed the Committee of the Call for Scientists for the Scientific Committee and Panels of the EFSA. The call was launched on the 21st January with a closing date on the 14th March. It is likely that the Management Board will announce the appointment of the Scientific Panels at its meeting on 29th April.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None for the meeting. Some declarations made at previous meetings are still valid.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved after slight reorganisation that will be reflected in the structure of these minutes.

4. ADOPTION OF THE SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 145TH MEETING OF SCAN

The minutes of the 145th SCAN meeting were adopted unanimously. The adopted minutes of the 144th meeting were distributed to the Committee.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF A SCIENTIFIC OPINION

5.1. Question 99 on the use of copper in feedingstuffs

An updated version of the document was presented to the Committee. It was examined in detail and some significant modifications were suggested and discussed. Once modified and reviewed by the rapporteur together with help from the Committee and Working Group members, the document should be presented at the next plenary for adoption.

5.2. Question 121 on undesirable substances in feed; Mycotoxins and products of micro-organisms, Ions and elements

The Question 121 on undesirable substances is divided into four categories (Ions and elements; Mycotoxins and products of micro-organisms; Organic

contaminants; Botanical impurities). Due to the extensive nature of the question and the given time limits the aim is to answer the question for each category only partially (as Part I). The second part, to be carried out at a later stage under EFSA, would consist of detailed evaluation for those substances identified in Part I.

The draft opinion on Mycotoxins (Part I), as amended in the light of discussions from the previous plenary, was presented by the rapporteur. The Committee raised several points for discussion. It was agreed that the document be reviewed by the rapporteur with help from the Committee and Working Group members for the next plenary.

The draft opinion on Ions and elements (Part I) prepared by the Working Group was presented by the rapporteur for the first discussion. The general structure was described and the Committee discussed the document intensively. Views were expressed on the level of detail needed for answering the first part of the question (points 2.1 and 2.3 of the terms of reference). The draft opinion will be amended in the light of the discussion and presented again to the Committee at a later stage.

5.3. Question 117 on the use of zinc in feedingstuffs

The rapporteur introduced the first draft and structure of the document prepared within the Zinc Working Group. Following an exchange of views on this document the Committee provided several suggestions to improve the draft opinion. It was agreed that for relevant parts the approach to this question should be similar to the question on copper including environmental aspects. The draft opinion will be amended in the light of the discussion and will be rediscussed at the next plenary.

5.4. Question 130 on the safety of the micro-organism product Provita E[®] for use as feed additive

The rapporteur from the Microorganism Working Group presented the draft opinion on this product. With the data provided, the Committee could agree to the safety of the product to the target animals. The draft opinion was unanimously adopted with only minor editorial modifications.

5.5. Question 142 on the safety of fumaric acid

The question addressed to the Committee concerns a scientific publication relating to possible toxicity of fumaric acid when used as feed additive in feedingstuffs for calves. The draft opinion prepared by the rapporteur was introduced and discussed. It was concluded that due to the lack of knowledge in the absorption rate and in the nephrotoxic potential and nature of fumaric acid in calves the SCAN can not propose an upper dietary limit for fumaric acid. Further studies on veal calves would be helpful in answering the question of the Commission since the publication referred to was not found convincing. After incorporation of minor changes as suggested during the discussion by the Committee the opinion was unanimously adopted.

5.6. Question 149 on Phaffia Rhodozyma

The Committee has been requested to update its previous opinion¹ on the use of astaxantin-rich *Phaffia rhodozyma* (product Ecotone[®]) in feedingstuffs for salmon and trout in the light of new information provided by the Company. The rapporteur introduced the data in the new dossiers, explained the rationale and the conclusions of the update. Some amendments were agreed upon and the document was adopted unanimously.

5.7. Question 123 on the 3-phytase produced by *Aspergillus niger* CBS 491.94 (Natuphos[®])

The Committee examined the revised report presented by the rapporteur and other members of the working group. After an exchange of views the document was adopted with minor editorial modifications. In its conclusions the Committee states that no adverse effects in the target animal categories were shown. However, *in vivo* studies of genotoxicity should be conducted before the safety for the consumer and the user can be finally concluded.

5.8. Question 154 on the safety of enzymatic product Econase Wheat Plus[®] for use as feed additive in chickens and turkeys for fattening

The rapporteur presented the draft report on the safety of the use of the product in target species. Some amendments were agreed upon and the document was adopted unanimously. In its conclusions the SCAN is of the opinion that the modification of enzyme concentration produced in Econase Wheat Plus does not harm the turkeys. However, another tolerance test is necessary in order to assess and to demonstrate the safety in broilers.

5.9. Question 152 on the safety of BioProtein[®]

Since the revision of the SCAN opinion on BioProtein[®] on 3 December 2001 the petitioner has submitted additional information to the Commission. The rapporteur presented the draft opinion considering the new data in the light of the concerns expressed in the last opinion. There was an agreement on the content of the document which once modified according to the discussions in the Committee, could be proposed for adoption using a Written Procedure. A revised version will be prepared for that purpose and the Written Procedure will be launched in the following weeks.

5.10. Question 120 on the criteria for assessing the safety of micro-organisms resistant to antibiotics of human clinical and veterinary importance (opinion of 03/07/01)

The slight amendment of the document as already discussed in the previous plenary meeting was unanimously adopted.

¹ http://europa.eu.int/comm/food/fs/sc/scan/out76_en.pdf

6. PROGRESS REPORTS

6.1. Micro-organisms

6.1.1. Question 85 on the safety of micro-organisms

The group waits for several replies related to this question. In the absence of reaction or clear timetable for action, rejection may be proposed to SCAN at the next plenary.

6.1.2. Question 125 on the evaluation of the safety of Calfmix®, a micro-organism product

Not addressed. No answer from the company.

6.1.3. Question 138 on safety of micro-organism product Turval BO399 for use as feed additive

Not addressed. Additional information has been requested from the company.

6.1.4. Question 155 on the impact on animal health of the use of micro-organism product Biomin®

Not addressed. Additional information has been requested from the company.

6.1.5. Question 156 on the safety of use of micro-organism product Biosprint®

Not addressed.

6.1.6. Question 158 on the safety of use of micro-organism product Yea-Sacc® for horses

Not addressed.

6.2. Enzymes

6.2.1. Question 134 on safety of enzymatic product Allzyme PT® for turkeys for fattening

Not addressed. No answer from the company.

6.2.2. Question 144 on the safety of the enzymatic product Avizyme 1300® for use as feed additive

Not addressed. No answer from the company.

6.3. Question 114 on the use of titanium dioxide-coated mica in feedingstuffs for salmon and trout

Not discussed.

6.4. Question 121 on undesirable substances in feed

b) Organic contaminants

The work should be finished before the end of SCAN.

c) Botanical impurities

Experts in the field are being identified.

6.5. Question 122 on the re-evaluation of coccidiostats and other medicinal substances in accordance with article 9G of Council Directive 70/524/EEC.

The working group on the human safety aspects met in January. Progress for other aspects is heterogeneous. Opinions should be completed and proposed to the SCAN plenary.

6.6. Question 136 on the efficacy of coccidiostat salinomycin sodium (Sacox 120) in laying hens

Not discussed. No answer from the company.

6.7. Question 143 on the coccidiostat Kokcisan® 120G

Not discussed.

6.8. Question 151 on the use of HMBI, an analogue of methionine, in dairy cows

Not discussed.

7. FEED-BACK BY THE CHAIRMAN ON SUBJECTS DISCUSSED IN THE SCIENTIFIC STEERING COMMITTEE (SSC) AND HAVING AN INTEREST FOR THE SCAN

Not discussed.

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

Not discussed.

9. MISCELLANEOUS

Secretary of SCAN announced that the dates for February plenary will be slightly modified, the dates for the meeting then being 19.-20. February, 2003. The March plenary is likely to be extended to 3 days and would then be on 26.-27. and 28. March. The April Plenary will take place on the 23.-25. April, 2003.

Annex - Attendance

Members:

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Ing. Louis Aimé AUMAITRE
Ing. Georges BORIES
Dr Joaquim BRUFAU
Prof. Maria de los Angeles CALVO TORRAS
Dr Andrew CHESSON
Prof. Gerhard FLACHOWSKY
Prof. Dr Jürgen GROPP
Prof. Jean-François GUILLOT
Dr Anne Katrine Lundebye HALDORSEN
Dr Ingrid HALLE
Prof. Josef LEIBETSEDER
Mr Derek RENSHAW
Mr Kristen SEJRSEN
Dr Pieter WESTER
Dr Atte VON WRIGHT

Apologies:

Prof. Diana ANDERSON

For the Commission:

DG Health and Consumer Protection:

Mrs M. Duboile-Schokker (Management of SCAN)
Mr E. Thévenard (Management of SCAN)

For the European Food Safety Authority:

Mrs L. Vahteristo (Management of SCAN)