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SUMMARY REPORT

As mentioned in the invitation to the meeting sent out on 1 December 2020, the meeting was **held via videoconference** due to the situation derived from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The invitation provided relevant information concerning the modalities of the meeting and referred to the use of the written procedure for the delivery of the Committee opinions on the draft implementing acts under Section B of the meeting's agenda.

During the meeting, the following introductory statements were made by a representative of the Commission:

- The confidentiality obligations required by Article 13 of the Standard Rules of Procedure for the Standing Committee and referred to in the invitation to the meeting, were recalled.

The modalities for the delivery of the Committee opinions on the draft acts under Section B of the meeting's agenda by written procedure, were explained.

Section A Information and/or discussion

A.01 Feed Additives - Applications under Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 Art. 4, 14 or 13.

Documents were sent to the Member States.

A.02 Feed Additives - Applications under Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 Art. 9.

A.02.01 Safety and efficacy Vitamin B12 produced by *Ensifer adhaerens* CNCM I5541 (SCM 2034) for all animal species (EFSA-Q-2019-00319)

A discussion was held. A draft Regulation will be proposed at a future meeting.

A.02.02 Safety and efficacy of 31 flavouring compounds belonging to different chemically defined groups for all animal species (EFSA-Q-2020-00175)

The item was not discussed.

A.02.03 Benzoic acid for pigs and poultry as a flavouring compound. FAD-2016-0078
- Supplementary information

The Commission's representative informed that the applicant submitted complementary information. It was agreed to ask EFSA for a new opinion on the basis of this complementary information.

A.02.04 Natural essential oil from *Origanum vulgare* L. ssp. *hirtum* var. Vulkan (DOS 00001). FAD- 2016-0004 - FAD-2019-0018 - Supplementary information

The applicant provided information to rule out any zootechnical effect at the doses proposed. A discussion took place and it was agreed to present the draft Implementing Regulation for vote at the next standing Committee.

A.02.05 Essential oil from *Origanum vulgare* ssp. *hirtum* (Link) Ietsw. for all animal species FAD-2010-0245. - Supplementary information

The applicant did not submit additional information to rule out any zootechnical effect at the levels proposed. It was agreed to ask the applicant again for such information.

A.02.06 L-threonine produced by *Escherichia coli* CGMCC 13325 as a feed additive for all animal species (FAD-2020-0017) - Annex entry

Postponed as EFSA opinion not published.

A.02.07 L-lysine monohydrochloride and concentrated liquid L-lysine (base) produced by *Corynebacterium glutamicum* KCCM 80216 as feed additives for all animal species (FAD-2020-0008) - Annex entry

The EFSA opinion was discussed, which concluded that the additive is safe and efficacious. The additives will be included into the next draft authorisation Regulation for L-lysine monohydrochloride and concentrated liquid L-lysine (base).

A.02.08 L-lysine monohydrochloride and concentrated liquid L-lysine (base) produced by *Corynebacterium glutamicum* KCTC 12307BP as feed additives for all animal species (FAD-2020-0024) - Annex entry

The EFSA opinion was discussed, which concluded that the additive is safe and efficacious. The additives will be included into the next draft authorisation Regulation for L-lysine monohydrochloride and concentrated liquid L-lysine (base).

A.02.09 Zinc chelate of hydroxy analogue of methionine for all animal species (FAD-2019-0034) - Annex entry

Postponed as EFSA opinion not published.

A.02.10 6-phytase for pigs other than sows, sows, poultry for fattening and breeding other than turkeys for fattening, poultry for laying and turkeys (FAD-2019-0027) - Annex entry

Postponed as EFSA opinion not published.

A.02.11 Endo-1,4-beta-xylanase and endo-1,4-beta-glucanase for piglets (weaned), laying hens, chickens for fattening, chickens reared for laying, turkeys for fattening, turkeys reared for breeding, turkeys for breeding purposes, ducks for fattening, all minor avian species for laying, minor poultry species for fattening (other than ducks for fattening) and ornamental birds (FAD-2018-0022) - Annex entry

Postponed as EFSA opinion not published.

A.02.12 Safety and efficacy of Avatec® 150G (lasalocid A sodium) as a feed additive for chickens for fattening and chickens reared for laying. Update.

The road map submitted by the applicant has been presented. The Member States agreed on it, and they confirmed the previous position on the suspension of the authorisation of the additive.

A.02.13 Safety and efficacy of STENOROL® (halofuginone hydrobromide) as a feed additive for chickens for fattening and turkeys.

A discussion has been held on the EFSA conclusion of the opinion on Stenorol. The Member States agreed to give the possibility to the applicant to submit supplementary information in a short time and provided that a road map of the planned studies and related timing is submitted before taking a final decision.

A.02.14 Safety and efficacy of STABILFLOR® as a zootechnical feed additive for pigs for fattening. Update

A discussion has been held. The Member States confirmed the previous position, this product doesn't meet the conditions of Article 5 of Regulation 1831/2003.

A.03 Draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the status of certain products as feed additives within the scope of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council and on the withdrawal from the market of certain feed additives: information on last version of the draft measure

The Commission's representative presented the last version of the document and informed the Committee that the draft act was being notified under the SPS Agreement for comments.

Some remarks and requests for clarification were raised by a delegation and a short discussion took place.

The draft act will be included under section B of the agenda of the next Committee meeting.

A.04 Feed marketing Regulation (EC) N° 767/2009

A.04.01 Revision of Regulation 68/2013 on the Catalogue of feed materials

The Committee discussed a new version of the draft to revise the Catalogue of feed materials, in particular the hemp entries, algae meal, Attapulgit and the new structure of Chapter 12. On several issues, the Commission will seek clarification from the Feed Chain task force. A revised draft of the Catalogue will be presented in the next Committee.

A.04.02 Revision of Annex III

The Commission's representative suggested to list feed materials derived from varieties of *Cannabis sativa* L., which are not eligible according to Regulation (EU) No 639/2014, in Annex III of Regulation (EC) N° 767/2009 with prohibited and restricted materials. The Committee will come back on the issue.

A.04.03 State of play on applications for feed for particular nutritional purposes

The Commission's representative distributed an updated overview of the pending applications.

A.04.04 Discussion of borderline products, including arbitrary entries in the Register of feed materials

Polyacrylamide powder to be added to water to produce a gel for insects

The classification of polyacrylamide powder to be added to water for insects was discussed. The Committee will come back on the issue.

A.05 Information point on EU-UK readiness and preparedness as from 1 January 2021

A presentation on the electronic submission of applications for the authorization of feed additives was made to the Member States. A short exchange of views took place.

A.06 Information point on the electronic submission of applications for the authorization of feed additives

The Member States were invited before the meeting to submit in written form any questions they had relating to actions needed to implement the EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement. The questions submitted were read and answered. The Commission updated the Member States on the state of negotiations and invited the Member States to present any questions that may arise at the next Committee, where the Information point will be again put in the agenda.

A.07 RASFF

Update and exchange of views on recent RASFF notifications

The Commission's representative informed the Committee on the RASFF notifications related to undesirable substances in animal feed, issued since the meeting of the Committee in November 2020.

The notifications related to a too high level/content of:

- lead (76.9 mg/kg) in complementary feed for calves and piglets from France;
- arsenic (19 mg/kg) in feed for poultry from Netherlands;
- cadmium (9.6 mg/kg) in supplementary feed for dogs from Germany;
- dioxins (0.94 ng/kg) in dog chews from India;
- ragweed seeds in sunflower seeds from Croatia (283 mg/kg) and in white millet from France (8590 mg/kg);
- chlorpyrifos (0.039 mg/kg) in birdfeed from Poland;
- buprofezin (0.14 ppm) thiomethoxam (0.045 ppm) and unauthorised substances profenofos (0.026 ppm) triazophos (0.035ppm) and tricyclazole (0.099 mg/kg) in rice bran from Netherlands.

There were furthermore two notifications on dried beet pulp and sunflower meal infested with moulds, both from Ukraine. An improper health certificate was issued for peanuts from Argentina and Brazil.

A.08 Undesirable substances

Update on foreseen provisions on deoxynivalenol, zearalenone, fumonisins, T-2 and HT-2 toxin and ochratoxin A in view of a possible targeted stakeholder consultation.

The Committee was informed that the targeted stakeholder consultation would be launched within short notice and the next steps following the targeted stakeholder consultation.

Exchange of views on provisions on other undesirable substances (details to follow)

The Committee was informed on the possible issues, which would be the topics of the next amendment to Directive 2002/32/EC, i.e. endosulfan, nickel, p-phenetidine and cadmium in copper(I)oxide.

Besides the topics mentioned at the previous meeting of the Committee which will be discussed at the next meeting of the Working Group Undesirable Substances, the Committee was informed that also maximum levels for THC in feed materials derived from hemp will be discussed.

A.09 Methods of analysis

The Committee was informed that at the Working Group Methods of Analysis that took place on 8 December 2020. Several technical issues could be addressed but further discussions are needed on e.g. the procedure for macroscopic examination, sampling of feed traded via internet and on the appropriateness for inclusion of specific reference to EN standards for analytes for which currently no method of analysis is provided in Regulation (EC) 152/2009. A new meeting of the Working Group Methods of Analysis will be scheduled early 2021 to continue the discussions on these topics.

Section B Drafts presented for discussion prior to an opinion by written procedure

The documents concerning the items under this section were communicated to the Committee members in advance of the meeting for possible comments.

During the meeting, an exchange of views took place on each of the 12 draft measures in order to reach an agreement on the content of the respective documents. However, as indicated during the meeting, the Committee's opinion on the draft act referred to under item B.05 of the agenda will be sought at a later stage, due to the need of prior verifications.

After the meeting, a final version of the documents (except related to item B.05 of the meeting's agenda) resulting from the discussions held during the meeting was sent to the Committee members for possible rectification or editorial comments, with a deadline for reply set on 21 December 2020.

In accordance with Article 3(5) of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011, the **written procedure** for the delivery of the Committee opinion on the 11 draft Implementing Regulations concerned was launched on 6 January 2021 with a deadline set on 13 January 2021.

Member States representatives were informed on the outcome of the written procedure by a note sent on 14 January 2021. The Committee opinion delivered on each draft measure is mentioned below in relation to items B.01 to B.12 (except B.05).

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the denial of authorisation of phosphoric acid 60% on silica carrier as a feed additive belonging to the functional group of binders

A discussion was held. The draft refers to the denial of authorisation of phosphoric acid 60% on silica carrier as a feed additive.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation correcting Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1263/2011 as regards the authorisation of *Lactococcus lactis* (NCIMB 30160) as a feed additive for all animal species

A discussion was held. The use of *Lactococcus lactis* NCIMB 30160 as a feed additive was authorised for all animal species by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1263/2011 for a 10- year period, i.e. until 26.12.2021.

That authorisation was subsequently modified by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1092 as regards the formulation of the additive. The amendment did not concern the period of authorisation laid down in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1263/2011. However, by mistake, a new authorisation period was mentioned in the Annex to Regulation (EU) 2020/1092.

The draft refers to the correction of that error in order to maintain the original expiry date of the authorisation.

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 *Enterococcus faecium* DSM 7134 as a feed additive for laying hens (holder of authorisation: Lactosan GmbH & Co.KG.)

A discussion was held. The draft refers to the authorisation *Enterococcus faecium* DSM 7134 as a feed additive for laying hens.

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 a preparation of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* MUCL 39885 as a feed additive for weaned piglets, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 170/2011 (holder of authorisation: Prosol S.p.A.)

A discussion was held. The draft refers to the renewal of the authorisation of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* MUCL 39885 as a feed additive for weaned piglets.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.05 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 *Bacillus velezensis* DSM 15544 as a feed additive for weaned piglets, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 333/2010 (holder of authorisation: Asahi Calpis Wellness Co., Ltd, represented in the EU by Pen & Tec Consulting S.L.U.)

A discussion was held. A draft Regulation will be proposed at a future meeting.

Vote Postponed

B.06 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of methanethiol as a feed additive for all animal species

A discussion was held. The draft refers to the re-evaluation of the authorisation of methanethiol as a feed additive for all animal species.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.07 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of turmeric extract, turmeric oil, turmeric oleoresin and turmeric tincture from *Curcuma longa* L. rhizome as feed additives for all animal species

A discussion was held. The draft refers to the re-evaluation of the authorisation of four botanical flavourings produced from *Curcuma longa* L as feed additives for all animal species. After discussion, the authorisation of turmeric tincture was restricted to horses and dogs.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.08 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the renewal of the authorisation of pyridoxine hydrochloride (vitamin B6) as a feed additive for all animal species, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 515/2011

A discussion was held. The draft refers to the renewal of the authorisation of pyridoxine hydrochloride (vitamin B6) as a feed additive for all animal species.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.09 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation as feed additives of ginger oil and ginger oleoresin from *Zingiber officinale* Roscoe for all animal species and ginger tincture from *Zingiber officinale* Roscoe for chickens for fattening, laying hens, turkeys for fattening, horses and dogs

A discussion was held. The draft refers to the re-evaluation of the authorisation of three botanical flavourings produced from *Zingiber officinale* Roscoe as feed additives for certain animal species. During the discussion it was agreed to specify the species in the authorisation of ginger oleoresin (chickens for fattening, laying hens, turkeys for fattening, piglets, pigs for fattening, sows, dairy cows, veal calves (milk replacers), cattle for fattening, sheep, goats, horses, rabbits, fish and pets).The authorisation of ginger tincture was restricted to horses and dogs.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.10 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of tincture derived from *Artemisia vulgaris* L. (mugwort tincture) as a feed additive for all animal species

A discussion was held. The draft refers to the re-evaluation of the authorisation of a botanical flavouring produced from *Artemisia vulgaris* L as a feed additive for all animal species.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.11 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) correcting Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1097 concerning the authorisation of lutein-rich and lutein/zeaxanthin extracts from *Tagetes erecta* as feed additives for poultry (except turkeys) for fattening and laying and for minor poultry species for fattening and laying

A discussion was held. The draft refers to the correction of the Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1097 that authorised two colourants produced from *Tagetes erecta*.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.12 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/962 as regards the review of the suspension of the authorisation of ethoxyquin as a feed additive

The draft refers to the postponement of the deadline for the review of the suspension of the authorisation of ethoxyquin as a feed additive for all animal species.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

M.01 Information of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards prohibitions concerning animal feeding

The Commission presented the draft Commission Regulation SANTE/07266/2020, which aims at amending Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 on TSEs. The proposal would mainly allow the feeding of poultry with processed animal protein (PAP) derived from farmed insects and from porcine animals, the feeding of porcine animals with PAP derived from farmed insects and from poultry, and the feeding of non-ruminant farmed animals with collagen and gelatine of ruminant origin. Other minor adjustments are also proposed on this occasion.

The Member States that took the floor generally supported the step-by-step approach proposed by the Commission. Some remaining concerns were also expressed, mainly on: the compulsory dedication of lines to the production of pig feed or poultry feed if pig or poultry PAP are to be used; the proposed technical prohibition of the simultaneous use, for the production of pig feed, of poultry PAP, milk products and/or pig blood product; the need to clarify the obligations in terms of control of ABP and the cleaning procedures in case of non-dedicated means of transport and storage.

M.02 Evaluation roadmap/inception impact assessment of the Feed Additives Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003

The Commission's representative informed the delegations on the public consultation of the combined evaluation roadmap/inception impact assessment of the Feed Additives Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003. A document was distributed with the link to the consultation and the deadline. The delegations were invited to participate in the consultation and to disseminate the information to people that may be interested.