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Work programme for the European Union Reference Laboratory for Feed Additives (EURL-FA) – Control, 2015

Overview on major objectives for the period January – December 2015

Important note: The EURL-FA is operated under two legal frames, namely under Regulation EC (No) 1831/2003 (authorisation activities) and under Regulation EC (No) 882/2004 (control activities). The work programme proposed here applies exclusively to the control activities.

In 2015, the EURL-FA Control will continue aiming at contributing to the general objective of the European Commission as regards the contribution to a high level of health for humans and animals, ensuring a high level of protection as described in the Annex to the Commission Implementing Decision *establishing the work programme for the year 2015 on financial contribution to the European Union Reference Laboratories*. Our proposed objectives for 2015 are to contribute to the

1. Specific Objective : to contribute to a high level of safety of food/feed and food/feed production and a higher animal health status;
2. Specific Objective: to improve effectiveness, efficiency and reliability of official controls.

and to the

3. Operational Objective 1: To ensure the development and use of high quality analytical methods across the EU-RL framework
 - a. ensuring dissemination of analytical and reference methods from EU-RLs to NRLs;
4. Operational Objective 2: To maintain appropriate level of proficiency testing ensuring efficiency of control analysis methods
 - a. ensuring planning and initiation of comparative testing by EU-RLs in accordance with internationally accepted protocols;
 - b. address underperforming related issues within the EU-RL network;

by

1. Organising a proficiency test for the determination of carotenoids in feedingstuffs (Deadline: October 2015) and report on the organisation and outcome of the mentioned collaborative trial (Deadline: November 2015).
2. Organising of the fourth workshop of the EURL for Feed Additives Control with participation of National Reference Laboratories and report on this activity and its outcome (Deadline December 2015).
3. Setting up and maintaining a web-based discussion forum for the EURL and the NRL's, in order to share information and to foster discussions between the laboratories on relevant topics
4. Organising a follow-up survey with the underperforming National reference Laboratories in the frame of the proficiency testing exercise on coccidiostats 2014 (Deadline: August 2015).
5. Providing support to standardisation bodies such as CEN for the standardisation of analytical methods for the determination of feed additives. This will require a regular participation in the meetings of CEN TC 327/WG3.
6. Representing the EURL and dissemination of information concerning the EURL activities at international conferences and national associations of official laboratories such as VDLUFA.
7. Providing support to DG SANCO in technical matters concerning analytical methodology for the determination of feed additives analysis, if requested.
8. Conducting a study to identify and solve problems in respect to the implementation of specific Community methods for the determination of coccidiostats, based on corresponding information provided by some NRLs.