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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE  
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED  
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 23 JUNE 2016 - 24 JUNE 2016  
(Section Animal Nutrition)**

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**A.01 Feed Additives - Applications under Regulation (EC) N° 1831/2003 Art. 4 or 13.**

Documents were distributed.

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

A.02.1. concentrated liquid L-lysine (base), concentrated liquid L-lysine monohydrochloride, L-lysine monohydrochloride technically pure and L-lysine sulphate produced using different strains of *Corynebacterium glutamicum* and *Escherichia coli* for all animal species - Annex entry

A draft Annex entry was presented and discussed. Several technical aspects require further reflections. The Committee will come back on the draft in one of the next meetings.

A.02.2. ferric oxide based on a dossier submitted by Poortershaven Industriële Mineralen B.V.

The opinion was discussed. Considering the conclusion of EFSA about the efficacy of ferric oxide as a trace element, an exchange of views took place about the absorption rates of the different iron compounds and how to integrate this into the authorisation acts. The Committee will come back on the issue once the whole package of EFSA opinions about iron compounds will be addressed.

A.02.3. dicopper oxide as feed additive for all animal species

The opinion was discussed. An Annex entry will be prepared for the next Committee.

A.02.4. Diarr-Stop S Plus® (Na<sub>2</sub>EDTA, tannin-rich extract of *Castanea sativa*, thyme oil and oregano oil) as a feed additive for pigs for fattening

A discussion was taken. Due to the uncertainties on the legal status of the product, clarifications will be requested to the applicant, as agreed by the Member States.

A.02.5. formic acid, ammonium formate and calcium formate for all animal species

A discussion was taken on ammonium formate. Supplementary information will be requested to the applicant, as agreed by the Member States.

A.02.6. lactic acid and calcium lactate for all animal species

Supplementary information will be requested to the applicant on lactic acid, as agreed by the Member States.

A.02.7. *Lactobacillus plantarum* DSM 29025 as a silage additive for all animal species

A discussion was taken. A draft Regulation will be presented in a future meeting.

A.02.8. inositol as a nutritional additive for dogs and cats

After an exchange of views on the efficacy of inositol for cats and dogs, it was agreed to continue the discussion at the next meeting.

A.02.9. disodium 5'-ribonucleotides, disodium 5'-guanylate, disodium 5'-inosinate as feed additive

This issue will be discussed in a next meeting after clarification of the assessment of production strains in food.

A.02.10. iron 1 oxide black, red and yellow for all animal species

A letter will be sent to the applicant to request additional information.

A.02.11. dry grape extract when used as a feed flavouring for all animal species and categories - Annex entry

Following the discussion, a draft Regulation will be discussed in a view of further adoption.

A.02.12. ethyl ester of  $\beta$ -apo-8'-carotenoic acid as a feed additive for poultry for fattening and poultry for laying

No discussion took place. This point will be discussed at a next meeting.

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

A.03.1. Directive 2008/38/EC establishing the list of intended uses as particular nutritional purposes - state of play of pending evaluations and new applications

A Commission representative gave an update on the ongoing assessments and brought a new application for a dog food supporting the brain function in case of epilepsy to the attention of the Committee.

#### A.03.2. Revision of Annexes IV, VI and VII (labelling provisions)

The new approach for the quantitative labelling of feed additives in Annexes VI and VII was broadly welcomed. The proposals for the revision of the labelling tolerances in Annex IV from one Member State were further discussed. The Committee will come back on the issue.

#### A.03.3. Discussion of the draft revision of the F.E.D.I.A.F. Code of Good labelling practices for pet food

Postponed due to time constraints.

### **A.04 RASFF.**

The Commission representative informed the Committee on the following RASFF notifications related to undesirable substances in animal feed, issued since the meeting of the Committee in May :

- cadmium in manganese oxide from Belgium
- lead in pet food from Finland. Finland was requested to investigate the source of contamination given the very high level of lead detected
- aflatoxins in groundnuts from Madagascar (3 notifications) and in white sunflower seeds from Egypt
- free gossypol in cotton seed from Benin
- tylosin in coccidiostats from Bulgaria (reference is made to the discussions under point A.04 at the previous meeting of the Committee)
- ragweed seeds (*Ambrosia sp.*) in sunflower seed from Hungary and in compound feed from Poland
- dioxins in dried citrus peels from South Africa. The Committee was informed that the contamination based on the congener pattern was most probably related to a bad drying process.

### **A.05 Undesirable substances.**

#### **Acceptability criteria for detoxification processes**

Upon request of a Member State, the Commission representative reiterated the information already provided at the meeting of the Committee in April and May as regards the implementation of Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/786 of 19 May 2015 defining acceptability criteria for detoxification processes applied to products intended for animal feed. The Commission representative confirmed to provide the Committee in the meeting scheduled for September an overview of the received applications. No further questions were raised.

#### **Application of measurement uncertainty for analysis of dioxins and PCBs**

Upon request of a Member State, the Commission representative confirmed that for the checking of compliance of a product intended for animal feed as regards the compliance with the EU maximum level for dioxins and PCBs that a product intended for animal feed shall be considered as non-compliant with the established maximum level of the analytical result relative to a feed with a moisture content of 12 % is deemed to exceed the maximum level beyond reasonable doubt taking into account expanded measurement uncertainty and correction for recovery. In order to assess compliance, the analysed concentration is used after being corrected for recovery and after deduction of the expanded measurement uncertainty. This is in accordance with the provisions of Commission Regulation (EC) 152/2009 of 27 January 2009 laying down the methods of sampling and analysis for the official control of feed (OJ L 54, 26.2.2009, p.1) as last amended by Commission Regulation (EU) No 709/2014 as regards dioxins and PCBs (OJ L 188, 27.6.2014, p. 1).

### **Impact of glyphosate residues in feed on animal health**

Upon request of a Member State, the Commission representative provided information as regards the request to EFSA to consider the impact of glyphosate residues in feed on animal health (letter available at <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/wicket/page?1-1.ILinkListener-mandateForm-documents-1-fileNameLnk>). The Commission representative indicated that in case the risk assessment would identify potential risks for animal health, a regulatory follow-up would need to be carried out in the frame of Directive 2002/32/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 May 2002 on undesirable substances in animal feed to ensure a high level of animal health protection.

#### **A.06 Items for Regulation (EC) No 183/2005 laying down requirements for feed hygiene.**

The Commission's representative presented for discussion a new version of the document related to the registration requirements under Regulation (EC) No 183/2005 laying down requirements for feed hygiene including the comments of the delegations of the Member States since last Committee meeting on March 2016. An annex to the document was also prepared.

The Commission's representative indicated that in the same working line of the food sector, developing a guideline for feed business operators and also competent authorities on the clarification of certain provisions for the registration of establishments according to Regulation (EC) No 183/2005 could be a useful tool.

After discussion, Member States agreed to send comments.

#### **A.07 Exchange of views on measures for non-authorized additives intended for export.**

This point has been addressed to the Committee on several occasions and a draft document was already presented for discussion.

After a letter from a delegation of a Member State indicating that the requirements for establishing a harmonised procedure for the export of those products should be done through a legal act rather than with a guidance document. The Commission's representative asked delegations if a voluntary guideline would not be the most appropriate tool to tackle this issue.

Some delegations confirmed that a legal act should be drafted rather than a guideline. No opposition from most of the rest of delegations.

**A.08 Withdrawal from the market of certain feed additives for which no applications for authorisation were submitted before the deadline provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003.**

The list of the additives to be withdrawn from the market was presented, as amended with the suggestions received. An in-depth check of the additives was requested to have a final list. Member States reiterated their request to have a short transitional period.

**A.09 Discussion on proposal for new functional groups of feed additives - modification of Annex I of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003.**

After a short discussion, the Commission indicated that the draft proposal would be discussed at the next meeting.

**A.10 Discussion and overviews on the use of Processed Animal Proteins (PAPs) of non-ruminants (other than fish meal) for the production of compound feed for fish (request from Spain).**

The Spanish delegation requested to have some clarifications on a draft amendment to the requirements for the production for fishmeal in the TSE (Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy) legislation and on the interaction between the different pieces of legislation related to fishmeal, including the feed legislation. The Commission gave an explanation on the diverse goals of the legislation and confirmed that the ABP (Animal By-Products) and TSE legislation will be amended in a similar way. A few delegations made other comments about the draft amendment to the TSE legislation mentioned by the Spanish delegation. The Commission gave reassurance that the comments will be taken into due account.

**B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the provisional authorisation of a preparation of formaldehyde as a feed additive for chickens for fattening, laying hens, piglets (weaned) and pigs for fattening.**

A representative of the Commission presented the latest version of the above draft Implementing Regulation. Several parts of the text of the draft were indeed formally re-drafted for better legal clarity purpose.

An exchange of views took place. In particular, a delegation referred to the need for the national competent authorities to be properly informed about the feed business operators subject to the obligations laid down in the draft Implementing Regulation.

**Vote postponed**

**B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of L-threonine produced by *Escherichia coli* as feed additives for all animal species.**

The draft Implementing Regulation aims to re-authorise L-threonine. A discussion took place on the transitory measures, the analytical detection measures and the user safety provisions.

**Vote taken:** Unanimity.

**B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of L-tryptophan produced by *Escherichia coli* as a feed additive for all animal species.**

The draft Implementing Regulation aims to re-authorise L-tryptophan. A brief discussion took place. The vote was postponed as the applicants did not deliver analytical methods for the detection of tryptophan in water. The Commission services will contact the applicants to rapidly provide for such methods. Otherwise an authorisation in water cannot be granted.

**Vote postponed**

**B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of octan-2-ol, isopropanol, pentan-2-ol, octan-3-ol, heptan-2-one, pentan-2-one, 6-methylhepta- 3,5-dien- 2-one, nonan- 3- one, decan- 2 –one, isopropyl tetradecanoate as feed additives for all animal species (CDG 05).**

The draft proposes the authorisation of certain flavourings for all animal species. A discussion took place.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

**B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of alpha-terpineol, nerolidol, 2-(4-methylphenyl)propan-2-ol, terpineol, and linalyl acetate as feed additives for all animal species (CDG 06).**

The draft proposes the authorisation of certain flavourings for all animal species. A discussion took place.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

**B.06 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of glycyrrhizic acid ammoniated as feed additives for all animal species (CDG 30).**

After discussion, the draft was not voted. A new draft Regulation will be submitted for vote at the next meeting.

**Vote postponed**

**B.07 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of 1-isopropyl- 4-methylbenzene, pin-2(10)- ene, pin-2(3)- ene, beta-caryophyllene, camphene, 1-isopropenyl-4- methylbenzene, delta-3- carene, d-limonene for as feed additives for all animal species.**

The draft proposes the authorisation of certain flavourings for all animal species. A discussion took place.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

**C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of the preparations of sodium benzoate, potassium sorbate, formic acid and sodium formate as feed additives for all animal species.**

A discussion took place. It was requested to modify some conditions of use. A new draft will be presented in a future meeting.

**C.02 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning a preparation of kidney bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris*) lectins as a feed additive for suckling piglets (holder of authorisation Biolek, Sp.Zo.o.).**

A discussion took place. It was requested to modify some conditions of use. A new draft will be presented in a future meeting.

**C.03 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 837/2012 as regards the minimum activity of 6-phytase produced by *Aspergillus oryzae* (DSM 22594) as feed additive for sows (holder of authorisation DSM Nutritional Products).**

A discussion was taken. A new draft will be presented in a future meeting.

**C.04 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisations of dolomite/magnesite for dairy cows and other ruminants for dairy production, wenead piglets and pigs for fattening and monmormillonite/illite for all animal species as a feed additives.**

A discussion took place. It was requested to modify some conditions of use. A new draft will be presented in a future meeting. It was agreed by the Member States to request for supplementary information on the missing species, as mentioned in the EFSA conclusions.

**M.01 A.O.B.**

On request of one delegation, a Commission representative clarified the use of methacrylic acid as coating agent in complementary feed for pets: methacrylic acid is neither an authorised feed additive nor a feed material to be used in the preparation of feed for placing on the EU market.