Directorate C - Scientific Opinions

C2 - Management of scientific committees; scientific co-operation and networks

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 145TH SCAN PLENARY MEETING (BRUSSELS, 02-04 DECEMBER 2002)

(APPROVED ON 22-24 JANUARY 2003)

1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES

The list of those present is annexed.

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 and with the deletion of some items that will be reflected in the structure of these minutes.

4. ADOPTION OF THE SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 144TH MEETING OF SCAN

The minutes of the 144th SCAN meeting were adopted unanimously.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF A SCIENTIFIC OPINION

5.1. Question 121 on undesirable substances in feed; mycotoxins

The Question 121 on undesirable substances is divided into four parts (Heavy metals, ions and elements; Mycotoxins; Organic contaminants; Botanic impurities). The group for mycotoxins has finalised its exercise and the draft was presented by the rapporteur. The document was discussed in detail. Suggestions for the general structure and the necessary level of detail for the conclusions were discussed. The document should be reviewed by the rapporteur together with the working group for the next plenary in the light of the comments expressed.

5.2. Question 99 on the use of copper in feedingstuffs

This wide question is the first of a series on trace elements. The draft presented by the rapporteur was long and detailed. Suggestions to make the document more compact were given. Some modifications for the assessment of the environmental aspects were asked for. In addition, the Committee requested several amendments for improved readability. There was an overall

agreement on the content of the document, which once modified and reviewed by the rapporteur as requested by the Committee, should be presented for the next plenary.

5.3. Question 137 on the efficacy of micro-organism product Biosaf SC47 in cattle for fattening

The rapporteur presented the draft opinion on the efficacy of this product, provisionally already authorised for the same animal category. The results allow to conclude that the addition of this product to the diet of fattening cattle may result in improved performance. The opinion was unanimously adopted with minor modifications.

5.4. Question 145 on the efficacy of micro-organism product Levucell® SB 20 in piglets

The rapporteur presented the draft opinion on the efficacy of this product, provisionally already authorised for sows and piglets. The efficacy of the product was found satisfactorily demonstrated for piglets, and therefore the opinion was unanimously adopted.

5.5. Question 146 on the efficacy of the enzyme Endofeed DC® in chickens for fattening

The rapporteur presented the draft report on the efficacy of this product, provisionally already authorised for the animal category 'chickens for fattening'. The efficacy trials were performed according to the SCAN guidelines. It could be concluded that the product Endofeed DC^{\circledR} was efficacious in fattening chickens. The Committee unanimously adopted the report after few modifications.

5.6. Question 148 on safety of the enzymatic product Quatrazyme HP[®] for use as feed additive in turkeys for fattening

The draft opinion on the safety of the product Quatrazyme HP® was presented by the rapporteur. The product is already provisionally authorised for chickens for fattening, and the company requests an extension of use in turkeys for fattening. The tolerance test demonstrated that the product was well tolerated by this animal species. The whole Committee agreed therefore unanimously to the safety of the product and adopted consequently the opinion.

5.7. 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 a draft report on the safety of the use of that product in target species. This product (Econase Wheat Plus) has different enzyme activity ratios compared to a product already provisionally authorised (Econase Wheat[®]) for chickens for fattening and piglets. After thorough examination of the report some clarifications remained to be addressed and the opinion could not be adopted. These should be reviewed by the rapporteur for the next plenary.

5.8. Question 123 on the 3-phytase produced by Aspergillus niger CBS 491.94 (Natuphos®)

The Committee examined the draft report presented by the rapporteur and other members of the working group. SCAN requested that it clarified if the product has already gone through approval described in Council Directive 90/219/EEC. As regards genetic modification of production strain and demonstration of efficacy, the impact of modification on the enzyme itself was extensively discussed. The Committee concluded that this would need to be generally considered. Once these aspects are clarified, the review of the product and draft opinion can be finalised.

6. PROGRESS REPORTS

6.1. Micro-organisms

A meeting of the group took place in November. In addition to the individual questions discussed, the following item was brought to the Plenary: As regards the SCAN opinion on the criteria for assessing the safety of microorganisms resistant to antibiotics it has been suggested to clarify that the term 'micro-organism' in this opinion does not include fungi. The working group agreed with the proposition. This received full support from SCAN and the amendment was unanimously agreed.

6.1.1. Question 85 on the safety of micro-organisms

The group awaits 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 microorganism product

Another request has been sent to the Company with no answer received until now.

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

Additional clarifications have been requested and a reply has been received. The question can now be considered and possibly finalised by the group.

6.1.4. Question 138 on safety of micro-organism product Turval BO399 for weaning piglets

Draft opinion was presented in the working group meeting. Supplementary information was still needed from the Company before the draft opinion can be formulated.

6.1.5. Question 155 on the impact on animal health of the use of microorganism product Biomin®

The product was discussed in the working group. Clarifications from the Company are being asked for.

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

The rapporteur for the question has been chosen from the group members.

6.1.7. Question 158 on the safety of use of micro-organism product Yea-Sac

The rapporteur for the question has been chosen from the group members

6.2. Enzymes

A meeting of the group took place in November.

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

No progress reported as the group is waiting for a reply.

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

The work continues.

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

No progress on this question. The group should be reactivated.

6.4. Question 117 on the use of zinc in feedingstuffs

The working group continues its work. Another meeting is taking place in December.

6.5. Question 121 on undesirable substances in feed

a) Heavy metals

The document has progressed and still another meeting is taking place in December.

b) Organic contaminants

The group should be reactivated.

c) Botanic impurities

This subgroup is still at the starting point due to the difficulty in identifying experts in the field.

6.6. 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 environmental aspects met in November. Good progress has been made in this subgroup. Progress for other aspects is heterogeneous. Other groups should reach the same level so that opinions can be compiled and proposed to the SCAN plenary.

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

Not discussed.

6.8. Question 142 on the safety of fumaric acid

Not discussed.

6.9. Ouestion 143 on the coccidiostat Kokcisan® 120G

Not discussed.

6.10. Question 149 on Phaffia Rhodozyma

The work updating the opinion continues.

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

Group has been created.

6.12. Question 152 on the safety of BioProtein

The work continues.

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 January plenary will be extended with one additional meeting day, the dates for the meeting then being 22.-24. January, 2003.

Annex - Attendance

Members:

Prof. Diana ANDERSON

Prof. Arturo ANADÓN (second and third day)

Ing. Louis Aimé AUMAITRE

Ing. Georges BORIES

Dr Joaquim BRUFAU (second and third day)

Prof. Maria de los Angeles CALVO TORRAS

Dr Andrew CHESSON

Prof. Gerhard FLACHOWSKY (second and third day)

Prof. Dr Jürgen GROPP (first and second day)

Prof. Jean-François GUILLOT

Dr Ingrid HALLE

Prof. Josef LEIBETSEDER

Dr Anne Katrine Lundebye HALDORSEN

Mr Derek RENSHAW

Mr Kristen SEJRSEN

Dr Atte VON WRIGHT

Apologies:

Prof. Arturo ANADÓN (first day)

Dr Joaquim BRUFAU (first day)

Prof. Gerhard FLACHOWSKY (first day)

Prof. Dr Jürgen GROPP (third day)

Dr Pieter WESTER

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)