

Summary record of the meeting held on 13 January 1999 in Brussels, adopted 16 February 1999

List of Participants

MEMBERS

Prof. D. Broom , Dr. R. Dantzer, Prof. P. Jensen, Dr. P. Le Neindre

APOLOGIES

Prof. Dr. J. Hartung, Dr. D. Morton, Prof. M. Verga

COMMISSION

Mr. J. Moynagh, Ms A. Andersch

Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as proposed.

1. Adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting of the sub-Committee

The summary record of the meeting of the subcommittee of 23 November 1998 was adopted without amendment.

2. Declarations of interest

No member reported any conflicts of interest relating to the items under discussion

4. Discussion and possible approval of reports of the Sub-Committee

(i) The effects of using Bovine Somatotrophin.

The secretary informed the meeting about the outcome of the plenary meeting of the Scientific Committee on Veterinary Measures relating to Public Health. At the meeting of that Committee members had expressed concern that the composite draft report was substantially an animal welfare document and their committee did not contain experts in this field. It was therefore proposed that each committee would take responsibility for the adoption the aspects of the report for which they were responsible. Such changes would have to be agreed by the Scientific Steering Committee and this would be decided at their meeting later in January.

Members of the subcommittee indicated that they were content for the Scientific Committee on Animal Health and Animal Welfare to take responsibility for the sections that they had drafted. In reality, because public health and animal welfare were different subject areas, there were no contradictions between the two documents and indeed in the current draft the welfare and public health aspects of the issue were dealt with in separate sections. It was important that the any recommendations be clear and concise. The possibility of packaging both reports together in a single volume after adoption by the respective Committees was regarded as a good idea.

The sub committee examined the draft report in detail and agreed changes to the text. The document will next be discussed with a view to its approval at the next meeting of the subcommittee on 16 February.

5. Miscellaneous

No points were raised under miscellaneous.