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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 20 OCTOBER 2014
(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) N° 1831/2003 Art. 9.

A.2.1. Coxiril® (diclazuril) as a feed additive for turkeys for fattening - Annex

Following the discussion, a draft Implementing Regulation will be proposed for possible vote at a future meeting.

A.2.2. Coxiril® (diclazuril) as a feed additive for guinea fowl - Annex

Following the discussion, a draft Implementing Regulation will be proposed for possible vote at a future meeting.

A.2.3. Coxiril® (diclazuril) as a feed additive for chickens for fattening - Annex

Following the discussion, a draft Implementing Regulation will be proposed for possible vote at a future meeting.

A.2.4. Sodium bisulphate (SBS) for all species as preservative and silage additive – Annex.

No discussion took place.

A.2.5. Lactobacillus acidophilus D2/CSL for laying hens - Annex

Following the discussion, a draft Implementing Regulation will be proposed for possible vote at a future meeting.

A.2.6. Formaldehyde for pigs and poultry.

A discussion was held on the EFSA opinions. Again, Member States pointed out their concerns on workers safety. A new discussion will be in a future meeting and an EFSA representative will be invited to present the opinion and to answer to the questions.

A.2.7. Toyocerin® (Bacillus toyonensis NCIMB 14858T) for chickens for fattening, weaned piglets, pigs for fattening, sows for reproduction, cattle for fattening, calves for rearing and rabbits for fattening

The EFSA opinion was further discussed in the presence of representatives of EFSA who presented the opinion to the Member States and responded to questions.

A discussion took place on the follow-up to the EFSA opinion adopted on 1 July 2014. At the request of a delegation, a representative of the Commission informed the Committee on the current situation of the Court case concerning Regulation (EU) No 288/2013.

A.2.8. Bentonite-and sepiolite (Toxfin® Dry) as feed additive for all species - Annex

Following a short discussion, the new data provided by the applicant will be submitted to EFSA.

A.03 Update and exchange of views on recent RASFF notifications.

The Committee was informed on recent RASFF notifications related to the presence of aflatoxin B1 in maize from Serbia (1 notification) and in groundnuts for birdfeed from Brazil (1 notification);

Furthermore the attention was drawn to the notification on a high level of histamine in canned pet food from Thailand.

Also the notification on the presence of genetically modified *Bacillus subtilis* in a consignment of vitamin B2 originating from China was discussed. The Commission representative informed the Committee that the issue was extensively discussed in a recent meeting of the section on genetically modified food and feed of the Committee and it was concluded at that meeting that it is not of immediate public and animal health concern and that further monitoring is needed to assess the extent of the problem. Delegations indicated that it is an issue of concern as also other batches of vitamin B2 has been found to contain the genetically modified *Bacillus subtilis*, that the problem occurs with other suppliers from China and that the toxicity of the genetically modified *Bacillus subtilis* has not been assessed.

A.04 Vitamins in water - working document

This point was not discussed.

A.05 Potential reduction of the maximum contents in complete feed for the trace elements zinc, iodine and copper.

A Commission representative called the delegation's attention to the respective documents concerning the potential reduction of trace element contents which had been uploaded in CIRCABC.

With respect to copper there was a broad call for a mandate to EFSA in analogy to the one for zinc. The delegations are invited to send contributions to the Commission in order to draft a smart mandate.

Concerning iodine there was support for the reduction for food producing animals from one Member State but several others suggested to maintain the current levels and to consider the EFSA opinion rather by means of recommendations. In the light of the discussion, Annex entries for the re-authorisation of iodine compounds will be elaborated for a future meeting of the Committee.

A.06 Feed marketing Regulation (EC) N° 767/2009.

Three Member States informed the Committee about the results of their assessment of several new applications on dietetic feed and also about the timeline for other pending dossiers. The updated table with the state of play on the applications will be uploaded in CIRCABC.

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation defining acceptability criteria for detoxification processes in application of Article 8 of Directive 2002/32/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 May 2002 on undesirable substances in animal feed.

The revised text was presented clarifying that the decontamination of fish oil with active carbon as part of an integrated process falls within the scope the draft Regulation.

Following comments received from stakeholders it was clarified in the scope that it relates only to a detoxification process used to detoxify feed non-compliant with EU-legislation as regards undesirable substances, and that it concerns only detoxification processes which have as main objective to detoxify feed (and not to processes which are applied for e.g. quality reasons but which also remove contaminants to a certain extent such as certain purification processes).

One delegation indicated that following the EFSA assessment, a common view on the acceptability of the detoxification process should be reached within the Committee and a list of acceptable detoxification processes should be published on the Commission's website. The delegation indicated that expert advice might be needed to assess the equipment of the establishment to apply the detoxification process correctly before approving the establishment for carrying out the detoxification process.

Another delegation was of the opinion that it is within the remit of the competent authority of the Member State to decide on the acceptability of a detoxification process after EFSA has performed the scientific assessment.

The Commission representative committed to address the issue in the next version of the document.

Delegates furthermore insisted to provide a solution for emergency situations, for a transitional period and to clarify on certain aspects the approach.

The vote was not taken. The Commission representative indicated to submit for the next meeting of the Committee a revised text, taking into account the above comments, for further discussion and possible opinion.

Vote postponed

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of Copper bilysinate as a feed additive for all animal species.

The draft proposes to authorise Copper bilysinate as a new form of Cu as a feed additive for all animal species. A discussion took place.

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 L-valine produced by *Corynebacterium glutamicum* (DSM 25202) as a feed additive for all animal species.

The draft proposes to authorise L-valine produced by a microbial fermentation process as a feed additive for all animal species. A discussion took place.

Vote taken: favourable opinion.

B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation concerning the authorisation of Inositol as feed additive for fish.

The draft proposes to authorise inositol as feed additive for fish and crustaceans. A discussion took place.

Vote taken: favourable opinion.

B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards requirements for the placing on the market and use of additives consisting of preparations.

The draft proposes to lay down labelling and information requirements for additives consisting of preparations. A discussion took place.

Vote taken: favourable opinion.

M.01 Revision 1 of the FEDIAF Code of Good Labelling Practice for Pet Food.

The revised Code was presented by the author with specific focus on the potentially critical paragraphs. Several Member States made comments, others announced they will do so. The Commission services will collect all the comments and forward them to FEDIAF in order to allow them to make the adaptations.

M.02 Control method on enzymes used as feed additives.

Following the request from the Austrian representative on the issue on the control method on enzymes used as feed additives, it was agreed that this issue will be introduced in the general discussion on the revision of Regulation (EC) No 429/2008.

M.03 Guidelines on sampling.

Following a request from a delegation the Commission representative confirmed that the guidelines on sampling will be published within short notice on the Commission's website.

M.04 Categorisation of RASFF notifications as alert notification.

Another delegation requested clarification of the criteria applied for the categorisation of RASFF notifications as alert notifications, information notifications for follow-up, etc. Due to time constraints this point could not be treated at this meeting but will be taken up at the next meeting of the Committee.