



Summary record of the 128th SCAN Plenary Meeting (Brussels, 17-18 February 2000) (approved at the 129th meeting on 27-28 April 2000)

1. Welcome, apologies

The new members of the SCAN were welcomed.

List of those present attached.

2. Declarations of interests

The annual declaration of interests were collected by the Commission. Concerning the agenda of the meeting itself, no conflict of interests with the items proposed for discussion were declared.

3. Approval of the agenda

Items relating to future questions to be submitted to the Committee and an item on dimetridazole were added under "Miscellaneous". The agenda was approved as amended.

4. Approval of the summary record of the 127th meeting

Minutes were adopted after minor corrections.

5. Discussion and possible adoption of a scientific opinion concerning :

Question 109 on the safety of use of *Bacillus* in animal nutrition

The draft report was presented by the rapporteur. The Committee congratulated the Working Group for its excellent work. The discussions concentrated on the conclusions and recommendations. The report on the safety of use of *Bacillus* species in animal nutrition was adopted unanimously.

Question 102 on the assessment under directive 87/153/EEC of the efficacy of micro-organisms used as feed additives

The rapporteur presented the draft report. The different parts of the draft report were thoroughly discussed. In the relevant parts of the document, attention was in particular paid to the coherence with the proposed draft report on the efficacy of enzymes (see 5.3.1).

An annex was added to the report, in order to give some recommendations on the duration of experiments for the demonstration of efficacy. The report including the modifications proposed by the Committee members was adopted unanimously.

Question 101 on the way to assess the efficacy of enzymes

The rapporteur introduced the draft report and the principles proposed by the Working Group for the evaluation of the efficacy of enzymatic products. Although the Committee agreed on these principles, it requested some modifications of the document, in particular that it be reformatted, taking into account the report adopted on the efficacy of micro-organisms (see 5.2). Two members interested in the subject were added to the group in order to help in finalising the draft report. The draft report should be ready for the next plenary meeting where it should be discussed for possible adoption.

In addition, a draft report on the evaluation of the safety and the efficacy of product Natuphos 5000 ® (FTU 8) was presented by the rapporteur and discussed by the Committee.

The safety has already been assessed and accepted at the previous SCAN plenary meeting. The efficacy was evaluated according to the principles proposed by the working group in its draft report on the way to assess the efficacy of enzymes.

On this basis and considering the experiments provided by the company, the Committee considered that the efficacy had not been demonstrated for all the claimed levels of use (in particular the lowest levels) for the different animal categories. The Committee agreed however on the efficacy of the products at defined levels of use.

Two members expressed a minority opinion, considering that the evaluation of the efficacy of Natuphos 5000 ® (FTU 8) should be done only after adoption of the SCAN opinion on the way to assess the efficacy of enzymes.

As the document needed some modifications and improvements before adoption, it was agreed to use the written procedure for the formal adoption. Therefore after revision of the draft report by the Secretariat in the light of the comments made by the Committee, and after agreement of the rapporteur, the final draft report on Natuphos 5000 ® will be circulated for possible adoption.

Question 96 concerning the use of Vevocel (co-product of penicillin production) as a source of protein for ruminants and pigs

Not discussed

6. Progress reports concerning :

Question 79 on the use of semduramycin in feedingstuffs for chickens for fattening

A meeting of the group is scheduled in March.

Question 85 on the safety of use the micro-organism additives listed in notice 96/263 (O.J. N° C263, 11.9.96, p.3) following article 5 of Council Directive 93/113/EC (O.J. N° L334, 31.12.93, p.17)

No answers have been received from the companies for the products remaining on the agenda of the working group.

Question 86 on the safety of use enzyme additives listed in notice 96/263 (O.J. N° C263, 11.9.96, p.3) following article 5 of Council Directive 93/113/EC (O.J. N° L334, 31.12.93, p.17)

See the discussion on Natuphos 5000 ® under 5.3

Question 89 on the use of Diclazuril as feed additive for rabbits

Not discussed.

Question 94 on the use of avilamycin as feed additive

The group continues its work and a meeting is scheduled in March.

Question 95 concerning the use of narasin as antibiotic feed additive in feed for pigs

The group continues its work.

Question 105 on the safety of use of anticaking agents

Not discussed.

Question 106 on the use of canthaxanthin in feedingstuffs for laying hens, other poultry, salmon and trout

Two external experts should be added to the group.

Question 107 on the use of nifursol in feedingstuffs for

The group continues its work.

Question 108 on the use of potassium diformate in feedingstuffs for piglets and pigs for fattening

The new members of the group have received the dossier and a draft report is in preparation.

Question 110 on the dioxin contamination of feedingstuffs and its contribution to the contamination of food of animal origin

The group continues its work.

7. Feed-back by the chairman on subjects discussed in the SSC and having an interest for SCAN

None

8. Feed-back by members of SCAN having attended working group meetings of other scientific committees

None

9. Miscellaneous

Question 87 on the re-evaluation of the safety of use of nitroimidazole as feed additives (dimetridazole)

The Working Group considered the arguments provided in the Swedish safeguard clause and modified its report in order to address them. In addition, the Commission transmitted to the Committee the comments made by the CVMP on their draft report.

Both the amended draft report and the CVMP comments will be considered by the Committee members in order to finalise the SCAN opinion at the next plenary meeting.

Future questions to the Committee

The Commission informed the SCAN that new questions/dossiers may be submitted in the near future for evaluation, in particular on benzoic acid, titanium dioxide, phaffia and manganese oxide. This was not further discussed.