



**SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 121ST SCAN PLENARY MEETING
(BRUSSELS, 27-28 APRIL 1999)**

(APPROVED AT THE 122ND MEETING ON 10-11 JUNE 1999)

1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES

See the attached list of presence.

The chairman informed the Committee of the resignation of the Vice-Chairman from SCAN membership.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

The annual declaration of interests was collected from all members of the Committee.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

An item 8.7 on anti-caking agents was added to the agenda, which was adopted as amended.

4. APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 119TH MEETING

For better clarity, minutes were slightly amended and then adopted.

5. ELECTION OF A NEW SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN

A 2nd Vice-Chairman was elected by the Committee.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF A SCIENTIFIC OPINION CONCERNING :

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

The draft report was discussed and amended by the Committee. It was considered unanimously that this elaborated draft report on dimetridazole was ready for final formal adoption at a later SCAN session.

6.2. Question 70 on the use of formaldehyde as preservative agent for feed

The discussion concentrated on the efficacy and it was decided to review the dossier and the supplementary data relating to this aspect with the collaboration of two additional SCAN members

6.3. 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) .

Two products were presented by the rapporteur and their addition to the annex of the SCAN report on the safety of use the micro-organism additives was approved.

6.4. 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)

The group is reorganised in connection with the creation of the working group on efficacy of enzymes (question 101). Two members move to the efficacy working group and are replaced by two toxicologists of SCAN.

The particular case of a mixture of enzymes and vitamin was discussed. It was decided to address it to both the enzymes and the probiotics working groups. A legal interpretation of whether this product is covered by the legislation on feed additives appears however necessary.

A product was temporarily removed from the annex to the report on the safety of use enzyme additives until the company concerned answers the question raised by the group. The annex to the report was adopted as amended.

7. PROGRESS REPORTS CONCERNING :

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

Some members of the group still do not have the dossier.

7.2. Question 89 on the use of diclazuril as feed additive for rabbits

The answer of the company was received just before the plenary. It will be considered by the working group and a meeting will be organised to finalise the draft report.

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

The microbiologist proposed by the rapporteur is accepted by the plenary and added to the group.

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

The group has identified several problems in the dossier and the rapporteur will prepare a draft report.

- 7.5. Question 97 on the use of protein products of fermentation from natural gas obtained by culture of *Methylococcus capsulatus* (Bath), *Alcaligenes acidovorans*, *Bacillus firmus*, the living cells of which have been killed, in piglets, pigs for fattening and chickens for fattening – Establishment of a working group

The expert of the Scientific Committee for Food proposed is accepted by the Committee and added to the group.

- 7.6. Question 99 on the efficacy, the safety and the environmental impact of the use of copper compounds in feeding stuffs

In the absence of any dossier to support this wide question, it is proposed to provide the group with a background document summarising the available bibliography and drawing general conclusions on the subject so that the group has a basis for its assessment. The Secretariat will identify with the rapporteur and the SCAN chairman the most suitable expert for this task. This procedure is agreed.

8. ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING GROUP

- 8.1. Question 94 on the Swedish request for a general ban on antibiotics, coccidiostats and other medicinal substances and growth promoters as feed additives.

This question is out of date and does only relate now to four remaining antibiotics for which Sweden has taken a safeguard clause. The Committee is reluctant to start working on these antibiotics and prefers to wait for the outcome of the Scientific Steering Committee working group on anti-microbial resistance.

No group is created.

- 8.2. Question 100 on the revision of the guidelines

Mini-groups dedicated to efficacy, safety, microbiology, residues and ecotoxicity including a rapporteur are created. A meeting of all the rapporteurs will be organised (if necessary) to assemble the outcome of the groups.

- 8.3. Question 101 on the way to assess efficacy of enzymes and microorganisms

This question is splitted into two. Question 101 is dedicated to the efficacy of enzymes. The efficacy of micro-organisms will be addressed under question 102. A working group is created.

8.4. Question 102 on the way to assess the efficacy of probiotics

A working group is created.

8.5. Question 103 on the revision of the guidelines for enzymes

No group was created as this question could be dealt with in the two already existing groups on enzymes.

8.6. Question 104 on the revision of the guidelines for probiotics

No group was created as this question could be dealt with in the two already existing groups on probiotics.

8.7. Question 105 on anti-caking agents: aluminium silicates

The assessment of two dossiers of authorisation of anti-caking agents mainly made of aluminium silicates and, in addition, a general question on this family of products are asked to the Committee. A group is created and the dossiers will be transmitted to the members.

9. FEED-BACK BY THE CHAIRMAN ON SUBJECTS DISCUSSED IN THE SSC AND HAVING AN INTEREST FOR SCAN

The Chairman reported on the discussion of the last plenary meeting on the draft report of the ad'hoc working group on anti-microbial resistance.

10. FEED-BACK BY MEMBERS OF SCAN HAVING ATTENDED WORKING GROUP MEETINGS OF OTHER SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES

None

11. MISCELLANEOUS

None

