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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 136TH SCAN PLENARY MEETING (BRUSSELS, 16-17 MAY 2001)

(APPROVED ON 03-04 JULY 2001)

1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES

The list of those present is annexed.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declaration of interests were made by the members attending the meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was presented by the Secretariat. It included some additions under Miscellaneous, mainly provision of some documents for information of the Committee. The draft report on Question 113 being not ready, this item was moved under part 9 - Progress reports.

4. ADOPTION OF THE SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 135TH MEETING OF SCAN

The minutes of the previous SCAN meeting were considered and adopted unanimously. The adopted minutes of the 134rth were distributed to the Committee.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF A SCIENTIFIC OPINION

5.1. Question 79 on the use of semduramicin in feedingstuffs for chickens for fattening

In the absence of any reply to the questions sent by SCAN at the end of October 2000, the draft report could not be finalised. Therefore the Committee did not discuss this question further.

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

The rapporteur presented an amended draft report taking into account comments made at the last plenary. The Committee discussed that document thoroughly and proposed additional modifications. Although the Committee could agree on the document, it was decided to update it and circulate it for

adoption using the Written Procedure. The rapporteur was asked to propose a consolidated document, with the help of the Secretariat, so that the procedure could be initiated.

5.3. Question 85 on the safety of use of the micro-organism additives listed in notice 96/263 (O.J. N° C263, 11.9.96, p.3).

The assessment of product Paciflor® for toxin production was presented. The Committee agreed with the conclusions that the strain involved is a toxin producer and adopted unanimously the report dedicated to that product.

The rapporteur presented also the assessment of the safety of product Kluyten®. The Committee rejected the conclusions of the Working Group in the absence of a significant tolerance test. In line with the requirements already applied to an other probiotic product intended for use in ruminants (see minutes of the meeting of January 2001), the SCAN requested a new tolerance test with a longer duration with the product Kluyten®, before any conclusion can be drawn. The Secretariat will inform the company through the Member State rapporteur.

5.4. Question 116 on the use of manganomanganic oxide in feedingstuffs

The rapporteur introduced the draft report prepared by the Working Group. A few comments were expressed, however due to lack of time, the Committee could not go through the whole document. It will therefore be discussed the next time.

6. FEED-BACK BY THE CHAIRMAN ON SUBJECTS DISCUSSED IN THE SCIENTIFIC STEERING COMMITTEE (SSC) AND HAVING AN INTEREST FOR THE SCAN

The Chairman presented the conclusions of the SSC report on the question of antimicrobial resistance adopted on 11 May 2001. This report reinforces the conclusions already reached by the SSC in its opinion of May 1999.

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

The SCAN member of the current SSC working group on Harmonisation of Risk Assessment reminded the Committee of the need to send comments to him, so that a useful debate can take place in that working group.

Update on the work of the GMO working group was also provided to the Committee, in particular of the current attempt to establish a guidance document in the field of the evaluation of Genetically Modified Organisms.

8. NEW QUESTIONS

The Committee discussed the new mandates given by the Commission.

8.1. Question 122 on the re-evaluation of coccidiostats in accordance with Article 9G of Council Directive 70/524/EEC.

The Committee considered this question, which covers the assessment of the efficacy and the safety of nine coccidiostats. The dossiers were submitted to the Commission in September last year through different Member States acting as rapporteur.

The Committee decided to create four sub-groups. Each of these will assess one aspect of all the dossiers submitted: efficacy, microbiology, toxicity and residues, and ecotoxicity. For all sub-groups, expertise will be used from inside and outside the Committee.

Some members were already appointed within each of the subgroups. For the subgroup in charge of the ecotoxicity, the Committee agreed to ask the SCTEE for external expertise. The Secretariat is in charge.

8.2. Question 123 on Natuphos® FTU 11

Product Natuphos® FTU 8, a phytase, has been evaluated by the SCAN. The company has modified the producing strain (now identified as FTU 11) and the Committee is asked to reconsider the product in the light of the modifications. The Netherlands are rapporteur for the product and submitted the demand to the Commission. Members of the group have been identified.

8.3. Question 125 on Calfmix®

A micro-organisms' based product (Calfmix®) intended for calves is submitted to SCAN evaluation. The dossier has been submitted to the Commission through Finland, acting as Member State rapporteur, in accordance with the clock running procedure laid down in Council Directive 70/524/EEC. Members of the group have been identified.

8.4. Question 126 on the safety of use of Oralin® in turkey

The safety of product Oralin® has already been assessed by the Committee for use in some target species. The product seeks an authorisation in turkeys and the dossier has been submitted to the Commission by Germany, the Member State rapporteur. The Committee is asked to consider the safety of Oralin® with regard to this new target animal category. The group was established.

8.5. Question 127 on the safety of Emulbesto® (acetylated hydrolised lecithin)

A new dossier has been introduced for product Emulbesto® in accordance with the clock running authorisation procedure laid down in Council Directive 70/524/EEC. The Member State rapporteur is France. The Committee is asked to assess the safety of that product. The group was set up.

9. PROGRESS REPORTS

9.1. Question 86 on the safety of use of 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)

Not discussed.

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

The group is about to finalise a draft opinion, which should be discussed in the next meeting.

9.3. Question 107 on the use of nifursol in feedingstuffs for turkeys

The group continues its work.

9.4. Question 111 on the use of *Bacillus licheniformis* NCTC 13123 in feedingstuffs for pigs (Product Al Care ®)

No progress was made on this question. The clock stopped when questions were sent. Answers are awaited.

9.5. Question 112 on the use of sodium benzoate, propionic acid and sodium propionate in feedingstuffs for pigs, cattle for fattening and dairy cows

The rapporteur is finalising a report to be submitted to the Committee.

9.6. Question 113 on the use of astaxanthin-rich *Phaffia rhodozyma* in feedingstuffs for salmon and trout

The group continues its work.

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

No progress on this question.

9.8. Question 115 on the use of benzoic acid in feedingstuffs for pigs for fattening

Although information has been received from the Company, some questions still need clarification with regard to safety and questions will be sent via the Member State rapporteur.

9.9. Question 117 on the use of zinc in feedingstuffs

Not discussed.

9.10. Question 118 on the use of a blend of L-Lysine-HCl (70%°) with L-Tryptophan (15-20%) and its residues of fermentation with *Escherichia coli K-12* for piglets, pigs for fattening and chickens for fattening

Not discussed.

9.11. Question 119 on the use of formaldehyde as a preserving agent for animal feedingstuffs of 11 June 1999

The group met and discussed the supplementary dossier provided by the petitionner. Questions will be sent to the Company, via the United-Kingdom, which acts as Member State rapporteur.

9.12. Question 120 on the criteria for assessing the safety of micro-organisms resistant to antibiotics of human clinical and veterinary importance

The group progresses in its work and should meet the day after the plenary. A draft opinion could be ready for the next meeting of the Committee.

9.13. Question 121 on undesirable substances in feed

The groups are not completely established and additional external experts still need to be identified.

10. MISCELLANEOUS

On question 108, for product Formi LHS, demands for comments sent to the Secretariat by the Company were distributed to the Committee. Reactions will be sent to the Company.

Annex - Attendance

Members:

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Prof. Diana ANDERSON (first day)
Ing. Louis Aimé AUMAITRE
Prof. Dr. Carlo BERETTA
Ing. Georges BORIES
Dr Joaquim BRUFAU (first day)
Prof. Maria de los Angeles CALVO TORRAS (first day)
Dr Andrew CHESSON
Prof. Gerhard FLACHOWSKY
Prof. Dr Jürgen GROPP
Prof. Jean-François GUILLOT
Dr Ingrid Halle
Prof. Josef LEIBETSEDER
Dr Anne Katrine Lundebye HALDORSEN
Mr Derek RENSHAW
Mr Kristen SEJRSEN
Dr Pieter WESTER
Dr Atte VON WRIGHT

Apologies:

Prof. Diana ANDERSON (second day)
Dr Joaquim BRUFAU (second day)
Prof. Maria de los Angeles CALVO TORRAS (second day)
Prof. Gianfranco PIVA

For the Commission:

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Mrs M. Duboile (Management of the scientific committees)
Mr E. Thévenard (Management of the scientific committees)
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