



Summary record of the 118th SCAN Plenary Meeting, Brussels, 29-30 September 1998

(approved at the 119th meeting on 05 November 1998)

1. Welcome, apologies

See presence list attached

2. Declarations of interests

No specific interests which might be prejudicial to the independence of the members in relation to items under discussion were declared.

3. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved.

4. Approval of the summary record of the 117th meeting

In the first paragraph of point 5.3 of the summary record of the 117th meeting, the second sentence is amended as follows:

"The Committee agreed with the draft report but decided that aspects other than efficacy need to be reconsidered."

The report, as amended, was approved.

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

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

The rapporteur introduced the last document drafted by the working group. The Committee discussed it in detail. It was stated that the questions of the Commission should be answered clearly and that therefore the report had to be reconsidered in this light. Some questions were raised concerning the mutagenicity of dimetridazole. The Committee agreed to the participation to the next working group of an external expert.

During the meeting, it was also recalled that dimetridazole is not authorised as veterinary drug. Reference was also made to ronidazole.

Considering that the discussion on this product started a year ago, the Committee decided that the data should be verified again and to reconsider the whole document within the working group before the next plenary meeting.

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

The rapporteur presented the draft report. The Committee commented on the content of the document asking for clarification and for further information. The need to give clear answer to the questions was emphasised. Some inconsistencies were discovered and the Committee decided that the draft be reviewed by the working group.

6. Progress reports concerning :

6.1. Question 63 on the use of virginiamycin in the feedingstuffs for sows and gilts

The questions to be addressed by the group were clarified. The group will continue to work.

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

This question was submitted to the previous SCAN. The dossier should be examined again and the draft report reviewed.

6.3. Swedish request for a general ban on antibiotics, coccidiostats and other medicinal substances and growth promoters as feed additives

This question falls into the scope of the Scientific Steering Committee working group on antimicrobial resistance. A feed-back of the work of that group is requested.

6.4. Request from Denmark to review the question of tylosin as feed additive

The Committee agreed that the question had already been dealt with in the last plenary.

6.5. 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)

Eight files had already been accepted. Two other dossiers have been adopted by the Committee : Bactocell for the claimed species and Microferm for piglets only. For the remaining dossiers, further information is requested.

6.6. 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 working group continues to evaluate the dossiers.

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

This dossier is still under examination. Complementary documents on narasin will be distributed to SCAN members.

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

In the absence of any dossier, there is no draft report.

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

Information on the discussions in the SSC were given.

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

Information was given on the GMOs and on BSE and TSE.

9. At the request of the committee : discussion of the internal rules of procedure

It is requested to establish the dates of the SCAN meetings for 1999. This item will be put on the agenda of the next plenary meeting.

10. Other points

- (1) The possible taxation of the additional indemnity paid by the Commission to SCAN members was raised. As this question is not specific to the SCAN, it will be raised by the chairman at the SSC level.
- (2) It was clarified that the declaration of independence refers to the declarations made by the members themselves.
- (3) To improve the English wording of the SCAN reports, it was proposed that the reports be reviewed and if necessary corrected by an English speaking person after adoption. The Secretariat stated that the wording of a report, once adopted by the Committee should not be amended.

It was decided that, in the future, maximum fifteen minutes would be dedicated when necessary to the questions raised under item "Other points".