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C2 – Management of scientific committees; scientific co-operation and networks

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 149TH SCAN PLENARY MEETING (BRUSSELS, 23-25 APRIL 2003)

(APPROVED ON 25 APRIL 2003)

1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES

The Chairman welcomed the Committee to its ultimate meeting.

The list of those present is annexed.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None for the meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

4. ADOPTION OF THE SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 148TH MEETING OF SCAN

The minutes of the 148th SCAN meeting were adopted unanimously. The adopted minutes of the 147th meeting were distributed to the Committee. The Secretariat proposed that a summary record of the 149th meeting be drafted during the meeting and adopted at the end of it as no other plenary meeting is to be expected. This was agreed unanimously.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF A SCIENTIFIC OPINION

5.1. Question 121 on undesirable substances in feed/organic contaminants

The rapporteur presented the draft opinion. A number of modifications were requested by the Committee and conclusions were amended accordingly. An updated document was tabled and unanimously adopted.

5.2. Question 121 on undesirable substances in feed/botanical impurities

The draft opinion was presented covering both plants and natural plant products. The document was adopted unanimously.

5.3. Question 085 on the use of certain micro-organisms as additives in feedingstuffs

Three products were considered: Reuteri chicken, Velab bovini and Velab suini. All dossiers were built following harmonisation of the authorisation of micro-organisms in 1993. However, despite attempts to address SCAN questions, a number of issues remained unsolved and did not allow the SCAN to conclude on the safety of these products. The SCAN therefore agreed unanimously to include these products in annex to its "Opinion on the use of certain micro-organisms as additives in feedingstuffs" under the heading "*Following the examination of dossiers submitted and due to insufficient data provided by the Company, the SCAN cannot conclude on the safety of the following products*".

5.4. Question 151 on the use of HMBI, an analogue of methionine, in dairy cows

The rapporteur presented the draft report. The Committee went through the document page by page and requested some modifications. The report was unanimously adopted with mandate given to the rapporteur and the Secretariat to include the requested changes.

6. PROGRESS REPORTS

6.1. Question 122 on the reevaluation of coccidiostats and other medicinal substances in accordance with article 9G of Council Directive 70/524/EEC

Nine products were submitted to the Committee for reevaluation in accordance with art. 9G of Council Directive 70/524/EEC. Two of them failed against administrative checks. One of these reapplied under article 4 of the Council Directive. As a consequence the following products were considered:

- Decoquinate (Deccox®)
- Halofuginone (Stenorol®)
- Lasalocid sodium (Avatec 15%®)
- Monensin sodium (Elancoban®)
- Narasin (Monteban®)
- Salinomycin sodium (Sacox 120 micro-Granulate®)
- Robenidine hydrochloride (Cycostat 66G®)
- Nicarbazin (Koffogran®) (article 4)

Four groups were created to address respectively efficacy and animal health, safety for humans, microbiological aspects, and environment. Each groups considered consistently all relevant parts of the dossiers submitted and contributed. Contributions were assembled by rapporteur identified for each product in a product-specific opinion. Draft opinions are now ready for all of them. However there still remains some aspects of the evaluation to complete and as a consequence, no opinion was submitted to the Committee for adoption.

6.2. Question 136 on the evaluation of the efficacy of coccidiostat « Sacox 120 » (salinomycin sodium) in laying hens

This coccidiostat was already the subject of a provisional SCAN opinion in 1997 for this target animal category, which invited for additional data to demonstrate efficacy at the lowest level proposed for the recommended dose range. Question 136 was sent to SCAN on 5-6 February 2002 to address a supplementary dossier submitted by the petitionner in the light of that previous SCAN opinion. As mentioned in the meeting of 18-19 June 2002, the dossier was limited to summaries of the studies and full reports appear necessary. As a consequence, a question was sent to the company in August 2002. In the absence of reply to this, no progress was made on that question.

6.3. Question 138 on the safety of the micro-organism product Turval B0399® for use as feed additive

The SCAN was consulted on that product on 5 February 2002 and experts were identified at the occasion of that plenary for the evaluation. The dossier supporting the product was received only in the course of July 2002. The working group raised questions to the company on 30 October 2002. The questions were reiterated on 9 December 2002. In the absence of any reply, the opinion although prepared could not be finalised and as a consequence could not be presented to the last SCAN plenary.

6.4. Question 143 on the coccidiostat Kokcisan® 120G

This product is based on salinomycin, claims for a coccidiostatic activity and was submitted to SCAN on 17-18 April 2002. The Committee attributed the evaluation to the experts of the question 122 in charge of the reevaluation of an other coccidiostat based on the similar active substance, in order to ensure consistency across evaluations. The work is not finalised although contribution has been made.

6.5. Question 144 on the safety of the enzymatic product Avizyme 1300®

Product Avizyme 1300 is already authorised for chickens for fattening and turkeys and the company claims an extension of use to laying hens. Before addressing this question the Committee reiterated its call for additional information on Bacillus toxins for enzymatic products produced with a Bacillus strain. Information was supplied by the company in April 2003. In view of the short time given to address these data, no opinion could be issued.

The SCAN takes the opportunity of this question to remind the Commission and the companies that a number of enzymatic products assessed for safety and listed in the *"Opinion on the use of certain enzymes in animal feedingstuffs*" still have to submit the data proving that the strains of Bacillus involved in the fermentation of the enzymatic activities do not produce toxins, in acordance with the SCAN opinion on the safety of use of Bacillus species in animal nutrition[1]. These products are temporarily authorised and could

[1] SCAN opinion on the safety of use of Bacillus species in animal nutrition, adopted on 17 February 2000, available at: http://europa.eu.int/comm/food/fs/sc/scan/index_en.html

provide this information at the time of a submission for extension of authorisation (like for question 144) or for a permanent authorisation.

6.6. Question 155 on the safety of the micro-organism product Biomin® for piglets, pigs for fattening and chickens for fattening

The question was introduced to SCAN on 16-18 October 2002 and addressed to the working group in charge of micro-organisms. A first discussion in the group led to questioning the company on 12 December 2002. In the absence of any reply, the opinion although prepared could not be finalised and as a consequence could not be presented to the last SCAN plenary.

6.7. Question 156 on the safety of use of micro-organism product Biosprint®

The question was presented to SCAN on 16-18 October 2002 and addressed to the working group in charge of micro-organisms. A rapporteur was identified and accepted by the Committee at its plenary of 2-4 December 2002. The working group still works on that dossier and no opinion could be presented on the product.

6.8. Question 158 on the safety of use of micro-organism product Yea-Sacc for horses

The question was presented to SCAN on 16-18 October 2002 and addressed to the working group in charge of micro-organisms. A rapporteur was identified and accepted by the Committee at its plenary of 2-4 December 2002. The working group still works on that dossier and no opinion could be presented on the product.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

7.1. Outcome of Written Procedure

The Written Procedure launched after the last plenary meeting on Endofeed DC led to the adoption of the opinion. The opinion is now available on the SCAN site at: http://europa.eu.int/comm/food/fs/sc/scan/index_en.html

7.2. Questions received by the SCAN and not addressed

These questions were submitted to SCAN on 16-18 October 2002. Considering their scope, the Committee estimated that they could not be completed before the expected termination of its mandate. As a consequence no group was created and they were not further addressed in the following plenary meetings.

7.2.1. Question 147 on the use of iodine in feedingstuffs

7.2.2. Question 150 on the use of synthetic sodium aluminium silicate (zeolite) for the reduction of risk of milk fever in dairy cows

7.2.3. Question 153 on the safety of Carotenoids authorised in EU-legislation

7.2.4. Question 157 on the safety of the enzymatic product Natuphos® for use as feed additive in ducks, geese, salmonidae and channel catfish

7.2.5. Question 159 on the safety of product "MLB" Lactobacillus acidophilus for dog

7.3. Closing session

The meeting was closed in the presence of Dr J. Husu-Kallio, Deputy Director General of the Health and Consumer Protection Directorate General, and Mr Peter Wagstaffe who headed the Unit managing the Scientific Committees.

Dr Husu Kallio presented, in the name of the European Commission, her gratefulness for the huge and qualitative work carried out by the Scientific Committee on Animal Nutrition over the past years. The Committee enabled a number of decisions to be taken by the European Commission, always on strong scientific bases. The constant readiness of SCAN Members to assess multidisciplinary and complex dossiers was highlighted and their ability to deliver sound and strong scientific opinions, in some cases under time pressure, underlined. Members were also congratulated for their willingness to keep the SCAN active until the very end, demonstrating high availability and making all efforts to finalise as much agenda items as achievable in order to limit transfer of backlog onto the newly starting European Food Safety Authority.

Annex - Attendance

Members:

Prof. Arturo ANADÓN (second and third days)
Prof. Diana ANDERSON
Ing. Louis Aimé AUMAITRE
Ing. Georges BORIES
Dr Joaquim BRUFAU
Prof. Maria de los Angeles CALVO TORRAS
Dr Andrew CHESSON
Prof. Gerhard FLACHOWSKY
Prof. Dr Jürgen GROPP
Prof. Jean-François GUILLOT
Dr Anne Katrine Lundebye HALDORSEN
Dr Ingrid HALLE
Prof. Josef LEIBETSEDER
Mr Derek RENSHAW
Dr Kris SEJRSEN
Dr Pieter WESTER

Apologies:

Prof. Arturo ANADÓN (first day)
Prof. Atte VON WRIGHT

For the European Commission:

DG Health and Consumer Protection:

Mrs M.C. Duboile-Schokker (Secretariat of SCAN)
Mrs J. Husu-Kallio (Deputy Director General)
Mr E. Thévenard (Management of SCAN)
Mr F. Verstraete (Legislation)
Mr R. Vanhoorde (Assistant to the Director General)
Mr P. Wagstaffe (Head of the Unit Management of Scientific Committees)

For the European Food Safety Authority:

Mrs M.N. Costa (Secretariat of SCAN)
Mrs L. Vahteristo (Management of SCAN)