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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 13 OCTOBER 2016 - 14 OCTOBER 2016
(Section Animal Nutrition)**

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A.01 Feed Additives - Applications under Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 Art. 4 or 13.

Documents were distributed.

A.02 Feed Additives - Applications under Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 Art. 9.

Discussion on EFSA Scientific Opinions on the safety and efficacy of :

A.02.1. BioPlus 2B® (Bacillus subtilis DSM 5750 and Bacillus licheniformis DSM 5749) as a feed additive for sows, piglets, pigs for fattening, turkeys for fattening and calves - Annex

A discussion was taken. A draft Regulation will be presented in a future meeting.

A.02.2. Biostrong® 510 (essential oil of thyme and star anise) for chickens and minor avian species for fattening and rearing to point of lay - Annex

A discussion was taken. A new annex will be presented in a future meeting.

A.02.3. Rovabio® Spiky (endo-1,4-beta-xylanase and endo-1,3(4)-beta-glucanase) as a feed additive for all major and minor poultry species - Annex

A discussion was taken. A draft Regulation will be presented in a future meeting.

A.02.4. Kemzyme® Plus Dry (endo-1,3(4)-beta-glucanase, endo-1,4-beta- glucanase, alpha-amylase, bacillolysin and endo-1,4-beta-xylanase) for poultry, ornamental birds and piglets (weaned) - Kemzyme® Plus Liquid (endo-1,3(4)-beta-glucanase, endo-1,4-beta- glucanase, alpha-amylase and endo-1,4-beta-xylanase) as a feed additive for poultry species and ornamental birds - Annex

A discussion was taken. New information will be requested to the company.

A.02.5. Lavipan® (Lactococcus lactis B/00039, Carnobacterium divergens KKP 2012p, Lactobacillus casei B/00080, Lactobacillus plantarum B/00081 and Saccharomyces cerevisiae KKP 2059p) for weaned piglets, chickens for fattening and turkeys for fattening

A discussion was taken. An Annex will be presented in a future meeting.

A.02.6. Belfeed B MP/ML (endo-1,4-beta-xylanase) as feed additive for poultry, piglets (weaned) and pigs for fattening - Annex

A discussion was taken. A draft Regulation will be presented in a future meeting.

A.02.7. Lecithins (Lipidol) for all animal species - Annex

A discussion was taken. A new Annex will be presented in a future meeting.

A.02.8. Lactobacillus diolivorans DSM 32074 as a silage additive for all animal species - Annex

A discussion was taken. A draft Regulation will be presented in a future meeting.

A.02.9. 036 10 (Bacillus subtilis DSM 27273) as a feed additive for weaned piglets and minor porcine species.

A discussion was taken. A draft Regulation will be presented in a future meeting.

A.02.10. Erythrosine as a sensory additive for ornamental fish, reptiles, cats and dogs (supplementary information)

After discussion and examination of the information submitted by the application, Member States supported the EFSA opinion on this issue. The applicant will be informed about this position in order to discuss the follow-up.

A.02.11. currently authorised maximum copper content in complete feed (revision)

The EFSA opinion was presented in detail. Several Member States referred to the political scope of the Recommendation, in particular the drastic reduction of the levels for piglets, and asked for more time to comment. The Committee will come back on the issue in the margins of the re-authorisation of the reassessed copper compounds.

A.03 Discussion on withdrawal from the market of certain feed additives for which no applications for authorisation were submitted before the deadline provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003.

A discussion was taken. A draft Regulation will be presented in a future meeting.

A.04 Discussion on proposal for new functional groups of feed additives.

A draft proposal was discussed and a new draft will be presented for the next PAFF Committee meeting.

A.05 Discussion on amendment of Regulation (EC) No 429/2008.

A discussion was taken. The examination of the document will continue in a future meeting.

A.06 RASFF.

The Commission's representative informed the Committee on the following RASFF notifications related to undesirable substances in animal feed, issued since the meeting of the Committee in September 2016 :

- dioxin-like PCBs and non-dioxin-like PCBs in a compound feed composed of a mixture of yeast and distillers' dried grains and solubles (DDGS). The non-compliance was detected in Belgium and was related to deliveries of the compound feed from a company in Italy. All batches received from that company were analysed for the presence of PCBs and non-dioxin-like PCBs through control samples. The batches received between 22/06/2016 until 02/09/2016 contained a level of PCBs and dioxin-like PCBs exceeding the maximum level. Batches received before and after this period were compliant with EU legislation. Therefore it can be concluded that the contamination occurred in a well-defined period. The contaminated lots from Italian company were only supplied to the Belgian company. Based on the congener pattern of the contamination it can be reasonably assumed that it relates to a contamination with a technical mixture of lower chlorinated PCBs (such as Clophen A30 used in capacitors). Investigations on how and where the contamination occurred are still ongoing
- dioxins in green tea tannings from China. Based on the congener pattern of the contamination, the contamination could be linked to the use of improper combustion materials in the drying process
- lead in a complementary mineral feed from Turkey
- aflatoxins in shelled groundnuts from India
- aflatoxins in corn from Brazil. The contamination was found in Spain and part of the contaminated consignment was shipped to Italy.

A.07 Undesirable substances.

A.07.1 Exchange of views on a draft Recommendation on nitrites and nitrates in feed

The Commission presented an outline for a Recommendation on good practices to prevent and reduce the presence of nitrates and nitrites in feed. It is proposed that the

recommendation contains information on feed materials containing high levels of nitrates and nitrites, on the sensitivity of animals, on the factors affecting nitrate/nitrite content and accumulation in plants, measures to prevent adverse animal health effects and guidance levels.

The Committee welcomed the outline for a Recommendation. The Commission's representative acknowledged that given the late availability of the document, it is premature to have detailed comments and indicated to further elaborate the paper for discussion at the next meeting.

A.07.2 Exchange of views on a possible amendment on the annexes of Commission Directive 2002/32/EC related to issues raised at previous meetings: melamine, dioxins and PCBs, gossypol, mercury and nitrites (details to follow)

The following issues are put for discussion, which might result in possible amendments to the Annex of Directive 2002/32/EC

- maximum level of melamine in guanidine acetic acid (GAA)
- exemption of the maximum level for dioxin and PCBs for fresh fish used as fishing bait - maximum level of arsenic in peat
- maximum level of arsenic in leonardite
- maximum level of mercury in fish, other aquatic animals and products derived thereof intended for the production of compound feed for dogs, cats
- maximum levels of nitrites (in relation to the point A.07.1)
- maximum level of gossypol in whole cotton seed and complete feed for dairy cows
- maximum level of lead in dicopper oxide.

Due to time constraints, the different issues have not been discussed in detail.

A.07.3 Other issues

The committee was informed of the letter written from DG Health and Food Safety to the Russian Federation as regards the maximum level of arsenic in fish meal.

Following up on the discussion at the last meeting as regards the minimum requirements for reporting data on dioxins and PCBs in feed to EFSA the Commission provided following additional information

a) specific minimum requirements

- data have to be congener specific data (i.e. no CALUX data)
- data have to be related to non-targeted sampling / reflecting background contamination (i.e. no analytical results obtained as a confirmation following a suspicion based on a screening result, or analysis done in the frame of a contamination incident).

b) general minimum requirements

The general minimum requirements can be found at the following website : <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/data/call/datex101217>

The Commission indicated that in case more specific requirements would be determined by EFSA in the frame of the comprehensive risk assessment on dioxins and PCBs, these requirements shall also be communicated to the Committee.

A.08 Feed marketing Regulation (EC) N° 767/2009.

A.08.1. Directive 2008/38/EC establishing the list of intended uses as particular nutritional purposes - state of play of pending evaluations and new applications

The Commission's representative gave an update on the ongoing assessments. With respect to the envisaged repeal of the Directive by a new Regulation, Member States are asked to come up with proposals for the revision of Part A of the Annex I of the Directive.

A.08.2. Revision of Annexes IV, VI and VII (labelling provisions)

The new draft for Annex IV received several comments which will be addressed in the next version of the document. Some Member States announced written comments to come approach for the quantitative labelling of feed additives in Annexes VI and VII was further elaborated. The proposals for the revision of the labelling tolerances in Annex IV from one Member State were discussed in detail. The Committee will come back on the issue.

A.09 Regulation (EC) No 183/2005 laying down requirements for feed hygiene.

A.09.1. discussion of some items

- Register of national guides – Feed sector

The Commission's representative explained to Member States the intention to replace the current system of transmission to the Commission and the registration of national guides of hygiene practice for the feed sector, following the same approach and already existing data base of the food sector.

Member States welcomed the explanation and the new system. A contact point shall be designated for the Member States in order to transmit all the information.

The data will remain publicly available for consultation while a search function will allow finding guides on a specific item. More efficient use of available national guides and reduction of administrative burden will be achieved.

- Commission working document - Guidance document on the implementation of certain provisions of Regulation (EC) No 183/2005 on the hygiene of feedstuffs

After the comments sent by Member States to the first draft of the document, Commission's representative presented for discussion a new version of the document.

Further discussions are still needed. A new version will be prepared and it was agreed on sending written comments.

A.09.2. exchange of views on measures for non-authorized additives intended for export.

After the comments sent by Member States to the proposal for a Commission Regulation concerning the requirements for exporting non-authorized feed additives in EU, the Commission's representative presented for discussion a new version of the document.

Further discussions are still needed. A new version will be prepared and it was agreed on sending written comments.

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of the preparations of sodium benzoate, potassium sorbate, formic acid and sodium formate as feed additives for all animal species.

The draft Implementing Regulation is related to an authorisation of these additives as silage additive.

A discussion took place.

Vote taken: Unanimity.

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of a preparation of dolomite-magnesite for dairy cows and other ruminants for dairy production, weaned pigs and pigs for fattening, and a preparation of montmorillonite-illite for all animal species as feed additives.

The draft Regulation is related to an authorisation of these additives as binders and anti-caking agents for feed.

A discussion took place.

Vote taken: Unanimity.

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of 1,8-cineole, 3,4-dihydrocoumarin and 2-(2-methylprop-1-enyl)-4-methyltetrahydropyran as feed additives for all animal species. (CDG 011-016).

The draft Implementing Regulation proposes the authorisation of certain flavourings for all animal species.

A discussion took place.

Vote taken: Unanimity.

B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of 1,1-dimethoxy-2-phenylethane, phenethyl formate, phenethyl octanoate, phenethyl isobutyrate, phenethyl 2-methyl-butyrate and phenethyl benzoate as feed additives for all animal species (CDG 015).

The draft Implementing Regulation proposes the authorisation of certain flavourings for all animal species.

A discussion took place.

Vote taken: Unanimity.

B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation correcting the Latvian language version of Regulation (EC) No 152/2009 of 27 January 2009 laying down the methods of sampling and analysis for the official control of feed.

The Corrigendum relates to the phrase 'rounded up to the next whole number' which has been wrongly translated in the Latvian language version as 'rounded to the nearest whole number' (which can include rounding downwards).

As this is considered to be a substantial change, the Corrigendum needs to follow the same regulatory procedure as the act to be corrected.

A discussion took place.

Vote taken: Unanimity.

B.06 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation (EU) amending Regulation (EC) 152/2009 as regards the determination of the levels of dioxins and polychlorinated biphenyls.

Following extensive discussions in the EURL/NRL network on dioxins and PCBs, the following changes to current legal provisions are proposed :

- deletion of reference to use the decision limit - $CC\alpha$ (Commission Decision 2002/657/EC) for estimation of the measurement uncertainty
- insertion of a reference the guidance documents on measurement uncertainty and for the estimation of the Limit of Determination (LOD) and Limit of Quantification (LOQ)
- introduction of specific reporting requirements when physic-chemical methods are used for screening.

Furthermore, the evidence that analytical results for dioxins and PCBs in certain cases are not reliable when the performance criteria provided for in this Regulation are not applied by laboratories performing the analysis of samples taken by feed business operators in accordance with the Feed Hygiene Regulation (EC) No 183/2005, it is

foreseen to make the application of the performance criteria provided for in this Regulation for the analysis of these samples obligatory.

Furthermore, there are several other minor modifications proposed to the current provisions to improve the consistency in the terminology used, requiring replacing the whole Part B of Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 152/2009 to maintain the readability of the text.

Some Member States indicated that, although not having specific comments on the proposed text, there has been insufficient time to perform consultations with stakeholders at national level.

Vote postponed

- B.07 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the provisional authorisation of a preparation of formaldehyde as a feed additive for chickens for fattening, laying hens, piglets (weaned) and pigs for fattening.**

Vote postponed

- C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisations of the preparations of *Lactobacillus plantarum* DSM 29025 and of *Lactobacillus plantarum* NCIMB 42150 as feed additives for all animal species.**

A discussion was taken. It was requested to modify some conditions of use. A new draft will be presented for the vote in a future meeting.

- C.02 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of dry grape extract when used as a feed flavouring for all animal species and categories.**

After discussion, a draft Regulation will be presented for a possible vote in PAFF Committee meeting in November 2016.

- C.03 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the suspension of the authorisation of ethoxyquin as a feed additive for all animal species and categories.**

After discussion, a new draft Implementing Regulation will be presented in a future meeting.

- M.01 A.O.B.**

- The Commission's representative gave a presentation of the "Strategic Safety Concept for Insects as Feed" addressing the production, processing and use of insects

for feed. He highlighted that the Commission follows a holistic approach on insects covering the complete set of concerned legal acts in the areas of environment, animal and public health. A prudent approach focussing on feed and food safety should ascertain a sound development of the young industry. The Strategic Safety concept was broadly welcomed. There was a strong plea that the imported insect Protein Animal Product (PAP) fulfils the same safety standards as EU-produced, also with respect to insect species and substrates used. The import procedure and the control of the third country establishments would be in analogy to the import of other PAPs. The Commission's representative announced that a legislative package will be prepared to allow insect PAP to be feed to aquaculture species. This package comprises the revision of the Catalogue of feed materials, the TSE-Regulation and the Implementing Regulation of the Regulation on Animal By-products.

- On request of one Member State, it was clarified that *Trichosporon mycotoxinivorans* cannot be used for placing on the EU market "yeasts and parts thereof" ([brewers' yeasts], [yeast product]) as listed in point 12.1.5 of the Catalogue of feed materials (Regulation (EU) No 68/2013). An application to allow this microorganism was not received and a notification in the feed material Register was withdrawn.