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**SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 131ST SCAN PLENARY MEETING
(BRUSSELS, 04-05 OCTOBER 2000)**

(APPROVED AT THE 132TH MEETING ON 20 OCTOBER 2000)

1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES

List of those present attached.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

A member declared that he has had the opportunity to work on diformate for use in horses. The Committee did not consider that this would conflict with the discussion on question 108.

An other member declared that his institute carried out a study on the same product during the summer. Two members also declared that they have been involved in some of the microbiology studies carried out for product narasin and presented in the dossier. It was agreed that in both cases, although the members would give answers to eventual questions on the respective studies, they would not be involved in their assessment by the Committee.

No other conflict of interests with the items proposed for discussion were declared.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Item 5.1 initially foreseen for adoption is moved to 6.1 as the draft report is not finalised by the working group.

The product BioProtein® was added under "Miscellaneous" and the agenda was approved as amended.

4. APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 130TH MEETING

Minutes were adopted with minor editorial changes.

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

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

Answers of the company to the questions relating to microbiology raised by the Committee were provided but only repeat data already presented in the dossier. For this reason, the Committee did not further discuss the product and decided to reiterate the questions.

- 5.2. Question 108 on the use of potassium diformate in feedingstuffs for piglets and pigs for fattening

The discussion concentrated on the reply of the company and the outcome of the studies recently provided in relation to the questions raised by the Committee at the last plenary meeting. Answers were considered satisfactory, but due to changes in the claim of the company, efficacy data have to be reviewed before the Committee makes a final decision on the product.

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

The draft was thoroughly discussed. It was agreed that the document should be reviewed by the rapporteur on the basis of the comments.

- 5.4. 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) following Article 5 of Council Directive 93/113/EC (O.J. N° L334, 31.12.93, p.17)

The rapporteur presented the evaluation done on one product, Mirimil ®, for which the assessment was completed. The Committee agreed unanimously to the favourable conclusion of the working group and therefore to the addition of the product in annex of its "Report on the use of certain micro-organisms as additives in feedingstuffs".

The group highlighted the difficulties encountered with some products currently under assessment, mainly due to the reluctance of the companies to provide answers to questions raised by the experts or due to the poor quality of the data and replies submitted. For example, questions raised in July 1999 that could be answered with appropriate studies within three months are still not answered. In the absence of satisfactory replies submitted in the near future, the group will propose to the SCAN plenary to remove these products from its agenda.

- 5.5. 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)

Several products were presented by the rapporteur, mainly referring to extension of use. The outcome of the evaluation by the Working Group was agreed to by the Committee, which adopted unanimously the according

amendment of the annex to the "Report on the use of certain enzymes in animal feedingstuffs".

6. PROGRESS REPORTS CONCERNING :

- 6.1. Question 110 on the dioxin contamination of feedingstuffs and its contribution to the contamination of food of animal origin

The draft report was extensively discussed and comments were expressed in particular on the different diets proposed in the document for the various animal species considered. The draft needs still some amendments and the Working Group will consider the comments made by the Committee. An extraordinary meeting of the SCAN is scheduled on 20 October, which will be dedicated to this question 110, in order to possibly adopt a final opinion.

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

The group met in September. The draft report is not ready.

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

The group met in September. It made good progress on the aspects related to fish and will now concentrate on the use of this colouring agent in poultry.

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

No progress has been made on this subject as members were involved in other working groups. Some new information has been submitted and a meeting should be organised.

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

The rapporteur briefly explained that the group considered the dossier, raised a question to the Company and stopped therefore pending reply, which has been received yet.

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

Questions have been sent to the Company and the group is waiting for the answers.

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

The dossier is under evaluation by the group.

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

The dossier is under evaluation. Questions on the dossier should be sent to the petitioner.

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

The group is working.

- 6.10. Question 116 on the use of manganomanganic oxide in feedingstuffs

The group met in early September and continues its work on the dossier.

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

None.

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

None.

9. MISCELLANEOUS

9.1. BioProtein

The submission of new information by the Company after the adoption of the SCAN report on the product BioProtein was discussed, in particular the evaluation done by some toxicologists of the Committee. It is agreed to reconsider the SCAN report on the basis of the new data provided.

9.2. Organisation of an additional plenary meeting

It is agreed to organise an extraordinary plenary meeting on 20 October 2000, in order to discuss the possible adoption of the draft report on dioxins.