



Summary record of the 119th SCAN Plenary Meeting - Brussels, 05 November 1998

(approved at the 120th meeting on 25 January 1999)

1. Welcome, apologies

See presence list attached.

The Chairman and the Secretariat explain that, due to the limited items of the agenda proposed for adoption, it was decided to reduce from two days to a one day plenary. For the future, it is proposed that at least 6 weeks separate the SCAN plenaries for 1999, so that working groups have time enough to finalise their draft reports.

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 slightly reorganised (move of items 7.2 and 7.3 to part 6 and of items 6.1 and 6.2 to part 7) and then adopted.

4. Approval of the summary record of the 118th meeting

Some wording amendments were proposed under items 5.1, 6.6 and 6.7.

The report, as amended, was approved.

5. Situation regarding the questions asked to the Committee - Schedule

The Secretariat asked the rapporteurs to give a time schedule for the finalisation of their draft reports.

As a matter of principle for the future, it is stated that before proposing a working group draft report to the SCAN plenary for adoption, a meeting of the whole working group should be organised to finalise the working group document to be presented by the rapporteur.

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

6.1. 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)

The rapporteur proposed the addition of a product: Bioplus 2B to the annex of the report on "The use of certain micro-

organisms as additives in the feedingstuffs". Some explanations were given on the assessment by the rapporteur and the members of the group to the Committee. The addition of Bioplus 2B was adopted by the Committee.

For the remaining dossiers, further information is still requested and will be examined when provided by the companies.

6.2. 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 rapporteur proposed the addition of a product : Biofeed Alpha to the annex of the report on "The use of certain enzymes in animal feedingstuffs", which the Committee agreed to. For the other products under evaluation questions have been sent to companies.

The rapporteur evoked the difficulties encountered by the group in assessing products containing several enzyme activities. This particular item is on the agenda of the next meeting of the group.

7. Progress reports concerning :

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

Contributions have been made by the working group members. Some complementary information has been requested.

The Committee considered the document submitted by Denmark on virginiamycin and stated that it does not bring new information on the subject.

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

The rapporteur presented a short report on the work of the group. As soon as finalised, the draft report will be circulated to the SCAN members.

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

The document of the working group has been amended according to the comments made by the SCAN members in the last plenary. Some clarifications will be asked to the company. Once these questions are answered, the working group should meet to finalise its document and propose it for adoption to the Committee.

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

The group continues its work.

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

The dossier has been received by only a part of the group.

8. Establishment of a working group

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

The creation of a new working group is not necessary as the report is close to completion. Some aspects of the dossier need however to be reviewed before submission of a draft report to the Committee.

8.2. Question 79 on the use of semduramycin in feedingstuffs for chickens for fattening - Establishment of a working group

A working group was created to address the different aspects of the assessment: safety for target animals, metabolism

and residues, general toxicity including pharmacology, efficacy, environment and microbiology .

8.3. Question 97 on the use of protein products of fermentation from natural gas obtained by culture of *Methylococcus capsulatus* (Bath), *Alcaligenes acidovorans*, *Bacillus firmus*, the living cells of which have been killed, in piglets, pigs for fattening and chickens for fattening - Establishment of a working group

A working group was created to address the efficacy in pigs and in broilers. Members of the Scientific Committee on Food could be involved in that group.

9. Effect of the use of polyvinylpyrrolidone as binder in feedingstuffs for fish on the environment - Discussion of approach and possible involvement of the Scientific Committee for Toxicity, Ecotoxicity and the Environment

As the assessment of this feed additive needed mainly expertise in the evaluation of environmental impact, the Committee agreed to create a working group chaired by a member of the SCAN and including members of the Scientific Committee for Toxicity, Ecotoxicity and the Environment.

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

Some information was given by the representative of SCAN in the SSC working group in charge of the harmonisation of guidelines.

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

Information was given on the work in the Scientific Steering Committee working group on antimicrobial resistance on the Scientific Committee on Plants with regard to GMOs and on the work of the Scientific Committee on Veterinary Measures relating to Public Health working group on BST.

12. Fixation of the dates of the meetings for 1999.

The dates for 1999 were fixed to: 25-26 January, 11-12 March, 27-28 April, 10-11 June, 13 July, 09-10 September, 21-22 October and 02-03 December.

13. Other points

None