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SUMMARY REPORT

A.01 Classification of the use of 5-chloro-2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3- one q(m)it and mit 2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one of Artemia nauplii during the hatching period

A discussion took place and will continue at the next Working Group on Animal Nutrition of September 2024.

A.02 Update on certain topics related to RASFF notifications and undesirable substances

An update on the RASFF notifications since the last meeting of the Committee was provided. The attention was drawn to 2 RASFF notifications on mycotoxins (aflatoxin B1 in soybean meal from Nigeria and in chestnut flour from Italy), 3 on ragweed (*Ambrosia* spp.*)*, 1 on *Datura* seeds, 1 on too high level of cross-contamination of salinomycin in rabbit feed, 5 on unacceptable residues of chlorpyrifos and one on matrine in feed for ornamental fish. Furthermore, there was one notification on foreign material in feed for dogs from India and one on the presence of microcystins in frozen roach from Northern Ireland.

The RASFF notification on the presence of matrine in feed for ornamental fish produced in Belgium was particularly highlighted. The presence of matrine is related to use as feed material of *Sophora* root powder in which about 5 % of matrine is present as natural plant toxin. Given that matrine is also an insecticide, the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 on maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin are applicable. Given that the use of matrine as insecticide is not authorised in the EU, the default MRL of 0.01 mg/kg according to Art 18(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 is applicable. As *Sophora* root powder is unlawfully listed as feed material in the feed material register (004996), a request to the EU Feed Chain Task Force to delete the entry from the feed material register will be done.

Furthermore, the Committee was informed of agenda items of the Working Group on undesirable substances that will take place on 11 July 2024 (guidance levels for mycotoxins, provisions on *Ambrosia* spp. seeds, inactivation of deoxynivalenol (DON), nitrites and nitrates, quinolizidine alkaloids, metals in algae and seaweed, PFAS and

clarification on the term young poultry animals in relation with the applicable maximum level for aflatoxin B1).

A.03 Legal situation of the so-called 'competitive exclusion products' designed to be ingested via oral route

The presence on the market of so-called 'competitive exclusion products', used for the establishment and development of a 'normal' gut flora in some animal species, was brought to the attention of the Commission. Preliminary information on the nature, characterisation, route of administration, intended effect, etc. of such products was collected. The Commission is currently examining the legal situation of those so-called 'competitive exclusion products' that are designed to be ingested via oral route (including via spraying the product on the animals and/or their environment with a view to ensuring its subsequent ingestion), in particular vis-à-vis Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 on feed additives.

A.04 Manufacturing of medicated feed via coating of pellets

The Committee examined the possibility to manufacture medicated feed by applying a coating containing the VMP onto already produced feed pellets. It considers that this manufacturing process does not contradict the general homogeneity requirements laid down in Regulation (EU) 2019/4, even when the VMP is not dispersed within the pellets. However, homogeneity needs to be demonstrated by the operator at batch level at least, to ensure that the intended dose of VMP is present in the feed portion. Further guidance on homogeneity determination is discussed within the frame of a Commission Notice "Guidance document for the evaluation of homogeneity of feed and the cross-contamination of undesirable substances" which is still currently under development in the context of the Feed Hygiene Regulation. The operator should also consider the stability of the coating during the later life and handling (transport, storage, distribution) of the medicated feed, so that the coated medicated feed still contains the intended (and labelled) dose of active substance when administered to the target animals. This position is without prejudice to other obligations to be met in the context of the marketing authorisation of the VMP concerned and its Summary of Product Characteristics (SPC).

A.05 Discussion with FEFAC, FEFANA and Copa-Cogeca on the Code of Good Labelling Practice

The representatives of FEFAC, FEFANA and Copa-Cogeca were invited to the meeting to discuss the revision of the Code of Good practice for Green Feed Labelling. After a presentation focusing on the methodology used for measuring the environmental performance of compound feed production, the representatives of the industry replied to comments made by the Member States in particular concerning impact categories, claims and the labels used as example. The Member States were invited to submit any further comments in written form to the Commission, and the replies to these comments will be discussed in the Working Group on Animal Nutrition of September 2024.

A.06 Exchange of views on possible amendment of Regulations (EU) 2022/1445, Regulation (EU) 2022/1457, Regulation (EU) 2022/1442 and Regulation (EU) 2022/1458

Considering that the applicant could not come up with an alternative wording, the Commission concluded that the discussion on this possible amendment was finalised.

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 767/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the placing on the market and use of feed

As the internal consultation with the Legal Service was still ongoing, the Commission was not able to present a final draft for discussion and vote. The Commission now aims at submitting the draft for vote at the Standing Committee in October 2024.

Vote Postponed

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of pine white essential oil from *Pinus pinaster* Aiton as a feed additive for all animal species

The draft refers to the authorisation of a botanical flavouring (essential oil) produced from the oleoresin of *Pinus pinaster* Aiton. The flavouring was authorised under the category "Sensory additives" and the functional group "Flavouring compounds". The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act and its annex, adjusted to adapt the recommended levels for poultry species to the opinion, after clarification from EFSA.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of fumonisin esterase produced by *Komagataella phaffii* NCAIM (P) Y001485 as a feed additive for piglets and pigs for fattening of all Suidae species

The draft refers to the authorisation of a preparation of fumonisin esterase produced by *Komagataella phaffii* NCAIM (P) Y001485 in the category 'technological additives' and the functional group 'substances for reduction of the contamination of feed by mycotoxins'. The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act and its annex with minor adjustments.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of a preparation of *Bacillus subtilis* FERM BP-07462, *Enterococcus lactis* FERM BP-10867 and *Clostridium butyricum* FERM BP-10866 as a feed additive for all poultry species for fattening, all poultry species reared for laying or breeding and ornamental birds (holder of authorisation: Toa Biopharma Co., Ltd.)

The draft refers to the authorisation of a preparation of three microorganisms as a feed additive in the category 'zootechnical additives' and the functional group 'gut flora stabilisers'. The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act and its annex, adjusted to better reflect the scope of the application and to provide legal clarity as regards the coccidiostats where EFSA could not conclude on a simultaneous use.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the renewal of the authorisation of a preparation of *Bacillus velezensis* ATCC PTA-6737 as a feed additive for turkeys for fattening, turkeys reared for breeding, chickens for fattening, chickens reared for laying, minor poultry species (except minor poultry for laying), weaned piglets, weaned *Suidae* other than *Sus scrofa domesticus*, and sows from three weeks before parturition until the end of lactation period, and the authorisation of new uses of that preparation as a feed additive for chickens reared for breeding, all *Suidae* for fattening, suckling piglets of all *Suidae* species and sows of all *Suidae* species other than sows from three weeks before parturition until the end of lactation period (holder of authorisation: Kemin Europa N.V.), amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/366 and repealing Implementing Regulations (EU) No 306/2013, (EU) No 787/2013 and (EU) 2017/2276

The vote was not taken as the internal consultation with the Legal Service is still ongoing. Following a request from a delegation, general information was provided on the main issues being under discussion with the Legal Service. A delegation signalled a reservation linked to the extrapolation by EFSA of some of the conclusions to all target species. A revised version of the draft act will be submitted to the Committee during its next meeting.

Vote Postponed

B.06 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of 4-methyl-5-vinylthiazole as a feed additive for all animal species

The draft refers to the authorisation of a chemically defined flavouring, under the category "Sensory additives" and in the functional group "Flavouring compounds". The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act and its annex with minor adjustments.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.07 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the renewal of the authorisation of sodium bisulphate and the authorisation of new uses of that substance as a feed additive for certain animal species

The draft refers to the renewal of the authorisation and the authorisation of new uses of sodium bisulphate as a feed additive in the category 'technological additives', functional groups 'acidity regulators' and 'preservatives', and in the category 'sensory additives', functional group 'flavouring compounds'. The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act and its annex.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.08 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) concerning the renewal of the authorisation of a preparation of *Pediococcus pentosaceus* DSM 23688 as a feed additive for all animal species and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 84/2014

The draft refers to the authorisation of a preparation of *Pediococcus pentosaceus* DSM 23688 as a feed additive in the category 'technological additives' and the functional group 'silage additives. The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.09 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of an essential oil and a tincture from *Juniperus communis* L. as feed additives for all animal species

The draft refers to the authorisation of two botanical flavourings (essential oil and tincture) produced from *Juniperus communis* L., under the category "Sensory additives" and in the functional group "Flavouring compounds". The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act and its annex with minor adjustments.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.10 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of a preparation of semduramicin sodium (Aviax 5%) as a feed additive for chickens for fattening (holder of authorisation: Phibro Animal Health s.a.) and repealing Commission Regulation (EC) No 1443/2006

The draft refers to the authorisation of a preparation of semduramicin sodium as a feed additive in the category 'coccidiostats and histomonostats'. The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.11 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of a preparation of endo-1,4-β-xylanase, endo-1,4-β-glucanase and xyloglucan-specific-endo-β-1,4-glucanase produced with *Trichoderma citrinoviride* DSM 33578 as a feed additive for sows of all *Suidae* species (holder of authorisation: Huvepharma EOOD)

The draft refers to the authorisation of a preparation of endo-1,4-β-xylanase, endo-1,4-β-glucanase and xyloglucan-specific-endo-β-1,4-glucanase produced with *Trichoderma citrinoviride* DSM 33578 under the category 'zootechnical additives' and in the functional group 'digestibility enhancers'. The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.12 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of an essential oil *Coriandrum sativum* L. as a feed additive for all animal species

The draft refers to the authorisation of a botanical flavouring (essential oil) produced from *Coriandrum sativum* L., under the category 'Sensory additives' and in the

functional group ‘Flavouring compounds’. The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act and its annex with minor adjustments.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.13 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) concerning the renewal of the authorisation of a preparation of P*ediococcus pentosaceus* DSM 23689 as a feed additive for all animal species and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 84/2014

The draft refers to the authorisation of a preparation of *Pediococcus pentosaceus* DSM 23689 as a feed additive in the category ‘technological additives and the functional group ‘silage additives’. The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.14 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation correcting Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1173 by deleting feed additives from the Annex thereto

The draft refers to a correction of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1173 consisting of the deletion of an entry included in the Annex thereto, as that entry had already been the subject of a previous ‘Withdrawal Regulation’ (Implementing Regulation (EU) No 230/2013). The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.15 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1452 as regards the maximum recommended level of 4-hydroxy-2,5-dimethylfuran-3(2H)-one for cats and dogs

The draft refers to the modification of the current terms of authorisation of a chemically defined flavouring to increase the maximum recommended level to 25 mg/kg complete feed for dogs and to 18 mg/kg complete feed for cats. The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.16 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) concerning the renewal of the authorisation of a preparation of *Enterococcus lactis* DSM 22502 as a feed additive for all animal species and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 304/2014

The draft refers to the authorisation of a preparation of *Enterococcus lactis* DSM 22502 as a feed additive in the category ‘technological additives and the functional group ‘silage additives’. The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.17 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/1070 as regards the establishment of transitional measures for the renewal of the authorisation of a preparation of 25-hydroxycholecalciferol produced by Saccharomyces cerevisiae CBS 146008

The draft refers to an amendment to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/1070, in order to include the 'usual' transitional measures accompanying acts on the renewal of authorisation of additives, where operators must adapt to modified conditions of authorisation resulting from that renewal. The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act, which provide for exceptional retroactive application in order to avoid any legal gap.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.18 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) concerning the authorisation of a preparation of Zinc-L-selenomethionine as a feed additive for all animal species

This point was not discussed as the internal consultations were not concluded.

Vote Postponed

B.19 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the renewal of the authorisation of a preparation of *Enterococcus lactis* NCIMB 10415 as a feed additive for cats and dogs (holder of authorisation: DSM Nutritional Products Ltd.) and repealing Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1061/2013

The draft refers to the renewal of the authorisation of a preparation of *Enterococcus lactis* NCIMB 10415 as a feed additive in the category 'zootechnical additives' and the functional group 'gut flora stabilisers'. The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.20 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of a preparation of 6-phytase produced with *Aspergillus oryzae* DSM 33737 as a feed additive for all poultry species for fattening or reared for laying or reared for breeding, sows of all *Suidae* species and all fin fish (holder of authorisation: DSM Nutritional Products Ltd, represented by DSM Nutritional Products Sp. z o.o.)

The draft refers to the authorisation of a preparation of 6-phytase produced with Aspergillus oryzae DSM 33737 in the category 'zootechnical additives' and the functional group 'digestibility enhancers'. The Commission presented the latest version of the draft act.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of L-tryptophan produced with *Escherichia coli* CGMCC 7.460 for all animal species

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. The discussion will continue at the next meeting of the Working Group on Animal Nutrition.

C.02 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the authorisation of omicha tincture from *Schisandra chinensis* (Turcz.) Baill. and ginseng tincture from *Panax ginseng* C.A.Mey. as feed additives for certain animal species

The Commission presented a draft Act and its Annex. The discussion will continue at the next meeting of the Working Group on Animal Nutrition.

C.03 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of a preparation of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* DSM 34246 for cats and dogs (holder of authorisation: ACEL pharma s.r.l.)

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. No comments were raised by the delegations.

C.04 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of L-threonine produced with *Escherichia coli* CGMCC 7.455 for all animal species

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. The discussion will continue at the next meeting of the Working Group on Animal Nutrition.

C.05 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/53 as regards the maximum inclusion level of a feed additive consisting of nonanoic acid for certain pigs and poultry species

This point was withdrawn from the agenda.

C.06 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of a preparation of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* DBVPG 48 SF for ruminants (holder of authorisation: Mazzoleni S.p.A.)

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. The discussion will continue at the next meeting of the Working Group on Animal Nutrition.

C.07 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of L-isoleucine produced with *Corynebacterium glutamicum* CGMCC20437 for all animal species

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. The discussion will continue at the next meeting of the Working Group on Animal Nutrition.

C.08 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of an essential oil derived from *Cymbopogon nardus* (L.) Rendle (citronella oil) for all animal species

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. The discussion will continue at the next meeting of the Working Group on Animal Nutrition.

C.09 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) correcting Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/901

The Commission presented a draft Act to correct the chemical formula in the characterisation of the active substance for riboflavin 5′-phosphate monosodium salt. No comments were raised by the delegations.

C.10 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of *Pediococcus pentosaceus* DSM 14021 for all animal species

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. The discussion will continue at the next meeting of the Working Group on Animal Nutrition.

C.11 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of tincture derived from *Syzygium aromaticum* (L.) Merr. & L.M. Perry (clove tincture) for all animal species

The Commission presented a draft Annex. The discussion will continue at the next meeting of the Working Group on Animal Nutrition.

C.12 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of a preparation of 6-phytase produced with *Trichoderma reesei* CBS 126897 for fin fish (holder of authorisation: ROAL Oy)

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. The discussion will continue at the next meeting of the Working Group on Animal Nutrition.

C.13 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) concerning the authorisation of cyanocobalamin (vitamin B12) produced with *Ensifer adhaerens* CGMCC 19596 as a feed additive for all animal species

The Commission presented the draft Act and the Annex entry for discussion. No major comments were raised. The Commission asked the delegations to send possible written comments within 10 days in order to start the internal consultations with a view to adopt a decision at the PAFF committee meeting in October 2024.

C.14 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of *Levilactobacillus brevis* DSM 21982 for all animal species

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. The discussion will continue at the next meeting of the Working Group on Animal Nutrition.

C.15 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of an essential oil derived from *Melaleuca cajuputi* Maton & Sm ex R. Powell and *Melaleuca leucadendra* (L.) L. (cajuput oil) for use in all animal species

The Commission presented a draft Annex. The discussion will continue at the next meeting of the Working Group on Animal Nutrition.

C.16 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of a preparation of endo-1,4-β-xylanase produced with *Trichoderma reesei* CBS 143953, subtilisin produced with *Bacillus subtilis* CBS 143946 and α-amylase produced with *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* CBS 143954 for all poultry species (holder of authorisation: Danisco (UK) Ltd.)

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. A delegation expressed doubts about the possible presence of rDNA in the final product.

C.17 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of a preparation of Lanthanum carbonate octahydrate for dogs (holder of authorisation: Porus GmbH)

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. The discussion will continue at the next meeting of the Working Group on Animal Nutrition.

C.18 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of *Limosilactobacillus fermentum* NCIMB 30169 for all animal species

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. The discussion will continue at the next meeting of the Working Group on Animal Nutrition.

C.19 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of feed additives consisting of essential oil obtained from *Juniperus deppeana Steud.* (cedarwood Texas oil) for all animal species and tincture derived from *Eucalyptus globulus* Labill. (eucalyptus tincture) for all animal species

The Commission presented a draft Annex. The discussion will continue at the next meeting of the Working Group on Animal Nutrition.

C.20 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of a preparation of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* CNCM I-4407 for cattle for fattening (holder of authorisation: Lesaffre International)

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. A delegation expressed doubts about the effectiveness of the proposed minimum content, which are based on EFSA's conclusions.

C.21 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of a preparation of muramidase produced with *Trichoderma reesei* DSM 32338 for laying hens (holder of authorisation: DSM Nutritional Products Ltd, represented by DSM Nutritional Products Sp. Z o.o.)

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. The discussion will continue at the next meeting of the Working Group on Animal Nutrition, in particular on the wording of the sub-functional group, which needs to reflect precisely the intended effect of the additive in laying hens.

C.22 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of L-cystine for all animal species

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. The discussion will continue at the next meeting of the Working Group on Animal Nutrition.

C.23 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of a preparation of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* MUCL 39885 for cattle for fattening for the renewal of its authorisation (holder of authorisation: Prosol SPA)

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry. No comments were raised by the delegations.

C.24 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of ferric tyrosine chelate for all poultry species for fattening or reared for laying or breeding (holder of authorisation: Akeso Biomedical, Inc USA, represented by Pen & Tec Consulting SLU)

The Commission presented a draft Annex entry for a possible future authorisation in the functional group of "other zootechnical additives". The discussion will continue at the next meeting of the Working Group on Animal Nutrition, in particular on the wording of the sub-functional group, which needs to reflect precisely the intended effect of the additive in poultry.

M.01 Scope of the manufacturing process of ascorbic acid (ID number 3a300) covered by its authorisation

A discussion took place and will continue in a future meeting.

M.02 State of play on the maximum levels and transitional periods of some undesirable substances, especially ergots

The Commission representative informed the Committee that a meeting of the Expert Group on Animal Nutrition will be organised within short notice to report on the feedback received following the public consultation on the draft Delegated Regulation amending Directive 2002/32/EC on undesirable substances in animal feed, and to discuss possible changes following the feedback. It is foreseen that the Commission adopts afterwards the draft Regulation early autumn for transmission to the European Parliament and Council for scrutiny. It was furthermore confirmed that it is foreseen

that the lowering of the maximum levels for ergot in rye will apply as from 1 July 2026 and for *Datura* sp as from 1 October 2026.

M.03 EFSA criteria to establish when the characterisation of the fraction of small/nano particles in feed additives is not needed

In an annex to the minutes of the meeting of the plenary FEEDAP panel of 26 and 27 June 2024, criteria were laid down by EFSA to establish when the characterisation of the fraction of small/nano particles in feed additives is not needed. These criteria appear to be essentially relating the active substance of the feed additives. A discussion took place on whether carriers and other ingredients constitutive of holder-specific preparations were also considered by EFSA.