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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 130TH SCAN PLENARY MEETING (BRUSSELS, 21-23 JUNE 2000)

(APPROVED AT THE 131ST MEETING ON 04-05 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. No other conflict of interests with the items proposed for discussion were declared.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Items were added under "Miscellaneous" and the agenda was approved as amended.

4. APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 129TH MEETING

Minutes were adopted.

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

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

The draft report was introduced by the rapporteur. The Committee reviewed it thoroughly and invited the working group to improve the part on the diet of the different animal categories as well as the description of the process applied to feed materials (add some missing steps, better identification of the critical control points).

The conclusions and recommendations were considered too general and need to be expanded and more precise.

The Secretariat recalled the deadline of October, which represents the target for the adoption of the report.

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

The document was briefly presented, including the additional parts relating to the arguments presented in the Swedish safeguard clause. The SCAN members had previously received the CVMP comments on the SCAN draft opinion.

The Committee discussed mainly the genotoxicity part of the report and revised slightly the wording of its conclusion on this aspect. A minority opinion was expressed by two members who disagree with the conclusion drawn on genotoxicity.

On the residue aspect, discussions focused on the limitations of the data available to estimate the total residue level at 6-day withdrawal time and its percentile of the Acceptable Daily Intake. It was agreed that the estimation would be recalculated and the draft amended accordingly.

The draft report, once amended, will be circulated for adoption by Written Procedure.

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

The draft report was thoroughly discussed. Most of the parts of the draft were considered satisfactory. However, the toxicological part of the document needs to be more detailed. Consequently, the rapporteur will review the relevant text.

The Committee demanded more specific Minimal Inhibitory Concentrations of semduramicin against a number of bacteria of human origin and of avian origin. A question will be sent to the Company.

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

The draft report was presented and discussed extensively. The Committee raised several aspects, in particular the problem of increased water consumption and requested that questions be sent to the company.

The group took note of the comments made during the meeting however the Committee members were requested to send eventual additional comments before the end of July. This deadline should enable the group to revise its document in the light of these comments at its next meeting (scheduled for September).

The rapporteur highlighted the fact that the results of one of the safety studies of the dossier would not be available before March 2001.

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

The draft was briefly discussed. The Chairman invited the rapporteur to put more emphasis on the safety aspects in the document. It was agreed that the SCAN members will look at the draft during the summer break and comment to the rapporteur, so to enable a finalisation of the draft before the next plenary meeting.

- 5.6. 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)

A draft report on Bioplus 2B ® was presented to the Committee. This product had already been assessed for safety under question 85, for several target animal categories (see the SCAN report on the use of certain micro-organisms as additives in feedingstuffs expressed on 26 September 1997 and updated on 27 April 2000), including toxin production and for efficacy. The report is intended to summarise the different parts of the assessment, the efficacy being evaluated only for the target animal category for which the product requires a permanent Community authorisation (piglets).

The document was discussed, slightly amended and adopted unanimously.

6. PROGRESS REPORTS CONCERNING :

- 6.1. 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)

The working group continues its work.

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

The draft is close to finalisation. A meeting is scheduled for September.

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

The group is working. A first draft including the fish aspects is circulating. The poultry aspects should be included. One SCAN member, expressing the wish to participate to the group, is added.

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

A meeting of the group was cancelled. The group should meet in the near future.

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. Creation/endorsement of new working groups.

New questions were submitted to the Committee and ad hoc working groups created.

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

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

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

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

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

Question 116 on the use of benzoic acid in feedingstuffs for pigs for fattening

9.2. Modification of the dates of the next plenary meetings

An additional meeting day was agreed on for the plenary meeting of June, taking into account the big agenda. The meeting will take place in Brussels from Wednesday 21 to Friday 23 June 2000.

The plenary meeting of September is postponed to October and should take place in Brussels on Thursday 05 and Friday 06 October.