

Scientific Panel on Additives and Products or Substances used in Animal Feed

Minutes of the 113th Plenary meeting

Held on 7-9 July 2015, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 8 September 2015)

Participants

- **Panel Members:**

Gabriele Aquilina, Vasileios Bampidis, Maria de Lourdes Bastos, Georges Bories, Andrew Chesson,¹ Pier Sandro Cocconcelli,² Gerhard Flachowsky, Jürgen Gropp, Boris Kolar, Secundino López Puente, Marta López-Alonso, Alberto Mantovani, Baltasar Mayo, Fernando Ramos, Guido Rychen,³ Maria Saarela, Roberto Edoardo Villa, Robert John Wallace and Pieter Wester.

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

FEED Unit: Manuela Tiramani, Jaume Galobart, Montserrat Anguita, Rosella Brozzi and Oriol Ribó.

LRA Unit: Simone Gabbi⁴

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

Panel members attended the Inaugural meeting and Induction training on 7 July (PM) and 8 July (AM).⁵

¹ Present only on 8 and 9 July.

² Present only on 8 and 9 July.

³ Present only on 8 and 9 July.

⁴ Present only on 8 July for item 5.

1. Welcome and tour de table

The FEED Head of Unit welcomed the participants. All Panel experts and the members of the FEED Unit introduced themselves.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from María Luisa Fernández-Cruz and Maryline Kouba.

3. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

4. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Panel members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes⁶ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest,⁷ EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

5. Election of Chair and two Vice-Chairs

Prof. Guido Rychen was elected as Chair of the FEEDAP Panel and Prof. Secundino López Puente and Dr. Maria Saarela as Vice-Chairs.

6. Applicable Regulatory Framework and presentation of the Panel specific guidance documents

The legal basis for the assessment of feed additives and an overview of the guidelines and guidance documents were given by the FEED Unit.

7. Work Programme 2015-2018

The work program for the Panel for the current mandate was presented. The main focus of the work will be to finalise the re-evaluation of feed additives, the starting of the renewal and the update of guidance documents.

8. Administrative matters in relation to plenary meetings - including meeting dates 2015/2016

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/event/150707-a.pdf>

⁶ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencypolicy.pdf>

⁷ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

The Panel was informed on the main administrative matters regarding the organisation and development of plenary meetings. The dates for the plenaries for 2015 and 2016 were agreed as follows: 8-10 September 2015, 20-22 October 2015, 1-3 December 2015, 26-28 January 2016, 8-10 March 2016, 19-21 April 2016, 24-26 May 2016, 5-7 July 2016, 6-8 September 2016, 18-20 October 2016, 6-8 December 2016.

9. Agreement on best practices during plenary meetings: role and responsibilities of experts and staff

Discussion took place on the best practices that should be taken during plenary meetings. The role of the unit staff and experts was also discussed.

10. Presentation of the Document Management System

The electronic platform used by EFSA to share documents with the experts was presented.

11. Scientific topics for discussion and/or possible adoption

11.1. Lactic acid and calcium lactate for all animal species ([EFSA-Q-2010-01221](#))

The rapporteur presented the question and the draft opinion. This question refers to the authorisation under Article 4 and the re-evaluation under Article 10 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 of lactic acid and calcium lactate as technological additives for all animal species.

The draft opinion was discussed. The Panel concluded that both additives are safe for the consumer, user, environment and for functional ruminants and pigs; however, no conclusion could be drawn on their safety for pre-ruminants and poultry. The Panel considered both additives efficacious.

The opinion was adopted.

11.2. Erythrosine for cats and dogs, ornamental fish, reptiles ([EFSA-Q-2013-00340](#))

Not discussed due to lack of time

11.3. Biosprint® (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae* MUCL 39885) for dairy buffaloes, dairy sheep, dairy goats, goats for fattening and buffaloes for fattening ([EFSA-Q-2014-00792](#))

The rapporteur presented the question and the draft opinion. This question refers to the authorisation under Article 4 of Regulation (EC)

No 1831/2003 of Biosprint® (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae* MUCL 39885) as a zootechnical additive for dairy buffaloes, dairy sheep, dairy goats, goats for fattening and buffaloes for fattening.

The draft opinion was discussed. The Panel concluded that the additive is safe and efficacious in the target species.

The opinion was adopted.⁸

11.4. Optiphos® (6-phytase) for pigs for fattening ([EFSA-Q-2014-00829](#))

The Chair of the Working Group presented the question and the draft opinion. This question refers to the modification of the terms of authorisation under Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 of Optiphos® (6-phytase) as a zootechnical additive for pigs for fattening.

The draft opinion was discussed. The Panel concluded that the new minimum recommended dose is efficacious in pigs for fattening.

The opinion was adopted.⁹

12. New mandates

12.1. Valid applications under Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 since the previous meeting

Applications considered valid for the start of the assessment:

EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Valid on
EFSA-Q-2014-00592	Iron Dextran for piglets	18/06/2015
EFSA-Q-2014-00586	Bergazym® P 100 (endo-1,4-beta-xylanase) for chickens for fattening, piglets (weaned), pigs for fattening	24/06/2015

These applications were assigned to the respective working groups.

12.2. New questions under Regulation (EC) No 178/2002

EFSA-Q-Number	Subject
EFSA-Q-2015-00435	Maximum copper content in complete feed

13. Feedback from the Scientific Committee/Scientific Panels, EFSA, the European Commission

Experts were informed about the specialised courses that EFSA offers to experts.

⁸ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/4199.htm>

⁹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/4200.htm>

Experts were also informed about the 2nd Scientific conference “Shaping the future of food safety, together” that will take place in Milan on 14-16 October.

14. Other scientific topics for information and/or discussion

Not discussed.

15. Agreement on Working Groups and appointment of Working Group Chairs

The Panel agreed on the need for the Standing Working Groups listed in the table below. The Chair of the Panel nominated the Chairs of these Standing Working Groups (see table).

Experts were invited to indicate to which of these standing working groups they are interested to participate.

Working Group	Chair
Amino acids and Vitamins	John Wallace
Feed materials	Andrew Chesson
Coccidiostats and histomonostats	Jürgen Gropp
Colouring agents	Gabriele Aquilina
Enzymes	Guido Rychen
Feed flavourings	Andrew Chesson
Genetically modified microorganisms	Pier Sandro Cocconcelli
Microorganisms	Maria Saarela
Other additives	Secundino López
Trace elements	Alberto Mantovani
Technological additives	Jürgen Gropp

16. Any other business

Not discussed.