

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

Minutes of the 126th Plenary meeting

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(Agreed by written procedure on 29 May 2017)

Participants

■ Panel Members

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■ Hearing Experts:

N/A

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Marta Ponghellini (DG SANTE)

■ EFSA:

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1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Giovanna Azimonti.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Panel members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest and the Specific Declarations of Interest filled in by the Scientific Panel 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.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 125th Plenary meeting held on 21-23 March 2017

The minutes of the 125th Plenary meeting held on 21-23 March 2017 were agreed by written procedure on 31 March 2017.³

5. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion and/or possible adoption

5.1 Avatec® 150G (Lasalocid A sodium) for chickens for fattening, chickens reared for laying, turkeys for fattening, minor avian species (pheasants, guinea fowl, quails and partridges), except laying birds ([EFSA-Q-2013-00813](#))

The Chair of the Working Group (WG) presented the question and the draft opinion. This question refers to the re-evaluation under Article 10 and the modification of the terms of the authorisation under article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 of Avatec® 150G as a coccidiostat for chickens for fattening, chickens reared for laying, turkeys for fattening and minor avian species except laying birds.

The draft opinion was discussed. Discussion focussed mainly on the characterisation of the additive, the safety for the target species, consumer, user and environment and the efficacy. The opinion was adopted.

5.2 Amylofeed (endo-1,3(4)-beta-glucanase, endo-1,4-beta-xylanase and alpha-amylase) for piglets and minor porcine species ([EFSA-Q-2014-00503](#))

The Chair of the WG presented the question and the draft opinion. EFSA has been requested to deliver an opinion on the safety and efficacy of Amylofeed as a zootechnical additive for piglets and minor porcine species based on the additional information provided by the applicant.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/event/170124-0m.pdf>

The draft opinion was discussed. Discussion focused mainly on the characterisation of the additive, the safety for the consumer and the efficacy. The opinion was adopted.

5.3 Fra Octazyme C Dry (alpha-galactosidase, alpha-amylase, endo-1,3(4)-beta-glucanase, endo-1,4-beta-glucanase, mannan-endo-1,4-beta-mannosidase, pectinase, protease, endo-1,4-beta-xylanase) for chickens for fattening and weaned piglets ([EFSA-Q-2014-00575](#))

Not discussed due to lack of time.

5.4 *Bacillus subtilis* PB6 (*Bacillus subtilis* ATCC PTA-6737) for sows, in order to have benefits in piglets ([EFSA-Q-2014-00587](#))

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 *Bacillus subtilis* PB6 (*Bacillus subtilis* ATCC PTA-6737) as a zootechnical additive for sows.

The draft opinion was discussed. Discussion focussed mainly on the efficacy. The opinion was adopted.

5.5 Zinc chelate of methionine hydrate (BIOMET® Zn) for all animal species ([EFSA-Q-2015-00549](#))

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 zinc chelate of methionine hydrate as a nutritional additive for all animal species.

The draft opinion was discussed. Discussion focussed mainly on the characterisation of the compound and the safety for the target species. The opinion was adopted.

5.6 L-Threonine for produced by *Escherichia coli* for all animal species ([EFSA-Q-2016-00074](#))

Not discussed due to lack of time.

5.7 Beltherm MP and Beltherm ML (endo-1,4-beta-xylanase) for chickens for fattening, chickens reared for laying, minor poultry species, turkeys for breeding purposes, turkeys reared for breeding, turkeys for fattening ([EFSA-Q-2016-00179](#))

Not discussed due to lack of time.

5.8 SELSAF (Selenium enriched yeast, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* CNCM I-3399) for all animal species ([EFSA-Q-2016-00346](#))

Not discussed due to lack of time.

5.9 L-Arginine produced by fermentation with *Corynebacterium glutamicum* KCCM80099 (L-arginine feed grade) for all animal species ([EFSA-Q-2016-00405](#))

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 L-Arginine produced with *Corynebacterium glutamicum* KCCM80099 as a nutritional additive for all animal species.

The draft opinion was discussed. Discussion focussed mainly on the characterisation of the additive, the safety for target species, consumer, user and the environment. The opinion was adopted.

5.10 Lactic acid and calcium lactate for all animal species ([EFSA-Q-2016-00645](#))

Not discussed due to lack of time.

5.11 *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* NCIMB 30229 for all animal species ([EFSA-Q-2016-00646](#))

The rapporteur presented the question and the draft opinion. EFSA has been requested to deliver an opinion on the safety and efficacy of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* NCIMB 30229 as a technological additive for all animal species based on the additional information provided by the applicant.

The draft opinion was discussed. Discussion focused mainly on the safety for the target species, consumers, users and environment and on the efficacy. The opinion was adopted.

5.12 Guidance on the characterisation of microorganisms used as feed additives or as production organism ([EFSA-Q-2016-00069](#) & [EFSA-Q-2017-00211](#))

The rapporteur presented the question and the draft guidance. This question refers to the self-task of the Panel on the revision of the guidance documents.

The draft guidance was discussed. This guidance document covers the requirements for the proper characterisation of microbial strains used as feed additives or as a source of them, and also some particular requirements for feed additives produced by microbial fermentation, including those related to the genetic modification of

microorganisms used as production strains. The draft guidance was endorsed. It will be subject to public consultation once it has been endorsed by the ANS, CEF and GMO Panels.

5.13 Guidance on the assessment of the safety of feed additives for the consumer ([EFSA-Q-2016-00822](#))

The rapporteur presented the question and the draft guidance. This question refers to the self-task of the Panel on the revision of the guidance documents.

The draft guidance was discussed. This guidance document covers the assessment of the safety of feed additives for the consumer. The draft guidance was endorsed for public consultation.

5.14 Guidance on the identity, characterisation and conditions of use of feed additives ([EFSA-Q-2016-00823](#))

The rapporteur presented the question and the draft guidance. This question refers to the self-task of the Panel on the revision of the guidance documents.

The draft guidance was discussed. This guidance documents covers the requirements for the proper identification and characterisation of feed additives. The draft guidance was endorsed for public consultation.

6. New mandates

6.1 New applications under Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 since the previous meeting

The Commission has forwarded to EFSA the following new applications of feed additives seeking authorisation under Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 since the last Plenary meeting. These applications were presented to the Panel:

EFSA-Q-Number	Subject
EFSA-Q-2017-00286	Actisaf® Sc 47 (<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> CNCM I-4407) for pigs for fattening
EFSA-Q-2017-00288	Lantharenol® (Lanthanum carbonate octahydrate) for cats
EFSA-Q-2017-00254	Econase® XT (endo-1,4-beta-xylanase) for laying hens
EFSA-Q-2017-00287	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i> DSM 28343 for piglets (weaned)
EFSA-Q-2017-00387	Preparation of 3-phytase (EC 3.1.3.8) produced by fermentation of a genetically modified strain of <i>Pichia pastoris</i> (strain ATCC 76273 / CBS 7435 / CECT 11047) for chickens reared for laying and minor poultry species

6.2 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-2017-00127	Hostazym® (endo-1,4-beta-xylanase) for carp	21/03/2017
EFSA-Q-2016-00868	BioWorma® (<i>Duddingtonia flagrans</i> IAH 1297) for all grazing animals	10/04/2017
EFSA-Q-2017-00090	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i> DSM 28343 for calves for rearing	20/04/2017
EFSA-Q-2017-00103	Benzoic acid for pigs for fattening	28/04/2017
EFSA-Q-2016-00833	Amaferm (fermentation product of <i>Aspergillus oryzae</i> NRRL 458) for dairy cows	05/05/2017
EFSA-Q-2016-00314	Cashew nut shell liquid for all animal species	08/05/2017

These applications were assigned to the respective working groups.

6.3 New questions under Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 since the previous meeting

EFSA-Q-Number	Subject
EFSA-Q-2017-00213	Lignosulphonate for all animal species

This question was assigned to the respective working group.

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

7.1 EFSA

Not discussed.

7.2 Scientific Committee

Not discussed.

7.3 Working Groups

Not discussed.

8. Other scientific topics for information and/or discussion

Not discussed.

9. Any other business

- a)** The Panel set the dates for the plenaries in 2018 as follows: 20-22 February, 17-19 April, 12-14 June, July (tbd), 2-4 October and 27-29 November.