



**MINUTES OF THE 9<sup>TH</sup> PLENARY MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC PANEL  
ON ADDITIVES AND PRODUCTS OR SUBSTANCES USED IN ANIMAL  
FEED  
(BRUSSELS, 14-15 APRIL 2004)**

**(ADOPTED ON 5 MAY 2004)**

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**PARTICIPANTS**

Panel Members:

Arturo Anadón, Georges Bories, Paul Brantom, Joaquim Brufau de Barbera, Andrew Chesson, Pier Sandro Cocconcelli, Anne-Katrine Haldorsen, Joop de Knecht, Noël Dierick (1<sup>st</sup> day), Anders Franklin, Jürgen Gropp, Ingrid Halle, Kimmo Peltonen, Guido Rychen (2<sup>nd</sup> day), Pascal Sanders

Apologies

Margarita Arboix Arzo, Noël Dierick (2<sup>nd</sup> day), Gerhard Flachowsky, Josef Leibetseder, Alberto Mantovani, Guido Rychen (1<sup>st</sup> day), Pieter Wester

EFSA

Liisa Vahteristo, Claudia Roncancio Pena, Sandrine Valentin (scientific staff), Dominique Byron (administrative staff)

European Commission

Marta Ponghellini, Michael Walsh (2<sup>nd</sup> day)

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**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The chair opened the meeting and welcomed all the participants to the 9<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting of the FEEDAP Panel. Dr. Roncancio Pena was welcomed as new scientific support staff in the FEEDAP secretariat.

Members not able to attend the meeting had sent their apologies (see under participants).

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no specific interests declared.

### **3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The chair proposed to change the order of the agenda. The agenda was adopted with the proposed re-arrangement of items.

### **4. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 8<sup>TH</sup> PLENARY MEETING ON 3-4/03/2004**

The minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting of the Scientific Panel held on 3-4 March 2004 were adopted. The previously adopted minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting were distributed to all the members.

### **5. GENERAL INFORMATION FROM EFSA**

The Scientific Co-ordinator gave a short overview of the developments at EFSA, as well as an update on some general issues related to all the panels. Concerning the move to Parma, a temporary building will probably be rented as the construction of a permanent building for EFSA will need more time. Timetable for the move remains open for the moment. The EFSA's staff has been rapidly growing in the past months and in the area of feed additives and animal nutrition it will soon be reinforced with the arrival of two new colleagues. The panel was informed that the register of questions for all the requests for scientific opinions addressed to EFSA has been published on the EFSA web site. It will be frequently updated.

### **6. WORK PROGRAM**

#### **6.1. Discussion and possible adoption of the following scientific opinions**

##### **Re-evaluation of coccidiostats in accordance with article 9G of Directive 70/524/EEC:**

###### **- Avatec**

The Rapporteur of the Working Group introduced the draft document. The major modifications carried out on the draft from the last plenary were presented. The summary, conclusions and recommendations sections of the document were discussed thoroughly and commented upon. A revised document taking account of amendments requested were presented the following day and adopted by the Panel still subject to several editorial modifications.

###### **- Cycostat**

Not discussed.

###### **- Kokcisan**

Not discussed.

##### **Micro-organisms Products:**

###### **- MLB for dogs**

The draft document was briefly introduced by a member from the Working Group on Micro-organisms. It was concluded that the product appears to be safe for the target animal. The effects of MLB on the shedding of intestinal pathogens should be clarified before final

conclusions on the safety for the owner can be made. After a short discussion, the opinion was adopted subject to some editorial changes.

#### **- Oralin for dogs**

The Rapporteur from the Working Group on Micro-organisms introduced the draft document for discussion. The Panel decided to include a sentence mentioning that the duration of the tolerance study is less than desirable, but acceptable given the established safety of the product for a number of livestock species. In summary, the product appeared to be safe for dogs and for humans having contact with the dog. The document was adopted provided the requested changes are incorporated.

### **Enzymes Products:**

#### **- Endofeed for laying hens**

The Rapporteur from the Working Group on Enzymes introduced the question and the draft opinion for discussion. The Panel reviewed parts of the report. The relevance of the parameters used to demonstrate the efficacy of the additive was discussed, particularly the parameters egg mass/egg weight. The draft report was sent back to the Working Group to be amended according to the remarks made during the discussion. A revised document should be presented in the next plenary meeting.

### **6.2. Progress reports on ongoing work**

Not discussed due to lack of time.

## **7. SELF-TASKING**

The three self-tasks<sup>1</sup> approved by the Panel during the 7<sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting in February had been forwarded to the Executive Director of EFSA for consideration. The panel has now been formally requested to include these tasks to the work programme and to schedule the work. According to the proposed priorities and timelines, the highest priority will be given to the development of approach for environmental risk assessment as well as to the updating of the criteria to antibiotics resistance.

The self-tasking on environmental risk assessment will be dealt by a new Working Group to be established. The work on antibiotic resistance criterias is to be initialised in the existing WG on micro-organisms and later to be extended by invited ad hoc experts. Rapporteurs nominated for each WG were advised to collect new data on their respective tasks and to include external experts in the work.

The third self tasking on detoxificans for mycotoxins was considered to have lowest priority and will be dealt jointly with the experts identified by CONTAM Panel.

- The assessment of herbs, essential oils and other plants products as “additives” for use in animal nutrition

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<sup>1</sup> Development of an approach for the environmental risk assessment of additives, products and substances used in animal feed.

<sup>2</sup> Updating of the criteria used in the assessment of bacteria for resistance to antibiotics of human or veterinary importance.

<sup>3</sup> Development of guidance to assess the efficiency and safety of detoxifying agents for mycotoxins

Background and terms of reference was presented to the members of the Panel. The Panel supported and agreed on this proposal for self tasking. It will be forward to the Executive Director for consideration and possible incorporation to the Panel's work program.

## **8. OFFICIAL REQUESTS TO EFSA RECEIVED FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

### **- Question on KDF Preservative for all animal categories (EFSA-Q-2004-024)**

The Commission asks the European Food Safety Authority to issue an opinion on the safety for consumer, target species, user and environment, and the efficacy of the product based on potassium diformate for raw fish material. A new Working Group was established to address this question. The deadline proposed by the Commission for the assessment is September 2004. The expected completion date is approximately half a year from the date all the data has been received.

### **- Question on L-histidine for salmonids (EFSA-Q-2004-030)**

The Commission asks the European Food Safety Authority to issue an opinion on the safety for the target animals, the worker, the user, the consumer and the environment and the efficacy of L-histidine monohydrochloride monohydrate. The request will be dealt within a new Working Group for which a Rapporteur, and several members were already identified.

### **- Question on Formaldehyde as feed additive (EFSA-Q-2004-032)**

The Commission asks the European Food Safety Authority to provide an opinion on formaldehyde when used in animal feed with the purpose of preservation. The safety for the target species poultry will be addressed. The questions is a follow up task to an opinion issued by SCAN last updated in October 2002. The request will be dealt within the same Working Group as the product KDF Preservative. The deadline proposed by the Commission for the assessment is September 2004.

## **9. FEEDBACK FROM THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE HELD ON 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2004**

Not discussed.

## **10. MISCELLANEOUS**

- An additional Plenary meeting is planned for the 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> June. The new date should be confirmed soon.
- The May Plenary meeting will be held in Barcelona the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> May. A special open session to representative organisations including consumer organisations and other stakeholders or interested parties will be organized during this meeting. Invitation and information notice will be placed shortly on the EFSA web site. EFSA would like to collect views of the representative organisations on issues related to the new regulation (Regulation (EC) N°1831/2003). Participation will be possible by e-mail registration.