MINUTES OF THE 31ST PLENARY MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON ADDITIVES AND PRODUCTS OR SUBSTANCES USED IN ANIMAL FEED

(PARMA, 14-15 JUNE 2006)

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PARTICIPANTS

Panel Members:
Georges Bories, Paul Brantom, Joaquim Brufau de Barberà (1st day), Andrew Chesson, Pier Sandro Cocconcelli (1st day), Noël Dierick, Jürgen Gropp, Ingrid Halle, Christer Hogstrand, Lubomir Leng, Anne-Katrine Lundebye Haldorsen, Alberto Mantovani, Miklos Mézes, Carlo Stefano Nebbia (1st day), Walter Rambeck, Guido Rychen, Atte von Wright, Pieter Wester

Apologies
Joaquim Brufau de Barberà (2nd day), Pier Sandro Cocconcelli (2nd day), Anders Franklin, Joop de Knecht, Carlo Stefano Nebbia (2nd day)

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Claudia Roncancio-Peña, Jaume Galobart, Maria Vittoria Vettori, Gloria López-Gálvez, Lucilla Gregoretti (scientific staff), Ketty Antonelli (administrative staff)

European Commission
Marta Ponghellini, Miguel Angel Granero (1st day), Täina Sateri (video conference) (DG Health and Consumer Protection); Christoph von Holst (2nd day) (DG Joint Research Centre)

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1. WELCOME, OPENING AND GENERAL PRESENTATIONS OF EFSA DEPARTMENTS

Dr. Herman Koeter (acting as Executive Director) welcomed the participants and presented a general introduction about the mission of EFSA. The different EFSA departments presented to all Panel members the general activities of EFSA:

- Introduction of the scientific work — *Djien Liem*
- Legal aspects including declarations of interest — *Dirk Detken*
- Financial aspects — *François Monnart*
- Communication strategy — *Anne-Laure Gassin*
- Institutional and international relations — *Christine Majewski*

After those general presentations, the Panel members make a small introduction of themselves, focussing on their areas of interest and expertise.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

4. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIRS OF THE FEEDAP PANEL

The Scientific Co-ordinator (SC) explained the procedure of the election of the Chair and Vice-chairs.

After the election took place, Prof. Andrew Chesson was elected Chair of the FEEDAP Panel and Prof. Jürgen Gropp and Dr. Piet Wester were elected Vice-Chairs of the FEEDAP Panel.

5. MANDATE OF THE FEEDAP PANEL

The SC explained which is the mandate and tasks of the FEEDAP Panel. An introduction to the legal basis for the assessment of feed additives took place, as well as a short introduction on the EFSAnet.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The members were invited to submit all documents in relation to declarations on confidentiality, commitment of independence and annual declaration of interest to the administrative secretariat. No interests were declared relevant to the items of the agenda.

7. WORK PROGRAM

7.1. Discussion and possible adoption of the following scientific opinions

- **Safety and efficacy of Levucell SC20/SC10ME (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*) for dairy goats and dairy ewes (EFSA-Q-2005-176)**

  The Rapporteur of the working group (WG) on Micro-organisms introduced the draft opinion. This question refers to a feed additive application under Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003. The applicant is seeking an authorisation for the product Levucell SC20/SC10ME to be used as a feed additive for dairy goats and dairy ewes (category: zootechnical additives; functional group: other zootechnical additives). A new draft was presented addressing the concerns raised in the previous plenary. Efficacy of the product for these two minor species has been accepted on the basis of the well known mode of action of yeasts in ruminants and the evidence provided by two experiments with positive results in milk production. The product is also considered safe for these two target species.

  The opinion was adopted after some editorial modifications.

- **Safety and efficacy of Belfeed 1100MP/B1100ML (Endo-1,4-beta xylanase EC 3.2.1.8) for ducks for fattening (EFSA-Q-2005-115)**

  The Rapporteur of the WG on Enzymes introduced the draft opinion. This question refers to a feed additive application under Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003. The applicant is seeking an authorisation for the product Belfeed B1100 MP/B1100ML to be used as a feed additive for ducks for fattening (category: zootechnical additives; functional group: digestibility enhancers).

The data presented by the applicant did not provide enough evidence to support efficacy. However, the evidence that this enzymatic preparation has the same mode of action in ducks as in the physiologically similar major species (chickens for fattening and turkeys for fattening) suggests that the product would also be efficacious in this minor species. This product is also considered safe for the target species.

The opinion was adopted with minor editorial modifications.

- **Safety of the enzyme preparation Avizyme 1500 for turkeys for fattening (EFSA-Q-2006-023)**

  The Rapporteur of the WG on Enzymes introduced the draft opinion. The Commission asks the European Food Safety Authority to deliver an opinion on the safety of the enzyme preparation "Avizyme 1500" as feed additive for turkeys for fattening. On July 20th 2005, the FEEDAP Panel adopted an opinion on the safety of this product for turkeys for fattening in which it was considered that the tolerance study was too short to allow concluding on the safety for the target species. The Applicant has now provided a new tolerance study. Based on the results of this new tolerance study, the FEEDAP Panel considers that Avizyme 1500 is safe for turkeys for fattening.

  The opinion was adopted.

- **Safety and efficacy of Natuphos® (3-phytase). Change of production strain and double concentration (EFSA-Q-2005-116)**

  The Rapporteur of the WG on Enzymes introduced the draft opinion. This question refers to a feed additive application under Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003. The applicant is seeking an authorisation of a new production strain (*Aspergillus niger* CBS 101.672) of the product Natuphos® and for the authorisation of new liquid and solid formulations with double concentration. This opinion is co-adopted with the GMO Panel.[1]

  The document was reviewed. Regarding the new double concentrated forms, it was concluded that the changes introduced in the formulations would not have an adverse effect on safety or efficacy of the product currently authorised.

  Regarding the change in the production strain, efficacy was considered not to be affected by the change in the producing strain, and the data presented for turkeys for fattening support efficacy at the lowest recommended dose. The tolerance studies presented demonstrated that the product is safe for chickens for fattening, piglets and pigs for fattening. However, there is not enough evidence to conclude on the safety of this enzyme preparation for laying hens, turkeys and sows due to the short duration of the studies provided.

  The opinion was adopted after some minor editorial changes.

8. PROGRESS REPORT ON ONGOING WORK

Not discussed.

9. NEW REQUESTS TO EFSA RECEIVED FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

None

[1] Date of adoption GMO Panel 17th May, 2006

10. MISCELLANEOUS

The Panel raised the issue that the daily allowance and special allowance have been maintained at the same level at least for the last nine years (from SCAN). It was proposed to raise this issue to EFSA's management as soon as possible, as well to record this issue in the minutes of the Plenary meeting.