

**MINUTES OF THE 54TH PLENARY MEETING
OF THE SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON ADDITIVES AND PRODUCTS OR SUBSTANCES USED IN
ANIMAL FEED**

(PARMA, 9-11 DECEMBER 2008)

(ADOPTED ON 3 FEBRUARY 2009)

PARTICIPANTS

Panel Members

Georges Bories, Paul Brantom, Joaquim Brufau de Barberà, Andrew Chesson, Pier Sandro Cocconcelli, Joop de Knecht, Bogdan Debski, Noël Dierick (1st and 2nd days), Jürgen Gropp, Ingrid Halle, Christer Hogstrand, Lubomir Leng, Sven Lindgren, Anne Katrine Lundebye-Haldorsen (1st and 2nd days), Alberto Mantovani (1st and 2nd days), Miklós Mézes, Carlo Stefano Nebbia (2nd and 3rd days), Walter Rambeck, Guido Rychen (2nd and 3rd days), Pieter Wester, Atte von Wright.

Apologies

Noël Dierick (3rd day), Anne Katrine Lundebye-Haldorsen (3rd day), Alberto Mantovani (3rd day), Carlo Stefano Nebbia (1st day), Guido Rychen (1st day).

EFSA

Claudia Roncancio-Peña, Jaume Galobart, Gloria López-Gálvez, Matteo Innocenti (scientific staff), Nicola Reynolds (administrative staff).

European Commission

Marta Ponghellini, Marina Marini (DG SANCO).

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed the participants to the 54th Plenary meeting of the FEEDAP Panel.

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

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted after some modifications. The following draft opinions were withdrawn from the discussion:

- Avizyme 1505 (endo-1,4-beta-xylanase, alpha-amylase, subtilisin) for chickens for fattening and ducks (EFSA-Q-2007-020)
- Avizyme 1505 (endo-1,4-beta-xylanase, alpha-amylase, subtilisin) for turkeys for fattening (EFSA-Q-2007-112)
- Yea-Sacc 1026[®] (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*) for horses (EFSA-Q-2008-009)

and one additional draft opinion was scheduled for discussion:

- Phyzyme XP 10000 TPT/L (6-phytase) for chickens, turkeys and ducks for fattening, laying hens, piglets (weaned), pigs for fattening and sows (EFSA-Q-2008-272).

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Joaquim Brufau declared that his institute had performed some studies for the dossier on Natugrain TS and therefore he did not participate in the discussion/adoption of the opinion. No other interests were declared regarding the items on the agenda.

4. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 53RD PLENARY MEETING ON 18-19 NOVEMBER 2008

The minutes of the 53rd Plenary meeting of the Scientific Panel held on 18-19 November 2008 were reviewed and adopted.¹

5. WORK PROGRAM

5.1. Discussion and possible adoption of the following scientific opinions

- **Probiotic Lactina (*Lactobacillus acidophilus*, *L. helveticus*, *L. bulgaricus*, *L. lactis*, *Streptococcus thermophilus* and *Enterococcus faecium*) for chickens for fattening and pigs (piglets) (EFSA-Q-2006-135)**

The Rapporteur of the working group (WG) presented the question and the draft opinion. This question refers to an application for the authorisation of a feed additive under Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003. The applicant is asking for authorisation of this product to be used as a zootechnical feed additive in chickens for fattening and piglets.

The draft opinion was reviewed. Due to the lack of data in the technical dossier, the Panel could not characterise the product, neither reach a conclusion on the efficacy and safety for the target species or the consumers.

The opinion was adopted.²

- **Self-task on functional groups under zootechnical additives (EFSA-Q-2007-173)**

The Rapporteur of the WG presented the question and the draft opinion. This question refers to a self-tasking activity. The Panel identified the need of a revision of the scientific basis of the functional groups under the category of zootechnical additives, as defined in Annex 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003.

The opinion was reviewed. The scientific basis of the current functional groups under zootechnical additives was reviewed and the Panel proposed the creation of new categories/functional groups.

The opinion was adopted.³

- **Natugrain TS (endo-1,4- β -xylanase; endo-1,4- β -glucanase) for piglets (weaned), laying hens, chickens and turkeys for fattening and ducks (EFSA-Q-2008-013)**

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/cs/BlobServer/Event_Meeting/feedap_minutes_53rd_plenmeet.pdf?ssbinary=true

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/EFSA/efsa_locale-1178620753812_1211902299683.htm

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/EFSA/efsa_locale-1178620753812_1211902222040.htm

The Rapporteur of the WG presented the question and the draft opinion. This question refers to an application for the authorisation of a feed additive under Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003. The applicant is asking for authorisation of this product to be used as a zootechnical feed additive for piglets (weaned), laying hens, chickens and turkeys for fattening and ducks. This enzyme preparation is produced by a genetically modified micro-organism. The GMO Panel assessed the safety of the genetic modification and adopted their part of the opinion on 3 December 2008.

The Panel concluded that the product is efficacious and safe for the target species, as well as for the consumer and environment. No particular concern for the safety of the users is expected from the use of Natugrain TS provided that standard protective measures for enzyme preparations are implemented.

The opinion was adopted.⁴

- **Phyzyme XP 10000 TPT/L (6-phytase) for chickens, turkeys and ducks for fattening, laying hens, piglets (weaned), pigs for fattening and sows (EFSA-Q-2008-272)**

The Rapporteur of the WG presented the question and the draft opinion. This question refers to an application for the authorisation of a feed additive under Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003. The applicant is asking for authorisation of this product to be used as a zootechnical feed additive for chickens for fattening, laying hens, ducks for fattening, turkeys for fattening, piglets (weaned), pigs for fattening and sows. In particular, the applicant is requesting the authorisation of a double concentrated form of an existing product, Phyzyme XP 5000, approved for all of the above-mentioned target species.

The FEEDAP Panel considers that the conclusions on safety and efficacy for the original product Phyzyme XP 5000 fully applied to the new formulation given that the proposed feed concentrations of phytase are unchanged.

The opinion was adopted.⁵

- **Toyocerin (*Bacillus cereus* var. *toyoi*) for rabbit breeding does (EFSA-Q-2008-287)**

The Rapporteur of the WG presented the question and the draft opinion. This question refers to an application for the authorisation of a feed additive under Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003. The applicant is asking for authorisation of this product to be used as a zootechnical feed additive in rabbit breeding does.

The draft opinion was reviewed. The safety of this product for the consumers, users and the environment has been established in previous opinions. The Panel considered that there is evidence of the efficacy of Toyocerin when used in diets for breeding does. The Panel considers that the product is safe for breeding does. Considering the data on tolerance for rabbits for fattening and the authorised use of the product in many target species, the Panel concluded that it is unlikely that an adverse response in suckling kits would be seen.

The opinion was adopted.⁶

- **Bonvital (*Enterococcus faecium*) for chickens for fattening (EFSA-Q-2008-289)**

The Rapporteur of the WG presented the question and the draft opinion. This question refers to an application for the authorisation of a feed additive under Article 4(1) of Regulation

⁴ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/EFSA/efsa_locale-1178620753812_1211902225382.htm

⁵ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/EFSA/efsa_locale-1178620753812_1211902224372.htm

⁶ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/EFSA/efsa_locale-1178620753812_1211902299515.htm

(EC) No 1831/2003. The applicant is seeking authorisation of this product as a zootechnical feed additive for chickens for fattening.

The draft opinion was discussed and the Panel identified the need for further information which will be requested to the applicant.

5.2. Discussion of the following scientific opinions

- Availa[®] Cr (chromium methionine) for all species (EFSA-Q-2006-066)

The draft opinion on Availa[®]Cr was discussed, in its part related to the Assessment of Chromium(III) as trace element in animal nutrition. Due to the lack of time the following chapters were not discussed: safety for the consumer, user and the environment.

6. PROGRESS REPORT ON ONGOING WORK

Not discussed

7. FEEDBACK FROM THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Not discussed.

8. NEW REQUESTS TO EFSA RECEIVED FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

8.1. New applications under Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003

The Commission has forwarded to EFSA one new application of feed additives seeking authorisation under Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 since the last Plenary meeting. This application is currently being checked for completeness:

- **Animavit (*Bacillus subtilis*)**. Zootechnical additive for piglets (weaned) and pigs for fattening (EFSA-Q-2008-771)

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

Applications considered valid for the start of the assessment:

- **Ronozyme[®] WX (Endo-1,4- β -xylanase)**. Zootechnical additive for poultry, piglets (weaned) and pigs for fattening (EFSA-Q-2008-419) Validated on 28 November 2008.
- **Ronozyme[®] NP (6-phytase)**. Zootechnical additive for poultry, piglets (weaned) and pigs for fattening (EFSA-Q-2008-430) Validated on 8 December 2008.

9. GENERAL INFORMATION FROM EFSA

- The Panel was reminded that the public call for expressions of interest for membership of the Scientific Panels of EFSA is open. The deadline for applications is 7 January 2009.

10. MISCELLANEOUS

- The Panel agreed to extend the Plenary meeting of February with an extra day: 3-5 February 2009.