



European Food Safety Authority

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

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The regulatory framework

The General Food Law

Regulation (EC) 178/2002

Feed Hygiene
Reg. (EC) 183/2005

Feed Materials
Reg. (EC) 767/2009

Feed Additives
Reg. (EC) 1831/2003

The FEEDAP Panel provides independent scientific advice on the safety and/or efficacy of additives used in animal feed.

This may extend to feed materials in the future

The Panel evaluates safety for the target species, the consumer of products of animal origin, the user and the environment and/or efficacy.

The Panel performs most of its work in the context of specific authorisation procedures (on request of EC) or as a self-task.

The Panel of Experts

The 21 members of the Panel together represent over 500 years of working/ research-based expertise covering :

Animal physiology, biochemistry, pharmacology, toxicology, microbiology, (animal) nutrition (including fish), veterinary sciences, feed materials and technology, husbandry, product quality, ecotoxicology.

The FEEDAP Unit

The Unit is divided in two teams:

1.Team Opinions. Providing scientific support to the Panel on the preparation of opinions.

2.Team Applications. Dealing with administrative issues linked with the applications/dossiers.

FEEDAP – Workload 2008

9 Plenary meetings (2-3 days)

73 Standing WG meetings (1-3 days)

15 Ad-hoc WG meetings (1-2 days)

23 Other meetings/presentations

plus preparatory work

FEEDAP – Workload 2006-2009

152 Questions received

100 Opinions adopted

38 clock stopped

14 Opinions in progress

15 Guidance documents*

*** Plus one administrative guidance document for applicants**

The panel worked closely with Commission staff developing the implementing rules for the feed additives directive

[Regulation (EC) 429/2008]

Over the same period, the panel developed and published on the EFSA website 15 guidance documents for applicants

Help for applicants is continuously being revised and improved, reflecting both scientific progress and experience.

Applicants are offered “Technical hearings” on the assessment process

- **Pre-application meetings (usually dealt by the Unit)**
- **Requested during an assessment**
- **Requested after an assessment because of deficiencies identified preventing a final safety assessment**

7 technical hearings in 2008

An increasing number expected in 2009

Stakeholder Meetings 2008

Stakeholder Meeting in October in Parma
Attended by more than 100 participants,
from the industry, consultants, academia
and trade associations.

Stakeholder meetings on specific issues
Trace elements in Ghent
Silage additives in London

General information sessions
Organised by FEFAC in Brussels
Contributions by individual panel members

In addition to new applications, there will be a re-evaluation of all existing feed additives

About 2,700 additives – included in the Community register but never formally assessed or assessed according to different (national) standards. Intention is to ensure all feed additives have been assessed to a common standard

- **Number of dossiers speculative**
- **Priority list of additives, agreed at the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health**
- **Drip-fed to EFSA**

Measures to cope with the additional workload

Quality of applications

Better communication with applicants

Improved internal processing of applications

Increased throughput by the panel

More external WG members

Training of new members and enhancing role of rapporteur

Trialling a panel review group for draft opinions

Other measures

The challenge for FEEDAP

**Waking the
tightrope between
making assessments
proportional to risk
and ensuring
maximum security
for consumers**