MINUTES OF THE 4TH PLENARY MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON ADDITIVES AND PRODUCTS OR SUBSTANCES USED IN ANIMAL FEED (BRUSSELS, 22-23 OCTOBER 2003)

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PARTICIPANTS

Panel Members:
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Apologies
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EFSA
Liisa Vahteristo, Sandrine Valentin

European Commission
Marta Ponghellini (1st day), Eric Thévenard (2nd day) (DG Health and Consumer Protection,)

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1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The chair opened the meeting and welcomed all the participants to the 4th plenary meeting of the FEEDAP Panel. Members not able to attend the meeting had sent their apologies (see under participants). The chair welcomed two additional people to the EFSA team: Dominique Byron (new administrative secretary of FEEDAP Panel) and Sandrine Valentin (a national expert on secondment).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared relevant to the items on the agenda.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved after items for discussion on coccidiostat Avatec and micro-organism Biosprint BCCM™ /MU CL39885 were removed.

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 3RD PLENARY MEETING ON 9-10/09/2003

The minutes of the third plenary meeting of the Scientific Panel held on 9-10 September 2003 were adopted. These adopted minutes will be on the web site. The adopted minutes of the 2nd plenary meeting were distributed to all 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. The panel was informed that EFSA moved premises in early October to Rue de Genève 10 at the 6th and 7th floor. In addition, a note on liability regime for EFSA has been sent to the Scientific Committee members and will be distributed to all panel members.

6. FOLLOW-UP FROM THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17-18/09/03

The Chairman briefed the panel about the meeting held in September and informed that the October meeting of the Scientific Committee had been cancelled.

7. WORK PROGRAM

7.1. Discussion and possible adoption of scientific opinions

- Evaluation of coccidiostat Koffogran (nicarbazin)

The Rapporteur of the Working Group introduced the draft document. The Panel reviewed the report in detail except the summary and conclusion. The Rapporteur together with Working Group members were requested to amend the document according to the remarks made on this draft opinion. A revised document should be presented in the November plenary and the revised sections together with the summary and conclusions will then be discussed in detail.

- Re-evaluation of coccidiostat Stenorol (halofuginone hydrobromide) in accordance with article 9G of Directive 70/524/EEC

The Rapporteur of the Working Group introduced the revised draft document prepared to take account of the discussions during the previous plenary meeting. The Panel reviewed the draft summary and conclusions in detail. A revised draft summary and conclusions will be circulated before the next plenary and a final draft of the document will be proposed for adoption in the next plenary meeting.

7.2. Progress Reports on

- Re-evaluation/Evaluation of coccidiostats: Sacox 120 microGranulate, Kokcisan 120G, Biocox 120G (salinomycin sodium)

The Working Group(s) is developing an opinion on the three coccidiostats, all containing 12 % salinomycin sodium as the active substance. Salinomycin sodium is presently approved as a generic substance. The product Sacox is due for re-evaluation, the products Kokcisan and Biocox for their first evaluation, but all apply for brand specific approval (authorisation for 10 years). The Working Group proposed to merge some specific data which is not product dependent but merely common to the active substance of the three companies. This approach was supported by the Panel and consequently EFSA will directly contact these companies to obtain their agreement to do so.

- Micro-organisms

Next meeting of the Working Group is planned for December 16th.

- Enzymes

Next meeting of the Working Group is planned for November 18th.

- Question on the safety of use of iodine in feedingstuffs

First meeting of the Working Group was held the 21st October and next meeting is planned for December 10th.

- Question on use of the synthetic sodium aluminium silicate (zeolite) for the reduction of risk of milk fever in dairy cows

Not discussed.

- Question on the assessment of the safety of all carotenoids authorised in 70/524

Not discussed.

7.3. New questions received from the European Commission

EFSA had received three new questions on micro-organisms from the Commission which have been allocated to the FEEDAP Panel.

- Question on micro-organism product Toyocerin for pigs for fattening / Asahi Vet S.A. (SP)

The Commission asks the European Food Safety Authority to deliver an opinion on efficacy of this micro-organism product Toyocerin (*Bacillus cereus var. toyoi* NCIMB 40112/CNCM I-1012 for pigs for fattening. This product was evaluated by the SCAN and then efficacy was demonstrated for piglets and sows but not for pigs for fattening. The request will be dealt within the Working Group (WG) on Micro-Organisms. The deadline proposed by the Commission for the assessment is April 2004. The dossier has not yet been received.

- Question on micro-organism product Lactiferm for chickens for fattening/ Medipharm AB (SW)

The Commission asks the European Food Safety Authority to deliver an opinion on the safety of micro-organism product Lactiferm, (*Enterococcus faecium* NCIMB 11181) for the target animals, the human consumer, the user of the product and the environment. The request will be dealt within the WG on Micro-Organisms. The deadline proposed by the Commission for the assessment is March 2004.

- Question on micro-organism product Nutrigrow for pigs for fattening/ ADM Ringaskiddy, Co. Cork (IR)

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 product Nutrigrow which is a biomass residues obtained after fermentation of sugar cane molasses by *Candida guilliermondii* and belongs to the group 'Proteins obtained from yeasts cultivated on substrates of animal or vegetable origin'. The Commission in accordance with Article 6 of Directive 82/471/EEC required the opinion of the Scientific Committees on Food and Animal Nutrition. Respectively, two panels of EFSA should be consulted.

The request will be dealt within the Working Group (WG) on Micro-Organisms supported by another animal nutritionist. In case of specific problem requireing expertise from one of the panels dealing with food related issues their experts will be invited to join or otherwise to contribute to the assessment. The dossier has not yet been received.

7.4. Organisation of working groups

Not discussed.

8. MISCELLANEAOUS

- Regulation (EC) N°1381/2003 of 22nd September 2003 on Additives for use in Animal Nutrition

The Regulation (EC) N°1381/2003 of 22nd September 2003 on Additives for use in Animal Nutrition was given to the members of the Panel. This Regulation shall enter into force on the 20th day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union and shall apply from 12 months after the date of publication of this Regulation.

- Proposals for self tasking

Six proposals for self tasking had been submitted to the members of the Panel and four were considered to require further discussion within the Panel:

- Development of a guideline to assess herbs, essential oils and other plant products as feed additives;

- Development of a guideline to assess the efficacy of detoxificants for mycotoxins;

- Revising and updating the SCAN Antibiotics Opinion for future use by FEEDAP;

- Development of the use of models for environmental part assessment.

Four members will prepare one page background for each self tasking for the plenary in December.

- Dates of Plenary meetings in 2004

Dates for next year's Plenary meetings were confirmed to be those provisionally adopted in the September meeting: 27-28 January, 3-4 March, 5-6 May, 30 June-1 July, 14-15 September, 27-28 October and 8-9 December.