



**MINUTES OF THE 7TH PLENARY MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC PANEL
ON ADDITIVES AND PRODUCTS OR SUBSTANCES USED IN ANIMAL
FEED
(BRUSSELS, 27-28 JANUARY 2004)**

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PARTICIPANTS

Panel Members:

Arturo Anadón, Margarita Arboix Arzo, Georges Bories, Paul Brantom (2nd day), Joaquim Brufau de Barbera, Andrew Chesson, Pier Sandro Cocconcelli, Joop de Knecht, Noël Dierick (1st day), Gerhard Flachowsky, Anders Franklin, Jürgen Gropp, Ingrid Halle, Anne-Katrine Haldorsen, Alberto Mantovani, Guido Rychen (1st day), Pascal Sanders, Pieter Wester (2nd day)

Apologies

Paul Brantom (1st day), Noël Dierick (2nd day), Josef Leibetseder, Kimmo Peltonen, Guido Rychen (2nd day), Pieter Wester (1st day)

EFSA

Liisa Vahteristo, Sandrine Valentin, Dominique Byron

European Commission

Marta Ponghellini, Michael Walsh

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The chair opened the meeting by wishing everyone Happy New Year and welcomed all the participants to the 7th plenary meeting of the FEEDAP Panel. Members not able to attend the meeting had sent their apologies (see under participants).

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.

4. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 6TH PLENARY MEETING ON 2-3-4/12/2003

The minutes of the sixth Plenary meeting of the FEEDAP Panel held on 2-3-4 December 2003 were adopted. The adopted minutes of the 5th plenary meeting were distributed to all members.

5. GENERAL INFORMATION FROM EFSA

The Scientific Co-ordinator welcomed the experts in the new meeting premises of EFSA and gave a short overview of the developments at EFSA. Following the decision from the European Council the 13th December 2003 about the location of EFSA in Parma, a delegation from EFSA met Italian Authorities in January. EFSA is expected to have both a representative seat (Palazzo Ducale) and a working organisational headquarters in Parma. During 2004, a number of EFSA meetings will be held in Parma, the management board meeting will be in Parma in April, and the Advisory Forum will also meet there in the coming months. The move from Brussels should be complete mid 2005.

In addition, the call for expression of interest for additional experts to the scientific panels will close the 15th March.

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

- Elancoban

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 with summary and conclusions in detail. A revised final draft of the document with the new amendments will be circulated before the next plenary and adopted by written procedure.

- Micro-organism products

- Biosprint BCCM/MUCL 39885

The Rapporteur from the Working Group on Micro-organisms introduced the revised draft document prepared after the previous plenary meeting. The quantity of micro-organisms used in the trial and the meaning of "Other provisions" in the proposed conditions of use of the additive had now been clarified. The Panel adopted the opinion after short discussion provided that some editorial changes were incorporated.

- Turval for weaned piglets

The Chair of the Working Group introduced the draft document. The Panel reviewed the report in detail and agreed to the conclusions presented. The Panel adopted the opinion after short discussion subject to some editorial changes.

- Enzymes Products

- Finase for laying hens, turkeys and sows

The Rapporteur introduced the draft document to the plenary and it was reviewed in detail. The Panel agreed to the conclusions that the tolerance test presented for chickens for fattening could not be used as an alternative for the tolerance test in laying hens, and that Finase is considered safe for turkeys and sows even at tenfold overdose. After some amendments and suggestions for clarification e.g. concerning the range of the recommended dose given in the Annex entry and under other provisions the Panel adopted the opinion.

- Belfeed B1100 for laying hens

The Chair of the Working Group introduced the draft document. The Panel reviewed the report in detail and agreed with the conclusions that the product is safe for use in laying hens. The Panel adopted the opinion after short discussion provided that some editorial changes were incorporated.

6.2. Discussion of the following scientific opinions (re-evaluation of coccidiostats)

- Re-evaluation of coccidiostat Avatec 15 % (lasalocid sodium) in accordance with article 9G of Directive 70/524/EEC

Not discussed.

- Re-evaluation of coccidiostat Cycostat 66G (Robenidine) in accordance with article 9G of Directive 70/524/EEC

The Rapporteur of the Working Group introduced the draft document. The Panel reviewed the report 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 March plenary and the revised sections together with the summary and conclusions will then be discussed in detail.

6.3. Progress Reports on

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

The Scientific coordinator informed the Panel concerning the products Sacox, Kokcisan and Biocox, that a meeting with the three companies contacted by EFSA would most probably be held in EFSA premises in February.

- Coccidiostats

Not discussed

- Micro-organisms

Not discussed

- Enzymes

Not discussed

- Question on the safety of use of iodine in feedingstuffs

Not discussed

- 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/EEC

Not discussed

7. SELF-TASKING

Background and terms of reference of three from the four proposals for self tasking¹ were presented to the members of the Panel.

The Panel supported and agreed on these three proposals for self tasking (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). These proposals will be forward to the Executive Director for approval and possible incorporation to the Panel's work program.

8. OFFICIAL REQUESTS TO EFSA RECEIVED FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

- Question on environmental impact of *Phaffia rhodozyma* (Ecotone)

The Commission asks the European Food Safety Authority to issue an opinion on the environmental impact of Ecotone® (*Phaffia rhodozyma*), as a source of astaxanthin, when this product is used as feed additive in feedingstuff for salmon and trout. The deadline proposed by the Commission for the assessment is March 2004. Rapporteur to the question had already provisionally been nominated (minutes of the 6th Plenary meeting) and work within the Panel has been started.

- Question on MRLs for Canthaxanthin

The Commission asks the European Food Safety Authority to make a proposal for the establishment of Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for canthaxanthin in eggs, poultry meat, trout and salmon resulting from the addition of canthaxanthin to feed intended respectively for laying hens, other poultry, salmon and trout on the basis of the relevant levels for inclusion in feed fixed in the legislation. The request will be dealt within a new working group for which the deadline proposed by the Commission for the assessment is end of 2004.

A Rapporteur was nominated and some members identified for the Working Group (WG).

- Question on micro-organism product MLB for cats

The Commission asks the European Food Safety Authority to deliver an opinion on the safety of micro-organism product "MLB", for the target animals, the user of the product and the environment, taking into account the background and the information submitted by the

¹ 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.

applicant in the dossier. The deadline proposed by the Commission for the assessment is before May 2004. The request will be dealt within the WG on Micro-Organisms.

- Question on micro-organism product Oralin for dogs

The Commission asks the European Food Safety Authority to issue an opinion on the safety for dogs of Oralin® (*Enterococcus faecium* DSM10663/NCIMB10415) when this product is used as a feed additive in feedingstuffs. The deadline proposed by the Commission for the assessment is before June 2004. The request will be dealt within the WG on Micro-Organisms.

- Question on micro-organism product Cylactin for dogs and cats

The Commission asks the European Food Safety Authority to issue an opinion on the safety for dogs and cats of the product Cylactin® (*Enterococcus faecium* NCIB 10415) when this product is used as a feed additive in feedingstuffs. The deadline proposed by the Commission for the assessment is before June 2004. The request will be dealt within the WG on Micro-Organisms.

- Question on enzyme product Belfeed B1100 for laying hens

The Commission requests the European Food Safety Authority to issue an opinion on the safety for laying hens of the product of trade name Belfeed (endo-1,4- β -xylanase), when this product is used as feed additive in feedingstuffs. The request was dealt within the WG on Enzymes.

- Question on efficacy of enzyme product Endofeed for laying hens

The Scientific Committee of Animal Nutrition issued an opinion on the efficacy of Endofeed (endo-1, 3 (4)- β -glucanase and endo-1, 4- β -xylanase produced by *Aspergillus niger*) in laying hens on 21 April 2003 and requested a minimum of three studies demonstrating a statistically significant improvement of important characteristics (daily egg mass, feed conversion, percentage of cleaner eggs).

The Commission requests the European Food Safety Authority to examine the supplementary dossier submitted since the opinion of the SCAN (April 2003) by the company and to indicate whether the efficacy of the product in laying hens is demonstrated. The deadline proposed by the Commission for the assessment is before April 2004. The request will be dealt within the WG on Enzymes.

9. MISCELLANEOUS

An additional Plenary meeting is planned for the 14th-15th April. The new date should be confirmed before end of February.

The May Plenary meeting is planned to be held in Barcelona the 5th, 6th and 7th May, starting in the afternoon of the 5th.