MINUTES OF THE 11TH PLENARY MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON ADDITIVES AND PRODUCTS OR SUBSTANCES USED IN ANIMAL FEED (BRUSSELS, 7-8 JUNE 2004)

(ADOPTED ON 30 JUNE 2004)

PARTICIPANTS

Panel Members:
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Apologies
Joaquim Brufau de Barbera, Noël Dierick (2nd day), Gerhard Flachowsky, Anne-Katrine Haldorsen (1st day), Ingrid Halle (2nd day), Guido Rychen (1st day), Pieter Wester, Pascal Sanders (1st day)

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1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The vice-chair opened the meeting and welcomed all the participants to the 11th plenary meeting of the FEEDAP Panel. Dr. Lucilla Gregoretti was welcomed as new scientific support staff in the FEEDAP secretariat. FEEDAP Panel was informed that Dr Taina Säteri from D5 Unit (Relations with the European Food Safety Authority) of DG Health and Consumer Protection will follow FEEDAP activities.

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no specific interests declared. Annual declarations of interest, confidentiality and commitments of independence were collected from Panel members.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

4. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 10TH PLENARY MEETING ON 3-4/03/2004

The minutes of the tenth Plenary meeting of the Scientific Panel held on 5-6-7 May 2004 were adopted. The previously adopted minutes of the 9th plenary meeting were distributed to all the 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 report of the European Workshop on the interface between risk assessment and risk management was distributed to Panel members for information. This document is not produced by EFSA.

The Annual report 2003 of EFSA was also distributed to the Panel members.

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:

- Cycostat

The Rapporteur of the Working Group introduced the draft document. The chapter antimicrobial activity and safety of the consumer and for the environment were reviewed in detail. Due to the inadequacy of the rodent toxicity studies the only NOEL which could be established was from the chronic study in dogs which itself had limitations. As a result of the inadequacy of the available data, the Panel could not establish an ADI. Concerning the assessment of the safety for the environment, FEEDAP Panel agreed that the use of Cycostat at the recommended dose range does not pose a risk for the terrestrial environment. However, insufficient data was provided to allow the Panel to assess the risk for the aquatic environment and secondary poisoning. Summary and general conclusion were amended according to the discussion on the ADI. The Panel adopted the opinion after that discussion.

- Sacox and Bio-Cox 120G

The Rapporteur of the Working Group introduced the draft document of Sacox and Bio-Cox 120G. The chapters on metabolism and residues, safety for the laboratory animal and for the consumer were reviewed in detail. Revised drafts of these documents with the new amendments will be presented to the next plenary meeting in July.

Nutrigrow for Pigs for fattening

The draft document was briefly introduced by the Rapporteur. The Panel reviewed the report on this product which is considered as a protein source under Council Directive 82/471/EEC. FEEDAP Panel concluded that product is safe for the target species and the consumer, but recommended that the Company should monitor to ensure that nitrite concentration of the product does not lead to permissible levels of nitrite in complete feeds being exceeded. The product did not rise any concerns that should have been discussed with other scientific Panels of EFSA. The Panel adopted the opinion provided that some editorial changes were incorporated.

6.2. Discussion of reevaluation of coccidiostat Monteban

The Rapporteur of the environment part introduced the chapter of the safety for the environment and the parts which needed to be discussed with the Panel in order to finalise the assessment. The FEEDAP Panel concluded it was not possible to assess the risk for aquatic environment (groundwater and surface water) and secondary poisoning due to the insufficient data provided.

6.3. Progress reports on ongoing work

Not discussed due to lack of time.

7. OFFICIAL REQUESTS TO EFSA RECEIVED FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

- Question on Avizyme 1210 for turkeys for fattening (EFSA-Q-2004-067)

The Commission asks the European Food Safety Authority to issue an opinion on the safety for consumer, target species, user and environment of the preparation of endo-1,4-β-xylanase, EC 3.2.1.8 and endo-1,3(4)- β-glucanase. The product is provisionally authorised for chickens for fattening. The request will be dealt within the WG on Enzymes. An expert from the GMO Panel could be involved in the assessment. The deadline proposed by the Commission for the assessment is October 2004.

- Question on Natugrain Wheat + for chickens for fattening (EFSA-Q-2004-068)

The Commission asks the European Food Safety Authority to issue an opinion on the safety for consumer, target species, user and environment of a preparation of endo-1,4-β-xylanase, EC 3.2.1.8. The request will be dealt within the WG on Enzymes. An expert from the GMO Panel could be involved in the assessment. The deadline proposed by the Commission for the assessment is October 2004.

- Question on Avatec 15% (EFSA-Q-2004-076)

The Commission requests the European Food Safety Authority to issue an update of an opinion on the safety of the product Avatec 15% (lasalocid sodium) evaluating the new data provided by the supplementary dossiers. The deadline proposed by the Commission for the assessment is end of June 2004. Experts in charge of the update were nominated.

- **Expected questions:** The Commission will send soon a request on guidelines for silage additives.

Until the new guidelines are available, the existing one from directive 2001/79/EC of 17 September 2001 on chemical products are being used. As regards enzymes and micro-organisms, the Panel uses the SCAN Opinion on the assessment of enzymes and micro-organisms (October 2001) as the basis for the assessment.

8. FEEDBACK FROM THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE HELD ON 17TH MARCH 2004

Not discussed.

9. MISCELLANEOUS

None.