MINUTES OF THE 12TH PLENARY MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON ADDITIVES AND PRODUCTS OR SUBSTANCES USED IN ANIMAL FEED (BRUSSELS, 30 JUNE – 1 JULY 2004)

(ADOPTED ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2004)

PARTICIPANTS

Panel Members:
Margarita Arboix Arzo (1st day), Georges Bories, Paul Brantom, Joaquim Brufau de Barbera, Andrew Chesson, Noël Dierick, Gerhard Flachowsky, Anders Franklin, Jürgen Gropp, Anne-Katrine Haldorsen (2nd day), Ingrid Halle, Joop de Knecht, Alberto Mantovani, Kimmo Peltonen, Guido Rychen, Pieter Wester,

Apologies
Arturo Anadón, Margarita Arboix Arzo (2nd day), Pier Sandro Cocconcelli, Anne-Katrine Haldorsen (1st day), Pascal Sanders

EFSA
Liisa Vahteristo, Sandrine Valentin, Claudia Roncancio Pena, Jaume Galobart (scientific staff), Dominique Byron (administrative staff)

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1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all the participants to the 12th plenary meeting of the FEEDAP Panel.

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

2. INTRODUCTION OF NEW PANEL MEMBERS

The Chair informed the members that two new experts have been nominated by the Management Board to the FEEDAP Panel. They will be introduced in the September plenary once they have accepted their nomination in writing.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no specific interests declared.

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved after the item for discussion on enzyme Endofeed was removed.

5. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 11TH PLENARY MEETING ON 7-8/06/2004

The minutes of the eleventh Plenary meeting of the Scientific Panel held on 7-8 June 2004 were adopted. The previously adopted minutes of the 10th plenary meeting were distributed to all the members.

6. GENERAL INFORMATION FROM EFSA

Not discussed.

7. WORK PROGRAM

7.1. Discussion and possible adoption of the following scientific opinions

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

- Sacox 120 microGranulate

The Rapporteur of the Working Group introduced the revised draft document. The chapters on safety of the consumer and on the environment were reviewed. The Panel adopted the opinion subject to several editorial modifications especially on the environment part.

- Monteban

The Rapporteur of the Working Group introduced the draft document. The chapters on efficacy of the product and its safety for the consumer including the metabolism part were reviewed in detail. An ADI and a MRL's could be set for this product. The Panel agreed to review the opinion after the meeting and to send any comments to the Rapporteur. If no major disagreement appears on this document, it could be adopted by written procedure otherwise the draft should be rediscussed during the September Plenary meeting.

Update on the safety of Avatec 15%

The company had provided new data on the dossier Avatec following the opinion adopted on 15 April 2004. The Rapporteur introduced the amendments made on the draft document on metabolism part, the developmental toxicity study in rabbit and the proposal for an ADI and MRL's. The Panel discussed these amendments and agreed to apply a safety factor of 100 leading to an ADI of 0.005 mg kg^{-1} bw day^{-1}. A MRL's could be established if the marker residue can be identified and the sensitivity of the analytical method for marker residue in tissues proved to be sufficient.

The Panel adopted the update of the opinion provided that some editorial changes were incorporated.

Coccidiostat Bio-Cox 120G

The Rapporteur of the Working Group introduced the revised draft since the last plenary meeting. The chapter on environmental part, the summary and the conclusion were reviewed in detail, for the rest of the document only modifications since last discussion were highlighted. The opinion was adopted by the Panel still subject to several editorial modifications.

Biofeed Phytase for Salmonids

Due to the lack of time, Panel members agreed to review the opinion after the meeting and to send any comments to the Rapporteur within seven days. Written procedure will then be launched to enable the possible adoption of this document..

7.2. Progress reports on ongoing work

Not discussed due to lack of time.

8. NEW REQUESTS TO EFSA RECEIVED FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

- Question on guidelines on efficacy and safety of silage additives (EFSA-Q-2004-088)

The European Food Safety Authority has been requested to give technical assistance to the Commission by producing a guideline regarding the safety and efficacy of silage additives. The deadline proposed by the Commission for the assessment is June 2005.

9. MISCELLANEOUS

Two opinions of the Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain related to lead and cadmium as undesirable substances were distributed to the FEEDAP members for information.