

European Food Safety Authority

MINUTES OF THE 16TH PLENARY MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON ADDITIVES AND PRODUCTS OR SUBSTANCES USED IN ANIMAL FEED (BRUSSELS, 08-09 DECEMBER 2004)

(ADOPTED ON 25 JANUARY 2005)

PARTICIPANTS

Panel Members:

Arturo Anadón (1st day), Georges Bories, Paul Brantom, Joaquim Brufau de Barberà, Andrew Chesson, Pier Sandro Cocconcelli, Joop De Knecht (2nd day), Noël Dierick (1st day), Gerhard Flachowsky, Anders Franklin (2nd day), Jürgen Gropp, Anne-Katrine Haldorsen (2nd day), Ingrid Halle, Alberto Mantovani, Kimmo Peltonen, Pascal Sanders (2nd day), Amadeu Soares, Pieter Wester (1st day)

Apologies

Margarita Arboix Arzo, Joop De Knecht (1st day), Noël Dierick (2nd day), Anders Franklin (1st day), Anne-Katrine Haldorsen (1st day), Guido Rychen, Pascal Sanders (1st day), Pieter Wester (2nd day), Wilhelm Windisch

EFSA

Liisa Vahteristo, Claudia Roncancio, Jaume Galobart (scientific staff), Dominique Byron (administrative staff)

European Commission

Taina Säteri, Rosella Bettio (1st day), Marta Ponghellini (2nd day) (DG Health and Consumer Protection)

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all the participants to the 16th 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 specific interests declared.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was slightly modified according to the availability of the members and Rapporteurs, and the discussion of the product Biomin was removed from the agenda.

4. Adoption of the draft minutes of the 15th plenary meeting on 17-18 November 2004

The minutes of the 15th Plenary meeting of the Scientific Panel held on 17-18 November 2004 were reviewed. The minutes were adopted after minor editorial changes were introduced. The previously adopted minutes of the 14th plenary meeting adopted following written procedure were distributed to all the members.

5. GENERAL INFORMATION FROM EFSA

The Scientific Co-ordinator (SC) provided the Panel with information on several issues of interest to the Panel.

- Up to now, no applications under Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 have been received by EFSA from the Commission.
- The members of the Working Group on Enzymes received access to the FEED ADDITIVES EFSAnet, and provided their comments on their personal experience. In general, they were satisfied with the system. Access to the rest of the Panel members will be provided in the next days.
- The Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health adopted the draft Commission Regulation on detailed rules for the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council on additives in animal nutrition, as regards the duties and tasks of the Community Reference Laboratory (CRL). Several Panel members had some questions regarding the duties of the CRL, and their interaction with EFSA.
- 30 opinions have been adopted during the year 2004 by the FEEDAP Panel until now, others are likely to be adopted during this plenary.
- EFSA has received a question on "Risk of feeding farmed animals with ready-to-use Category 3 milk, milk-based products and milk-derived products and raw products produced to food standard under Directive 92/46/EEC". Some assistance is requested from the FEEDAP Panel and one of the Panel members volunteered to be available for this task.
- One new person, (15/12/16 name removed for reasons of data protection compliance),
 has joined the FEEDAP Team as an administrative support.
- The request for opinion on update of safety of BioCox 120G has been received, a
 question number EFSA-Q-2004-156 has been allocated to it, and a Working Group has
 been established to evaluate the new data.
- The written adoption procedure has been completed for Kemzyme W Dry regarding toxin aspect on the 19 November, for Cylactin for dogs and cats on 2 December and for Formi for sows with the adoption date of 6 December 2004.

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6. WORK PROGRAM

6.1. Discussion of the following scientific opinions

Zeolite A (EFSA-Q-2003-019)

A new draft of the document has been presented by the Rapporteur. This request was one of those transferred from the former Scientific Committees in 2003. The product Zeolite A is an additive based on sodium aluminium silicate that is already approved as a food additive and as filler, anti-caking and anti-coagulant feed additive. The Applicant requests to modify Directive 93/74/EEC on feedingstuffs intended for particular nutritional purposes. The reduction of the risk of milk fever is already included in the annex of that Directive and another way to achieve this objective is being proposed.

Discussion on the draft opinion focused mainly on the safety of the product for the target species. After some editorial changes, the document was adopted.

KDF Preservative (EFSA-Q-2004-024)

The Panel discussed a modification introduced in the document during the written adoption procedure. Due to the proposed modification the written procedure was stopped and the opinion was adopted in the plenary meeting including the modifications proposed.

Use of Iodine in Feedingstuffs (EFSA-Q-2003-058)

The Rapporteur from the Working Group on Iodine introduced the new draft opinion for discussion. EFSA is requested to evaluate the physiological requirements for iodine of the different animal species and to advise the Commission on the possible detrimental effect on human and animal health or the environment of iodine, used at the current levels authorised under Directive 70/524/EC.

The discussion focused mainly on the different parts that were modified by the members of the Working Group. Several modifications were introduced. A new draft will be circulated and the document will be presented at the January Plenary for adoption.

Self tasking on Antibiotics Resistance Criteria (EFSA-Q-2004-079)

The Rapporteur from the Working Group introduced a new draft opinion for discussion.

The document was approved by the panel to be presented for public consultation. This consultation will be open for all and will be published on the EFSA website.

Biomin BBSH 797 for piglets, pigs for fattening and chickens for fattening (EFSA-Q-2003-052)

Not discussed.

6.2. Progress reports on ongoing work

Not discussed.

7. NEW REQUESTS TO EFSA RECEIVED FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

No new questions have been received.

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8. MISCELLANEOUS

Presentation of the Draft Commission Regulation on detailed rules for the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council on additives in animal nutrition, as regards the preparation and the presentation of the application for the authorization of additives for use in animal nutrition.

A representative from DG SANCO informed the Panel on the progress on the drafting of the new guidelines for the preparation and presentation of applications for the authorization of feed additives for use in animal nutrition.

An early draft of this working document will be made available to the Panel members in the near future, so they can provide their views to the Commission.

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