

Scientific Panel on Additives and Products or Substances Used in Animal Feed Minutes of the 25th meeting of the Working Group on Silage additives Barcelona, 28 and 29 August 2014

(Agreed by written procedure on 18 June 2015)

These minutes replace an earlier version following an editorial amendment that does not affect their contents or outcome. To avoid confusion, the original version has been removed from the EFSA website.

Participants

- Working Group Experts:
 - Andrew Chesson, Pier Sandro Cocconcelli, Secundino López Puente, Miklós Mézes and Maria Saarela
- Hearing Experts:¹
 - Not applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
 - Not applicable
- EFSA:
 - FEED Unit: Rosella Brozzi
- Others:
 - Not applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest,³ EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues

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¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts: <u>http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf</u>

² <u>http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf</u>

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discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 24th Working Group meeting held on 7 July 2014, as a tele-web conference.

The minutes of the 24th Working Group meeting were reviewed and agreed.

5. Scientific topics for discussion

- 5.1 The Working Group discussed the application on the efficacy of *Lactobacillus plantarum* NCIMB 30238 and *Pediococcus pentosaceus* NCIMB 30237 as silage additives (EFSA-Q-2013-00735), and decided to present it, modified accordingly, to the plenary meeting.
- 5.2 The Working Group discussed the application on hexamethylene tetramine as a silage additive for pigs, poultry, bovines, sheep, goats, rabbits and horses (EFSA-Q-2012-00415) and decided to present it, modified accordingly, to the plenary meeting.



Scientific Panel on Additives and Products or Substances Used in Animal Feed Minutes of the 24th meeting of the Working Group on Silage additives Tele-web conference, 7 July 2014

(Agreed on 28 August 2014)

Participants

- Working Group Experts:
 - Andrew Chesson, Pier Sandro Cocconcelli, Secundino López Puente, Miklós Mézes and Maria Saarela
- Hearing Experts:
 - Not applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
 - Not applicable
- EFSA:
 - FEED Unit: Rosella Brozzi
- Others:
 - Not applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests,² EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 23rd Working Group meeting held on 18 and 19 February 2014, Barcelona.

The minutes of the 23rd Working Group meeting were reviewed and agreed.

5. Scientific topics for discussion

- 5.1 The Working Group discussed the application on hexamethylene tetramine as a silage additive for pigs, poultry, bovines, sheep, goats, rabbits and horses (EFSA-Q-2012-00415) and decided that further discussion is needed.
- 5.2 The following item was not discussed: <u>EFSA-Q-2013-00735</u>

6. Next meeting

28 and 29 August.



Scientific Panel on Additives and Products or Substances Used in Animal Feed Minutes of the 23rd meeting of the Working Group on Silage additives Madrid, 18 and 19 February 2014

(Agreed on 7 July 2014)

Participants

- Working Group Experts:
 - Andrew Chesson, Pier Sandro Cocconcelli, Secundino López Puente, and Maria Saarela
- Hearing Experts:
 - Not applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
 - Not applicable
- EFSA:
 - FEED Unit: Rosella Brozzi
- Others:
 - Not applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Miklós Mézes.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 22nd Working Group meeting held on 25 and 26 November 2013, Barcelona.

The minutes of the 22nd Working Group meeting were reviewed and agreed.

5. Scientific topics for discussion

- 5.1 The Working Group discussed the application on *Pediococcus pentosaceus* NCIMB 30068 (<u>EFSA-Q-2012-00081</u>) as a silage additive for all animal species, and decided to present it, modified accordingly, to the plenary meeting.
- 5.2 The Working Group discussed the application on the efficacy of *Lactobacillus paracasei* NCIMB 30151 (<u>EFSA-Q-2012-00082</u>) as a silage additive for all species, and decided to present it, modified accordingly, to the plenary meeting.
- 5.3 The Working Group discussed the application on *Lactobacillus plantarum* DSMZ 16627 (<u>EFSA-Q-2012-00083</u>) as a silage additive for all species, and decided to present it, modified accordingly, to the plenary meeting.
- 5.4 The Working Group discussed the application on *Pediococcus acidilactici* NCIMB 30005 (<u>EFSA-Q-2012-00084</u>) as a silage additive for all species, and decided to present it, modified accordingly, to the plenary meeting.
- 5.5 The Working Group discussed the application on *Pediococcus pentosaceus* NCIMB 30044 (EFSA-Q-2012-00087) as a silage additive for all species, and decided to present it, modified accordingly, to the plenary meeting.
- 5.6 The Working Group discussed the application on Hexamethylene tetramine as a silage additive for pigs, poultry, bovines, sheep, goats, rabbits and horses (EFSA-Q-2012-00415) and decided to present it, modified accordingly, to the plenary meeting.

6. Next meeting

7 July.



Scientific Panel on Additives and Products or Substances Used in Animal Feed Minutes of the 22nd meeting of the Working Group on Silage additives Barcelona, 25 and 26 November 2013

(Agreed on 18 February 2014)

Participants

- Working Group Experts:
 - Andrew Chesson, Secundino López Puente, Miklós Mézes and Maria Saarela
- Hearing Experts:
 - Not applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
 - Not applicable
- EFSA:
 - FEED Unit: Rosella Brozzi
- Others:
 - Not applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 21st Working Group meeting held on 12 July 2013, as a tele-web conference.

The minutes of the 21st Working Group meeting were reviewed and agreed.

5. Scientific topics for discussion

- 5.1 The Working Group discussed the application on *Lactobacillus plantarum* KKP/593/p and KKP/788/p and *Lactobacillus buchneri* KKP/907/p (<u>EFSA-Q-2012-00094</u>) as a silage additive for cattle and sheep, and decided to present it, modified accordingly, to the plenary meeting.
- 5.2 The Working Group discussed the application on the efficacy of *Lactobacillus brevis* DSM 23231 (<u>EFSA-Q-2013-00736</u>) as a silage additive for all species, and decided to present it, modified accordingly, to the plenary meeting.
- 5.3 The Working Group discussed the application on *Lactobacillus fermentum* NCIMB 30169 (EFSA-Q-2012-00085) as a silage additive for all species, and decided to present it, modified accordingly, to the plenary meeting.
- 5.4 The Working Group discussed the application on *Lactobacillus brevis* DSMZ 16680 (<u>EFSA-Q-2012-00086</u>) as a silage additive for all species, and decided to present it, modified accordingly, to the plenary meeting.
- 5.5 The Working Group discussed the application on *Lactobacillus plantarum* CECT 4528 (<u>EFSA-Q-2012-00092</u>) as a silage additive for all species, and decided to present it, modified accordingly, to the plenary meeting
- 5.6 The following item was not discussed: <u>EFSA-Q-2013-00735</u>.

6. Next meeting

18 and 19 February.



Scientific Panel on Additives and Products or Substances Used in Animal Feed Minutes of the 21st meeting of the Working Group on Silage additives Tele-web conference, 12 July 2013

(Agreed on 25 November 2013)

Participants

- Working Group Experts:
 - Andrew Chesson, Secundino López Puente, Miklós Mézes and Maria Saarela
- Hearing Experts:
 - Not applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
 - Not applicable
- EFSA:
 - FEED Unit: Rosella Brozzi
- Others:
 - Not applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received form Pier Sandro Cocconcelli.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 20th Working Group meeting held on 2 May 2013, Madrid.

The minutes of the 20th Working Group meeting were reviewed and agreed.

5. Scientific topics for discussion

- 5.1 The Working Group discussed the draft opinion on *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* NBRC 0203, *Lactobacillus plantarum* NBRC 3070 and *Lactobacillus casei* NBRC 3425 (<u>EFSA-Q-2011-00390</u>) as silage additives for all species, and decided to present it, modified accordingly, to the plenary meeting.
- 5.2 The Working Group discussed the draft opinion on *Lactobacillus plantarum* ATCC55058 and ATCC55942 (<u>EFSA-Q-2013-00421</u>) and on *Pediococcus acidilactici* CNCM I-3237 (<u>EFSA-Q-2013-00436</u>) as silage additives for all species, and decided to present it, modified accordingly, to the plenary meeting.
- 5.3 The Working Group discussed the draft opinion on *Enterococcus faecium* NCIMB 10415, DSM 3530, NCIMB 11181/DSM 22502, ATCC 53519 and ATCC 55593 (<u>EFSA-Q-2012-00080</u>) as silage additives for all species, and decided to present it, modified accordingly, to the plenary meeting.

6. Next meeting

25 and 26 November.



Scientific Panel on Additives and Products or Substances Used in Animal Feed Minutes of the 20th meeting of the Working Group on Silage additives Tele-web conference, 2 May 2013

(Agreed on 12 July 2013)

Participants

- Working Group Experts:
 - Andrew Chesson, Pier Sandro Cocconcelli, Secundino López Puente, Miklós Mézes and Maria Saarela
- Hearing Experts:
 - Not applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
 - Not applicable
- EFSA:
 - FEED Unit: Rosella Brozzi
- Others:
 - Not applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 19th Working Group meeting held on 28 February and 1 March 2013, Madrid.

The minutes of the 19th Working Group meeting were reviewed and agreed.

5. Scientific topics for discussion

- 5.1 The Working Group discussed the application on *Enterococcus faecium* NCIMB 10415, DSM 3530, NCIMB 11181 - DSM 22502, ATCC 53519 and ATCC 55593 (<u>EFSA-Q-2012-00080</u>) as silage additives for all species, and decided to inform the applicant on issues that required clarification.
- 5.2 The Working Group discussed the application on *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* NBRC 0203, *Lactobacillus plantarum* NBRC 3070 and *Lactobacillus casei* NBRC 3425 (<u>EFSA-Q-2011-00390</u>) as a silage additive for all species, and decided that further discussion is needed.
- 5.3 The Working Group discussed the draft opinion on *Pediococcus pentosaceus* DSM 14021, DSM 23688 and DSM 23689 (<u>EFSA-Q-2012-00091</u>) as silage additives for all species, and decided to present it, modified accordingly, to the plenary meeting.
- 5.4 The Working Group discussed the draft opinion on potassium sorbate (<u>EFSA-Q-2011-00841</u>) as silage additive for all species except cats and dogs, and decided to present it, modified accordingly, to the plenary meeting.

6. Next meeting

12 July.



Scientific Panel on Additives and Products or Substances Used in Animal Feed Minutes of the 19th meeting of the Working Group on Silage additives Held on 28 February and 1 March 2013, Madrid

(Agreed on 2 May 2013)

Participants

- Working Group Experts:
 - Pier Sandro Cocconcelli, Secundino López Puente and Maria Saarela
- Hearing Experts:
 - Not applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
 - Not applicable
- EFSA:
 - FEED Unit: Rosella Brozzi
- Others:
 - Not applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Andrew Chesson and Miklós Mézes.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 17th Working Group meeting held on 28 November 2012, Brussels. Agreement of the minutes of the 18th Working Group meeting held

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on 21 January 2013 web-conference. These last minutes were agreed by written procedure on 1 February 2013 and published on the EFSA website on 11 March 2013.

- 5. Scientific topics for discussion
 - 5.1 The Working Group discussed the application on the safety and efficacy of *Lactobacillus kefiri* DSM 19455 (<u>EFSA-Q-2012-00645</u>) as a silage additive for all species, and decided to present it, modified accordingly, to the plenary meeting.
 - 5.2 The Working Group discussed the application on the safety and efficacy of *Lactobacillus plantarum* NCIMB 40027 (<u>EFSA-Q-2011-00944</u>) as a silage additive for all animal species, and decided to present it, modified accordingly, to the plenary meeting.
 - 5.3 The Working Group discussed the application on the safety and efficacy of potassium sorbate (<u>EFSA-Q-2011-00841</u>) as a silage additive for all animal species except cats and dogs, and decided that further discussion is needed.
 - 5.4 The Working Group discussed the application on the safety and efficacy of *Enterococcus faecium* NCIMB 10415, DSM 22502, ATCC 53519 and ATCC 55593 (<u>EFSA-Q-2012-00080</u>) as silage additives for all species, and decided that further discussion is needed.
 - 5.5 The Working Group discussed the application on the safety and efficacy of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* NBRC 0203, *Lactobacillus plantarum* NBRC 3070 and *Lactobacillus casei* NBRC 3425 (<u>EFSA-Q-2011-00390</u>) as a silage additive for all species, and decided that further discussion is needed.
 - 5.6 The following item was not discussed: <u>EFSA-Q-2012-00415</u>.

6. Next meeting

2 May.



Scientific Panel on Additives and Products or Substances Used in Animal Feed Minutes of the 18th meeting of the Working Group on Silage additives

Held on 21 January 2013, WEB-conference

(Agreed on 1 February 2013)

Participants

- Working Group Experts:
 - Andrew Chesson, Pier Sandro Cocconcelli, Secundino López Puente, Miklós Mézes and Maria Saarela
- Hearing Experts:
 - Not applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
 - Not applicable
- EFSA:
 - FEED Unit: Rosella Brozzi
- Others:
 - Not applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Scientific topic for discussion

The Working Group discussed the application on hexamethylene tetramine (<u>EFSA-Q-2012-00415</u>) as silage additive for pigs, poultry, bovines, sheep, goats, rabbits, horses, and decided that further discussion is needed.

5. Next meeting

28 February and 1 March 2013.



Parma, 11 March 2012

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON ADDITIVES AND PRODUCTS OR SUBSTANCES USED IN ANIMAL FEED

Minutes of the 17th meeting of the Working Group on Silage Additives Brussels, 28 November 2012

Agreed by the Working Group on 27 February 2013

Participants

WG Experts:

Andrew Chesson, Pier Sandro Cocconcelli, Secundino Lopez Puente, Miklós Mézes and Maria Saarela.

EFSA: Rosella Brozzi

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussion

- The Working Group revised the draft opinions on the safety and efficacy of Enterococcus faecium CNCM I-3236 (EFSA-Q-2012-00093), of Lactobacillus brevis DSM 23231, L. buchneri DSM 22501, L. buchneri NCIMB 40788 CNCM I-4323, L. buchneri ATCC PTA-6138 and L. buchneri ATCC PTA-2494 (EFSA-Q-2011-00382), and of Lactobacillus plantarum NCIMB 30083 and NCIMB 30084 (EFSA-Q-2012-00090) as silage additives for all animal species and decided to present the draft documents, modified accordingly, to a future plenary meeting.
- The Working Group revised the draft opinion on the safety and efficacy of hexamethylene tetramine (EFSA-Q-2012-00415) as a silage additive for pigs, poultry, bovines, sheep, goats, rabbits and horses, and concluded that further discussion is needed.

5. Next meeting date(s)

21 January 2013 and 28 February and 1 March 2013.



Parma, 6 December 2012

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON ADDITIVES AND PRODUCTS OR SUBSTANCES USED IN ANIMAL FEED

Minutes of the 16th meeting of the Working Group on Silage Additives Barcelona, 11-12 October 2012

Agreed by the Working Group on 28 November 2012

Participants

WG Experts: Andrew Chesson, Pier Sandro Cocconcelli, Jürgen Gropp, Secundino Lopez Puente, Miklós Mézes and Maria Saarela.

EFSA: Rosella Brozzi

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

- The Working Group revised the draft opinion on the safety and efficacy of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* NCIMB 30229 (EFSA-Q-2011-00389) as silage additive for all animal species, and decided to present the draft document, modified accordingly, to a future plenary meeting.
- The Working Group revised the draft opinion on the safety and efficacy of *Lactobacillus kefiri* DSM 19455 (EFSA-Q-2012-00645) as silage additive for all species, and decided to inform the applicant on issues that required clarification.
- The Working Group continued the revision of the draft opinions on Pediococcus pentosaceus NCIMB 30068 (EFSA-Q-2012-00081), Lactobacillus paracasei NCIMB 30151 (EFSA-Q-2012-00082), Lactobacillus plantarum DSMZ 16627 (EFSA-Q-2012-00083), Pediococcus acidilactici NCIMB 30005 (EFSA-Q-2012-00084), Lactobacillus fermentum NCIMB 30169 (EFSA-Q-2012-00085), Lactobacillus brevis DSMZ 16680 (EFSA-Q-2012-00086), and Pediococcus pentosaceus NCIMB 30044 (EFSA-Q-2012-



00087) as silage additives for all animals species, and decided to inform the applicant on issues that required clarification.

• The Working Group revised the draft opinion on the safety and efficacy of hexamethylene tetramine (EFSA-Q-2012-00415) as a silage additive for pigs, poultry, bovines, sheep, goats, rabbits and horses, and concluded that further discussion is needed.

5. Next meeting date(s)

28 October, 22 and 23 January 2013.



Parma, 6 December 2012

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON ADDITIVES AND PRODUCTS OR SUBSTANCES USED IN ANIMAL FEED

Minutes of the 15th meeting of the Working Group on Silage Additives Parma, 28-29 August 2012

Agreed by the Working Group on 11 October 2012

Participants

WG Experts:	Andrew Chesson, Pier Sandro Cocconcelli, Jürgen Gropp, Secundino Lopez Puente and Maria Saarela.
EFSA:	Rosella Brozzi, Montserrat Anguita, Jordi Tarres and Laura Ciocolallo

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Miklós Mézes and Jürgen Gropp (on the first day).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

- The Working Group revised the draft opinions on the safety and efficacy of *L. buchneri* NCIMB 30139 (EFSA-Q-2012-00088) and on the safety and efficacy of *Lactobacillus salivarius* CCM I-3238 and *L. casei* ATCC PTA-6135 (EFSA-Q-2011-00381) as silage additives for all species, and decided to present the draft documents, modified accordingly, to a future plenary meeting.
- The Working Group continued the revision of the draft opinions on Lactobacillus brevis DSM 23231, L. buchneri DSM 22501, L. buchneri NCIMB 40788 - CNCM I-4323, L. buchneri ATCC PTA-6138, L. buchneri ATCC PTA-2494 (EFSA-Q-2011-00382), on Lactobacillus plantarum NCIMB 30083 and L. plantarum NCIMB 30084 (EFSA-Q-2012-00090), on Pediococcus pentosaceus DSM 14021, P. pentosaceus DSM 23688 and P. pentosaceus DSM 23689 (EFSA-Q-2012-00091), on Lactobacillus plantarum CECT 4528 (EFSA-Q-2012-00092) and on Lactobacillus plantarum KKP/593/p, L. plantarum C



KKP/788/p and L. buchneri KKP /907/p (EFSA-Q-2012-00094) as silage additives, and decided to inform the applicants on issues that required clarification.

- The Working Group continued the revision of the draft opinion on *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* NCIMB 30229 (EFSA-Q-2011-00389) and decided that further discussion is needed.
- Representatives of the EFSA Scientific Assessment Support (SAS) Unit made a presentation on the statistical approach taken by applicants when designing studies to support the efficacy of silage additive took place. This was followed by a discussion.

5. Next meeting date(s)

11 and 12 October.



Parma, 6 December 2012

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON ADDITIVES AND PRODUCTS OR SUBSTANCES USED IN ANIMAL FEED

Minutes of the 14th meeting of the Working Group on Silage Additives Brussels, 3-4 May 2012

Agreed by the Working Group on 28 August 2012

Participants

WG Experts: Andrew Chesson, Pier Sandro Cocconcelli, Jürgen Gropp, Derek Renshaw (only for point on hexamethylene tetramine).

EFSA: Rosella Brozzi

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Secundino López Puente, Miklós Mézes, and Maria Saarela.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussion

• The Working Group revised the draft opinions on the safety and efficacy of 18 strains of Lactobacillus plantarum (DSM 23375, CNCM I-3235, DSM 19457, DSM 16568, LMG 21295, DSM 16565, VTT E-78076, CNCM MA 18/5U, NCIMB 30238, ATTC PTA-6139, DSM 18112, ATCC 55058, DSM 18113, DSM 18114, ATCC 55942, ATCC 55943, ATCC 55944 and NCIMB 30094) as silage additives for all species (EFSA-Q-2011-00374) of Pediococcus acidilactici (CNCM I-3237, CNCM MA 18/5M – DSM 11673) and Pediococcus pentosaceus (DSM 23376, NCIMB 12455, NCIMB 30237 and NCIMB 30168) as silage additives for all species (EFSA-Q-2011-00374), and of Lactobacillus plantarum (DSM 3676 and DSM 3677) and of Lactobacillus buchneri (DSM 13573) as silage additives for pigs, poultry, bovines, sheep, goats, rabbits and horses (EFSA-Q-2012-00089) and decided to present the draft documents, modified accordingly, to a future plenary meeting.



• The Working Group continued the revision the draft opinions on hexamethylene tetramine (EFSA-Q-2012-00415) and enzymes used as silage additives (EFSA-Q-2012-00411), and confirmed the need to inform the applicant on issues that required clarification.

5. Next meeting date(s)

28 and 29 August



Parma, 31 May 2012

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON ADDITIVES AND PRODUCTS OR SUBSTANCES USED IN ANIMAL FEED

Minutes of the 13th meeting of the Working Group on Silage Additives Barcelona, 29-30 March 2012

Agreed by the Working Group on 3 May 2012

Participants

WG Experts: Andrew Chesson, Pier Sandro Cocconcelli, Jürgen Gropp, Secundino Lopez Puente, Miklós Mézes, and Maria Saarela.

EFSA: Irene Bustos and Rosella Brozzi

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Derek Renshaw.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

- The Working Group revised the draft opinions on the safety and efficacy of sodium benzoate as a silage additive for pigs, poultry, bovines, sheep, goats, rabbits and horses (EFSA-Q-2012-00416) and on *Propionibacterium acidipropionici* CNCM MA 26/4U as a silage additive for all species (EFSA-Q-2011-00953), and decided to present the draft documents, modified accordingly, to the next plenary meeting.
- The Working Group revised the draft opinions on hexamethylene tetramine (EFSA-Q-2012-00415) and enzymes used as silage additives (EFSA-Q-2012-00411), and decided to inform the applicant on issues that required clarification.
- The Working Group revised the draft opinions on the safety and efficacy of 18 strains of Lactobacillus plantarum (EFSA-Q-2011-00374) and on Pediococcus acidilactici (CNCM I-3237, CNCM MA 18/5M – DSM 11673) and Pediococcus pentosaceus (DSM 23376, NCIMB 12455, NCIMB 30237 and NCIMB 30168, EFSA-Q-2011-00940), and decided that further discussion is needed.



5. Next meeting date(s)

28 and 29 August



Barcelona, 29 March 2012

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON ADDITIVES AND PRODUCTS OR SUBSTANCES USED IN ANIMAL FEED

Minutes of the 12th meeting of the Working Group on Silage Additives Parma, Italy 2-3 February 2012

Agreed by the Working Group on 29 March 2012

Participants

WG Experts:

Andrew Chesson, Pier Sandro Cocconcelli (2nd day), Jürgen Gropp, Secundino Lopez Puente, Miklós Mézes (1st day), Derek Renshaw and Maria Saarela.

EFSA: Irene Bustos.

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

- The Working Group revised the draft opinion on the safety and efficacy of *Lactobacillus brevis* DSMZ 21982 (EFSA-Q-2010-01304) and decided to present the draft document to the next plenary meeting.
- A preliminary discussion took place on the applications for Sodium benzoate (FAD-2010-0375) and hexamethylene tetramine (FAD-2010-0377).



Parma, 2 February 2012

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON ADDITIVES AND PRODUCTS OR SUBSTANCES USED IN ANIMAL FEED

Minutes of the 11th meeting of the Working Group on Silage Additives Munich, Germany 1-2 December 2011

Agreed by the Working Group on 2 February 2012

Participants

WG Experts: Andrew Chesson, Pier Sandro Cocconcelli, Jürgen Gropp, Secundino Lopez Puente, Miklós Mézes and Maria Saarela.

EFSA: Irene Bustos

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

- The Working Group revised the draft opinion on the safety and efficacy of Potassium sorbate (EFSA-Q-2011-00841) and EM silage (EFSA-Q-2011-00390) and decided to inform the applicant on issues that required clarification. The working group discussed also the draft opinion on the safety and efficacy of *Lactobacillus plantarum* NCIMB 41028 and NCIMB 30148 (EFSA-Q-2011-00943) and decided to present the draft document, modified accordingly, to the next plenary meeting.
- A preliminary discussion took place on the applications on Sodium benzoate (FAD-2010-0375) and alpha-amylase, cellulose, beta-glucanase and xylanase (FAD-2010-0367).



Munich, 1 December 2011

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON ADDITIVES AND PRODUCTS OR SUBSTANCES USED IN ANIMAL FEED

Minutes of the 10th meeting of the Working Group on Silage Additives Parma, Italy 13-14 October 2011

Agreed by the Working Group on 1 December 2011

Participants

WG Experts: Andrew Chesson, Pier Sandro Cocconcelli (1st day), Jürgen Gropp, Secundino Lopez Puente, Miklós Mézes and Maria Saarela.

EFSA: Irene Bustos

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

- The Working Group revised the draft opinion on the safety and efficacy of *Lactococcus lactis* NCIMB 30117 (EFSA-Q-2011-00373) and *Lactobacillus pentosus* DSM 14025 (EFSA-Q-2011-00388) and decided to present the draft documents, modified accordingly, to the next plenary meeting.
- A preliminary discussion took place on the applications on *Enterococcus faecium* (5 strains) (FAD-2010-0135),Sodium benzoate (FAD-2010-0375), *Lactobacillus plantarum* KKP/593/p and C KKP/788/p and *Lactobacillus buchneri* KKP/907/p (FAD-2010-0397), Hexamethylene tetramine (FAD-2010-0377), Sodium nitrite and sodium benzoate (FAD-2010-0379) and alpha-amylase, cellulose, beta-glucanase and xylanase (FAD-2010-0367)



Parma, 13 October 2011

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON ADDITIVES AND PRODUCTS OR SUBSTANCES USED IN ANIMAL FEED

Minutes of the 9th meeting of the Working Group on Silage Additives Parma, Italy 8-9 September 2011

Agreed by the Working Group on 13 October 2011

Participants

WG Experts:

Andrew Chesson, Jürgen Gropp, Secundino Lopez Puente, Miklós Mézes (1st day) and Maria Saarela.

EFSA: Irene Bustos

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Pier Sandro Cocconcelli.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

- The Working Group revised the draft opinion on the safety and efficacy of *Lactobacillus plantarum* DSM 8862 and DSM 8866 (EFSA-Q-2011-00186) and decided to present the draft document, modified accordingly, to the next plenary meeting. The Working Group revised also the draft opinion on the safety and efficacy of *Lactobacillus brevis* DSMZ 21982 (EFSA-Q-2010-01304) and decided to inform the applicant on issues that required clarification.
- A preliminary discussion took place on the applications on Lactobacillus buchneri NCIMB 30139 (FAD-2010-0302), Lactobacillus plantarum DSM 3676 and DSM 3677 and Lactobacillus buchneri DSM 13573 (FAD-2010-0387), Lactobacillus plantarum NCIMB 30083 and NCIMB 30084 (FAD-2010-0388), Pediococcus pentosaceus DSM 14021, DSM 23688 and DSM 23689 (FAD-2010-0389), Lactobacillus plantarum 14D/CSL (FAD-2010-0393) and Enterococcus faecium CNCM I-3236 (FAD-2010-0395).



Parma, 8 September 2011

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON ADDITIVES AND PRODUCTS OR SUBSTANCES USED IN ANIMAL FEED

Minutes of the 8th meeting of the Working Group on Silage Additives Brussels, Belgium 30 June-1 July 2011

Adopted by the Working Group on 8 September 2011

Participants

WG Experts: Andrew Chesson, Pier Sandro Cocconcelli, Jürgen Gropp, Miklós Mézes and Maria Saarela.

EFSA: Irene Bustos

5. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants.

6. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

7. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

- The Working Group revised the draft opinion on the safety and efficacy of *Lactococcus lactis* DSM 11037 (EFSA-Q-2010-00901) and decided to present the draft document, modified accordingly, to the next plenary meeting.
- A preliminary discussion took place on the applications on *Propionibacterium acidipropionici* CNCM MA 26/4U (FAD-2010-0255), *Lactobacillus plantarum* NCIMB 41028 & NCIMB 30148 (FAD-2010-0280), *Pedicoccus pentosaceus* NCIMB 30068 (FAD-2010-0272), *Lactobacillus paracasei* NCIMB 30151 (FAD-2010-0273), *Lactobacillus plantarum* DSMZ 16627 (FAD-2010-0274), *Pediococcus acidilactici* NCIMB 30005 (FAD-2010-0275), *Lactobacillus fermentum* NCIMB 30169 (FAD-2010-0276), *Lactobacillus brevis* DSMZ 16680 (FAD-2010-0277) and *Pediococcus pentosaceus* NCIMB 30044 (FAD-2010-0279).



Parma, 30 June 2011

PANEL ON ADDITIVES AND PRODUCTS OR SUBSTANCES USED IN ANIMAL FEED

Minutes of the 7th meeting of the Working Group on Silage Additives

Parma, 12-13 May 2011

Adopted by the Working Group on 30 June 2011

Participants

WG Experts: Andrew Chesson, Pier Sandro Cocconcelli, Jürgen Gropp, Miklós Mézes and Maria Saarela.

EFSA: Irene Bustos

9. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants.

10. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

11. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

- The Working Group discussed the draft opinion on the safety and efficacy of EMSilage (EFSA-Q-2011-00390) and decided to inform the applicant on issues that required clarification. The Working Group discussed also the draft opinion on the safety and efficacy of *Lactobacillus plantarum* NCIMB 30236 (EFSA-Q-2011-00062) and *Lactobacillus paracasei* DSM 16773 (EFSA-Q-2011-00387) and decided to present both draft documents to the plenary meeting.
- A preliminary discussion took place on the applications on *Pediococcus acidilactici* (2 strains) and *Pediococcus pentosaceus* (4 strains) (FAD-2010-0127), *Pediococcus acidilactici* NCIMB 30089 (FAD-2010-0252) and *Lactobacillus plantarum* NCIMB 40027 (FAD-2010-0259).



Parma, 13 May 2011

PANEL ON ADDITIVES AND PRODUCTS OR SUBSTANCES USED IN ANIMAL FEED

Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Working Group on Silage Additives Brussels, 21 March 2011

Adopted by the Working Group on 12 May 2011)

Participants

WG Experts: Andrew Chesson, Pier Sandro Cocconcelli, Jürgen Gropp and Miklós Mézes.

EFSA: Irene Bustos

13. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants.

14. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

15. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

16. Discussions

 A preliminary discussion took place on the applications on Lactobacillus salivarius CNCM I-3238 and Lactobacillus casei ATCC PTA-6135 (FAD-2010-0106), Lactobacillus buchneri (4 strains) and Lactobacillus brevis DSM 23231 (FAD-2010-0108), Lactobacillus pentosus DSM 14025 (FAD-2010-0176) and B. amyloliquefaciens NCIMB 30229 (FAD-2010-0192).



Parma, 23 March 2011

PANEL ON ADDITIVES AND PRODUCTS OR SUBSTANCES USED IN ANIMAL FEED

Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Working Group on Silage Additives Parma, 22-23 February 2011

(Adopted by the Working Group on 21 March 2011)

Participants

WG Experts: Andrew Chesson, Pier Sandro Cocconcelli, Jürgen Gropp

EFSA: Irene Bustos

17. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Miklós Mézes.

18. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

19. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

- The Working Group discussed the draft opinion on the safety and efficacy of *Lactococcus lactis* DSM 11037 (EFSA-Q-2010-00901), *Lactobacillus brevis* DSMZ 21982 (EFSA-Q-2010-01304), *Lactobacillus plantarum* E-98 NCIMB 30236 (EFSA-Q-2011-00062) and Lignosulphonate (EFSA-Q-2010-01283) and decided to inform the applicant on issues that required clarification for all of them.
- A preliminary discussion took place on the applications on Lactobacillus brevis DSM 12835 (FAD-2010-0170), Pediococcus pentosaceus DSM 12834 (FAD-2010-0171), Lactobacillus plantarum (18 strains) (FAD-2010-0048) and Lactobacillus plantarum DSM 8862 and DSM 8866 (FAD-2011-0001).



Parma, 22 February 2011

PANEL ON ADDITIVES AND PRODUCTS OR SUBSTANCES USED IN ANIMAL FEED

Minutes of the meeting of the Working Group on Silage Additives Brussels, 12 January 2011

(Adopted by the Working Group on 22 February 2011)

Participants

WG Experts: Andrew Chesson, Pier Sandro Cocconcelli, Jürgen Gropp, Miklós Mézes

EFSA: Jaume Galobart

21. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants.

22. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

23. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

- The Working Group discussed the draft opinion on the safety and efficacy of *Lactobacillus buchneri* DSM 22963 (EFSA-Q-2010-01276) and decided to present it to the plenary meeting.
- A preliminary discussion took place on the applications on *Pediococcus acidilactici* DSM 16243 (FAD-2010-0102), *Lactobacillus rhamnosus* NCIMB 30121 (FAD-2010-0103) and *Lactococcus lactis* NCIMB 30160 (FAD-2010-0110).



Parma, 12 January 2011

PANEL ON ADDITIVES AND PRODUCTS OR SUBSTANCES USED IN ANIMAL FEED

Minutes of the meeting of the Working Group on Silage Additives Munich, 14 October 2010

(Adopted by the WG on 12 January 2011)

Participants

WG Experts: Andrew Chesson, Pier Sandro Cocconcelli, Jürgen Gropp, Sven Lindgren and Miklós Mézes

EFSA: Jaume Galobart

25. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants.

26. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

27. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. For further details on the outcome of the screening of the ADoI and SDoI, please refer to the Annex.

- The Working Group discussed the draft opinion on the safety and efficacy of *Lactobacillus plantarum* (DSM 21762) (EFSA-Q-2010-01164) and decided to present it to the plenary meeting.
- A preliminary discussion took place on the applications on Lactobacillus buchneri (DSM 16774) (FAD-2010-0084), Lactobacillus buchneri (DSM 12856) (FAD-2010-0085), Lactobacillus plantarum (DSM 12837) (FAD-2010-0086) and Lactobacillus paracasei (DSM 16245) (FAD-2010-0087).



<u>Annex</u>

INTERESTS AND ACTIONS RESULTING FROM THE <u>SCREENING</u> OF ADOI

In his ADol, Dr. Sven Lindgren declared the following interest: he had a past consultancy activity with Chr. Hansen, which is a competitor of the producer of the current additive. In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests and Implementing documents thereof, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was deemed to represent a conflict of Interest (level B). Pursuant to EFSA's Procedure on Identifying and Handling Declarations of Interest, the said expert incurs in the limitations identified under point C.III.b that is he may address orally or in writing questions raised during the evaluation of products, but cannot draft opinions or parts of them.



Parma, 8 September 2010

PANEL ON ADDITIVES AND PRODUCTS OR SUBSTANCES USED IN ANIMAL FEED

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group on Silage Additives Parma, 7 September 2010

(Adopted by the WG on 14 October 2010)

Participants

WG Experts: Andrew Chesson, Pier Sandro Cocconcelli, Jürgen Gropp, Miklós Mézes

EFSA: Jaume Galobart

29. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Sven Lindgren

30. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

31. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

32. Discussions

• The Working Group discussed the draft opinion on the safety and efficacy of *L. lactis* (DSM11037) (EFSA-Q-2010-00901) and decided to inform the applicant on issues that required clarification.



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Brussels, 28 October 2009

PANEL ON ADDITIVES AND PRODUCTS OR SUBSTANCES USED IN ANIMAL FEED

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on Silage Additives Brussels, 28 October 2009

(Adopted by the Working Group on 7 September 2010)

Participants

WG Experts:

Andrew Chesson, Pier Sandro Cocconcelli, Jürgen Gropp, Sven Lindgren, Miklós Mézes

EFSA: Jaume Galobart

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

• The Working Group discussed the draft opinion on the safety and efficacy of *Pediococcus pentosaceus* (DSM 16244) (EFSA-Q-2009-00717) and decided to inform the applicant on issues that required clarification.