

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL FEEDINGSTUFFS

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Information Paper

EU AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

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1. This paper summaries the main developments in relation to EU legislation and related matters since the ACAF meeting held on 22 October 2014.

European Commission Regulation 225/2012

2. Negotiations have started in Brussels on a review of Commission Regulation 225/2012 controls on oil and fat-derived products used as feed materials. So far, the discussions have focused on the mandatory monitoring regime for dioxin and PCB contamination. Most EU Member States (including the UK) and the European Commission wish to reduce the impact of the mandatory monitoring controls for those feed products derived from oils and fats that are of low risk, and to concentrate on those considered higher risk of contamination by dioxins and PCBs. Thus, we expect the requirement for testing for 100% of batches to be retained only for a small number of feed materials. We will keep the Committee informed of further developments.

Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed (SCoPAFF, previously SCoFAH): Animal Nutrition Section

Feed additive authorisations October to December 2014

3. There were eight votes in favour of European Commission proposals for feed additive authorisations at the October, November and December 2014 Standing Committee meetings. These are summarised in Annex I.
4. Recent discussions have included the possible authorisation of formaldehyde as a preservative or as a feed hygiene agent. There have also been significant discussions regarding the authorisations of antioxidant ethoxyquin and the micro-organism product Toyocerin.
5. Following representations from the UK and from other Member States about possible reductions in maximum permitted levels for iodine-based additives in feed for certain food-producing animal categories, the European Commission has indicated that it will retain the *status quo* at least for ruminants and laying hens.

Undesirable substances in feed

6. Following a request from the UK's Food Standards Agency made in May 2014, it was agreed in principle in Brussels that the maximum permitted levels for nitrite in all feed materials under Commission Directive 2002/32/EC could be removed, as these are not considered to be proportionate to the risk to the consumers or to target species. The vote to effect this change will take place later in 2015.

European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

7. EFSA's FEEDAP Panel (Panel on Additives and Products or Substances used in Animal Feed) continues to assess feed additive applications for authorisation and re-authorisation. The Panel's assessments are published as scientific opinions on FEEDAP's webpage:

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/panels/feedap.htm>

8. FEEDAP's most recent meeting was held in Parma, Italy on 9 – 11 December 2014 – a broad spectrum of additive types was discussed. The agenda for the meeting can be accessed via:

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/event/141209-a.pdf>

9. The CONTAM Panel¹ of EFSA provides scientific advice concerning the presence of contaminants in both feed and food. The Panel's advice can be obtained via its webpage:

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/panels/contam.htm>

10. In December 2014 CONTAM¹ published its advice on the effects of modified ('masked') mycotoxins in feed and food on consumer and animal health. These modified forms are metabolites of the parent mycotoxin that can still exert toxic effects. Generally, the risks to consumers and animals from the presence of these metabolites in food and feed respectively are fairly low. However, there are some concerns regarding 'high level consumers' for modified and unmodified zearalenone, and for toddlers and other children for modified and unmodified fumonisins. CONTAM's advice can be accessed via:

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/3916.htm>

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¹ The Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

ANNEX I – SCOPAFF FEED ADDITIVE AUTHORISATIONS**Feed additive votes****October 2014**

Additive	Additive type	Proposal number	Authorisation type
Inositol	flavour	SANCO/12036/2014	reauthorisation
L-valine produced by <i>Corynebacterium glutamicum</i> (DSM 25202)	amino acid	SANCO/11998/2014	new
Copper bilysinate	trace element	SANCO/11999/2014	new

November 2014

Additive	Additive type	Proposal number	Authorisation type
<i>Lactobacillus acidophilus</i> CECT 4529	Zootechnical	SANCO/12446/2014	new
Diclazuril	Coccidiostat	SANCO/11415/2014	new
Alpha-amylase produced by <i>Bacillus licheniformis</i> (DSM 21564)	Zootechnical	SANCO/11417/2014	new

December 2014

Additive	Additive type	Proposal number	Authorisation type
Quinoline Yellow	Sensory	SANCO/12430/2014	new
Neohesperidine dihydrochalcone	Sensory	SANCO/12640/2014	new

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