

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL FEEDINGSTUFFS**

**70th Meeting of ACAF on 17 June 2016**

**Information Paper**

**EU and other Developments**

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## **EU AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS**

### **Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed (SCoPAFF): Animal Nutrition and Veterinary Medicines Section (February to April 2016)**

1. Following a restructuring within DG SANTE, the Animal Nutrition Section merged with the Veterinary Medicines Section as from the 1 February 2016 with Stefano Soro as new Head of Unit.

#### **Feed additive authorisations**

2. Standing Committee meetings were held in February, March and April 2016 where eight feed additive (and two administrative) authorisations were voted for in favour, as summarised in the Annex.
3. Discussions remain ongoing for formaldehyde under the urgent authorisation procedure. The UK proposal to reduce the authorisation period from five to three years is now incorporated into the draft Regulation, along with monitoring plan criteria. Whilst revisions were viewed favourably, discussions in March also considered denial of authorisation, although this remained a minority stance during discussion at the April meeting.
4. Discussions regarding zinc compounds as trace element sources concluded with majority agreement on reducing maximum permitted levels (MPLs), although not as low as EFSA recommendations. We will continue to keep the Committee updated on zinc and other traces element scheduled for re-authorisation (as for selenium, copper, iron and molybdenum).
5. At February's meeting, the authorisation of ethoxyquin was further discussed in context of substitute antioxidants and potential transition periods. Ethoxyquin is predominantly used to stabilise fishmeal from spontaneous combustion during transportation. Only ethoxyquin and butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT) are legally permitted for use as an antioxidant under international maritime law. However, substitute antioxidants (including BHT) are also undergoing re-authorisation. At the April meeting, Member States were informed that favourable in vivo genotoxicity data had been submitted to EFSA for evaluation. In addition, EFSA has requested additional data regarding safety and efficacy of the alternative antioxidants. A draft Regulation is anticipated for the June 2016 meeting, outlining a partial suspension, with the exception of fishmeal, specific vitamins and carotenoids. Discussions are ongoing and we will keep the Committee informed of developments.

6. A number of documents continue to be reviewed, these include:
  - a. the list of intended uses as particular nutritional purposes (PARNUTS);
  - b. the Code of good labelling practices for compound feed for food producing animals (COPA-COGECA/FEFAC);
  - c. the revision of Annexes VI and VII of Regulation (EC) No. 767/2009 regarding labelling of food-producing animals and non-food producing animals, respectively.
7. A working group (WG) with EFSA and industry representatives present was held within the February 2016 meeting. The WG concerned proposals for the revision of guidelines for submission of dossiers seeking authorisation of feed additives, within Regulation (EC) No 429/2008. A plenary discussion with EFSA and industry is to be scheduled for July 2016.

### **Feed hygiene**

8. Following the European Commission launch of the Circular Economy initiative, former foods are now recognised as falling out of scope of Waste Directive 2008/98/EC. Discussions at the March and April meetings focused on harmonising various regulations to better enable the use of former foods as an animal feed.
9. The requirements (and exemptions) of Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 concerning classification, labelling and packaging (CLP) of substances and mixtures was presented by DG GROW<sup>1</sup> at the February meeting regarding obligations for feed products. Preliminary discussions in the April meeting resulted in a generalised interpretation that CLP applied to feed additives and premixtures only. This topic will return to the Standing Committee prior to a definitive position being formulated on the scope of CLP by the end of 2016 and we will keep the Committee informed of developments.

### **Undesirable substances in feed**

10. In the February meeting, Member States were informed that 38 RASFF notifications had been made regarding Aflatoxin B1 contamination in wild bird feed originating from China.

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<sup>1</sup> Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SME (small, medium sized business)

11. Also within the February meeting, EFSA requested information from all Member States relating to alternaria toxins (a mycotoxin) in food and feed to review data on toxicity and exposure.
12. No discussions were held on Undesirable substances in feed at the March meeting.
13. At the April meeting, proposed amendments were presented for Regulation (EU) 709/2014 for the determination of levels of dioxins and polychlorinated biphenyls in feed. This revision concerns the deletion for measurements of uncertainty, and reporting requirements for physical and chemical screening.
14. Regarding Directive 2002/32/EC on undesirable substances, a draft Commission Recommendation on the levels of nitrites (and nitrates) in feed has yet to be completed.

### **European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)**

15. Between February and April 2016, EFSA's FEEDAP Panel<sup>2</sup> published 16 scientific opinions to assess feed additive applications for authorisation and re-authorisation.  
(<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/feedap/feedapscdocs>)
16. The CONTAM Panel<sup>3</sup> of EFSA provides scientific advice concerning the presence of contaminants in both feed and food. The Panel's advice (and recent plenary meeting agendas) can be viewed on:  
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/panels/contam>
17. Forthcoming agendas of FEEDAP and CONTAM Panels (amongst others) may be viewed on <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/advanced-search>

### **18. Future SCoPAFF meetings**

23-24 June 2016  
18-19 July 2016  
12-13 September 2016  
13-14 October 2016  
3-4 November 2016  
15-16 December 2016

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<sup>2</sup> FEEDAP - Panel on Additives and Products or Substances used in Animal Feed

<sup>3</sup> The Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

**ANNEX – SCoPAFF FEED ADDITIVE AUTHORISATIONS****Feed additive votes:****February 2016**

| <b>Additive</b>  | <b>Authorisation type</b> | <b>Proposal number</b> |
|--|---------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Zotechnical Additive:</b><br>6-phytase (EC 3.1.3.26) produced by <i>Komagaetella pastoris</i> | Modification              | SANTE_11640_2015       |

**March 2016**

No feed additive authorisations presented for vote.

**April 2016**

| <b>Additive</b>   | <b>Authorisation type</b> | <b>Proposal number</b> |
|---|---------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Technological Additive:</b><br>Preparation of iron sodium tartrates  | New                       | SANTE 12097_2015       |
| <b>Zotechnical Additive:</b><br>Benzoic acid  | Modification              | SANTE_12432_2015       |
| <b>Zotechnical Additive:</b><br>6-phytase produced by <i>Trichoderma reesei</i> (ATCC SD-6528)                            | New                       | SANTE_12417_2015       |
| <b>Zotechnical Additive:</b><br>Preparation of <i>Bacillus licheniformis</i> (ATCC 53757) and its protease (EC 3.4.21.19) | New                       | SANTE_11178_2015       |
| <b>Zotechnical Additive:</b><br>Preparation of <i>Bacillus subtilis</i> (C-3102)  | Modification              | SANTE_12096_2015       |
| <b>Change of authorisation details:</b><br>Name of holder of authorisation and  | Administrative            | SANTE 10422_2016       |

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| the trade name of a coccidiostat  |                |                  |
| <b><i>Change of authorisation details:</i></b><br>Name of holder of authorisation of a preparation of <i>Lactobacillus rhamnosus</i> (CNCM-I-3698) and <i>Lactobacillus farciminis</i> (CNCM-I-3699). | Administrative | SANTE_10421_2016 |

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