

## Minutes of 19 September 2012

### Annex 1

#### ACAF Forward Work Programme

##### High Priority - position of ACAF to be considered proactively

Item no.	Topic	Progress
1	Feed Safety – Potential Gaps	<p>At its 1 June 2011 meeting, the Committee was asked to consider potential safety gaps in the feed sector. It agreed to consider in further detail the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• identification of feed businesses;</li><li>• awareness/competence of feed business operators (FeBOs); and</li><li>• imports.</li></ul> <p>The Committee discussed identification of feed businesses at its December 2011 meeting. The awareness and competence of FeBOs was discussed at the Committee's March 2012 meeting. Members agreed that further consideration of this topic was required, including a presentation from industry organisations (e.g., the Agricultural Industries Confederation, British Society of Animal Science (BSAS)) on work they are carrying out in this area. The Committee received a presentation from the BSAS on initiatives on the registration of feed advisors at its September 2012 meeting.</p>
2	GM issues including future developments in biotechnology (e.g. use of	The Committee receives regular update reports from the Secretary on EU developments; these include future developments in biotechnology and the possible links that GM has with animal and human nutrition.

	second generation GMOs) and possible links with GM nutritional work.	The issue of asynchronous approvals of GM varieties and its future impact on the security of feed supply has been brought to the attention of the Committee and is being monitored by the Secretariat.
<b>3</b>	Feed Incidents and related issues.	At its June 2012 meeting the Committee received a presentation from officials of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development on Feed Incident Management in Northern Ireland from an enforcement perspective. The presentation outlined the level of preparedness in Northern Ireland for the handling of feed related incidents, including contingency planning, and risk assessment activities. The Committee was encouraged by the arrangements in place.
<b>4</b>	Recommendations from Food and Veterinary Office (FVO) audit to UK on feed law enforcement.	The Committee was informed at its December 2011, March, June and September 2012 meetings of the recommendations of FVO audits on the enforcement of feed legislation and work the Agency was carrying out to address the recommendations.
<b>5</b>	Emphasis on reduction in food waste	Yet to be considered.
<b>6</b>	Antimicrobial Resistance	The Committee received a presentation on this issue at its September 2012 meeting. It agreed this topic was complex and it wished to explore the issues at a future meeting, where it could discuss the available evidence to support whether antimicrobial resistance was a significant issue for animal feed.

**Medium Priority - position of ACAF responsive to developments and considered regularly:**

<b>7</b>	EU developments – including providing advice on UK negotiating lines.	<p>The Committee receives EU development updates at every meeting and provides input to the UK delegation on a range of issues.</p> <p>During 2008, the Committee provided inputs to the UK negotiating line on</p>
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		<p>the eventual EU Regulation on the Marketing and Use of Feed. The Regulation was adopted in June 2009 and came into effect on 1 September 2010.</p> <p>The Annexes to the Regulation are subject to amendment, and an extended Catalogue of Feed Materials and a Code of Practice on Pet Food Labelling has been drawn up. The Committee's views have also been sought on these issues.</p> <p>At its September 2011 meeting the Committee received an update on negotiations on the review of Directive 90/167 on the preparation, supply and use of medicated feedingstuffs. Members were informed that European Commission proposals following the review were expected in 2012. The Committee confirmed it would be willing to provide any advice as required during the future negotiations.</p> <p>At its September 2012 meeting, the Committee received an update on work the Agency is carrying out to implement Commission Regulation 225/2012 which was adopted following the German dioxin incident 2010/11. The Committee agreed to provide comments on a public consultation that the Agency intends carrying out on implementing measures.</p>
<b>8</b>	New Developments in feed for livestock species including aquaculture	The Committee will continue to be updated on developments and will be asked for advice as required.
<b>9</b>	Work of EFSA, including opinions on additives and contaminants relating to animal feed.	The Secretariat will continue to draw relevant EFSA Opinions and documents to the attention of ACAF for discussion.
<b>10</b>	The manipulation of animal diets to enhance the nutritional value of food	The Committee first considered this issue in 2004-2005. A horizon scanning workshop organised by the GACS took place on 24 June 2009 and was attended by a number of ACAF Members. ACAF was requested to take

	<p>(milk, meat, eggs, fish). Examples include:  enhancing the selenium content of livestock produce;  enriching foods with polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFAs) including long chain n-3 PUFA;  developing foods with reduced concentrations of saturated fatty acids;</p>	<p>forward the ideas discussed. At ACAF's September 2009 meeting Prof. Ian Givens agreed to carry out a literature review of research being carried out in this area. The report of the review was circulated to Members on 27 November 2009 and the key areas of research summarised.</p> <p>At its September 2012 meeting, Members were informed of developments on iodine and vitamin D. Prof Ian Givens agreed to provide details of these developments to Members, which was circulated on 11 October 2012.</p> <p>This subject area will be revisited from time to time.</p>
<b>11</b>	Feed additive developments and issues.	<p>An information paper was prepared by the Secretariat for ACAF's March 2008 meeting. The Committee considered this topic again at its June 2011 meeting. It noted that the assessment of applications for the re-authorisation of feed additives according to Article 10 of Regulation 1831/2003 had started. The Secretariat will keep the Committee informed of developments.</p> <p>An EFSA opinion on the re-assessment of vitamin A is still awaited (an issue of particular interest to ACAF).</p>
<b>12</b>	Forge closer links with other Advisory Committees and tackle issues of common interest.	ACAF will continue to take opportunities to develop links with other SACs in respect of cross-cutting issues.
<b>13</b>	Microbiological issues	At its September 2011 meeting the Committee was asked to consider whether the policy adopted by the Food Standards Agency in relation to Salmonella in feed was appropriate. The Committee endorsed the line taken by UK officials in negotiations where a Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP)-type approach, as considered by the European Food Safety Authority and as

		set out in the UK Code of Practice, would be preferable to amendment of the Feed Hygiene Regulation.
<b>14</b>	Updates on BSE and TSE developments.	<p>An update on TSE and Meat and Bone meal issues was provided by Mr Patrick Burke (Defra) at the Committee's December 2008 and June 2011 meetings.</p> <p>At the meeting in June 2011, the Committee agreed with proposals aimed at partial relaxation of certain existing controls. At its September 2011 meeting the Committee was informed that Defra officials would be seeking an agreed UK position from Ministers.</p> <p>The Committee also received a presentation from Mr Neil Leach (Defra) on an update of EU Animal By-Product Controls at its meetings in December 2009 and September 2011.</p> <p>Members were provided with an oral update at its September 2012 meeting.</p> <p>Members agreed that this item should remain on its work plan and be periodically reviewed.</p>
<b>15</b>	Brominated flame retardants (BFRs)	The Committee received a presentation on this issue at its 14 December 2011 meeting. It recommended that, with respect to further work the Agency proposes to undertake on this subject, specific areas should be considered, including investigating where the entry points of contamination might be for foods that were found to contain high levels of BFRs during food surveys, notably farmed fish and dairy products. The Committee also suggested that the Agency should extend any relevant investigations to cover feed.

**Low Priority - items to be kept under observation but major changes not expected.**

<b>16</b>	Feed issues relating to organic production.	The Committee received an update on UK negotiations on organic farming at its December 2011 meeting. The Committee agreed that this was an important issue and requested it be kept informed of developments.
<b>17</b>	<p>Biofuels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• possible impact on the availability and cost of widely used selected feeds ; and</li> <li>• the safety and use of feed co-products from the production of biofuels.</li> </ul>	<p>The Committee has considered this subject area in depth and its position paper was published on 30 April 2008.</p> <p>At its 3 March and 3 June 2010 meetings the Committee received update presentations on biofuels and agreed that its position paper should be revised and adapted to take account of quantifiable data and new developments.</p> <p>The Committee discussed updating its position paper on biofuels at its September 2011 meeting and agreed to publish a revised document, which is available at: <a href="http://acaf.food.gov.uk/papers/biofuels">http://acaf.food.gov.uk/papers/biofuels</a></p>
<b>18</b>	<p>Food/feed security:</p> <p>a) climate change and the impact on feed production;</p> <p>b) animal production including feeding systems and the effect on the environment; and</p> <p>c) global demand for animal derived foods and prices for primary production.</p>	<p>During 2010, the Committee received presentations from Professor Tim Wheeler (University of Reading/Deputy Chief Scientific advisor to the Department for International Development) and Professor Chris Reynolds (University of Reading) on items (a) and (b), respectively. The Committee agreed to keep these items on its workplan.</p> <p>Item (c) stems from a GACS horizon scanning workshop held on 24 June 2009. The Committee agreed it would like to explore this area further at a future meeting. It was agreed that the Secretariat should arrange for presentations to cover: (a) the UK position; (b) the European position; and (c) the worldwide position. The Committee envisages that the proposed presentations will help it to determine its formal stance on these issues.</p>