

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL FEEDINGSTUFFS

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Information Paper

EU AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

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1. This paper outlines the main developments in relation to EU legislation and related matters since the ACAF meeting held on 2 March 2011.

Official feed and food controls – Regulation (EC) No 882/2004

2. Review of Regulation (EC) 882/2004: the European Commission is carrying out a review of Regulation (EC) 882/2004, as part of the wider initiative to simplify EU legislation in the areas of food and feed safety, and also animal health and welfare and plant health. The aim is to ensure an integrated approach to official controls in all areas.
3. In particular, the Commission is looking at simplifying the inspection fees regime, veterinary border controls on live animals and products of animal origin and controls on veterinary medicine residues.
4. Consultation with Member States is on-going and the adoption of a proposal is expected in March/June 2012.
5. Implementing rules for import controls for high-risk feed and food of non-animal origin: Following the fourth review of the “high risk” products list carried out in March 2011, an amended Annex I list to Regulation (EC) No. 669/2009 was published on 5 May 2011 in the Official Journal of the European Union as Commission Regulation (EU) No 433/2011. It will enter into force on 1 July 2011.

European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

6. Opinions that have been published by the EFSA Scientific Panels on Additives and Products or Substances Used in Animal Feed (FEEDAP) and Contaminants in the Food Chain (CONTAM) since the Committee was updated in March 2011 can be accessed via the following links:

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

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

7. The FEEDAP Panel has recently published one of its first opinions on the safety and efficacy of feed additives submitted by manufacturers for re-evaluation under Article 10 of Regulation (EC) 1831/2003. The Panel is to be asked to re-evaluate many feed additives that were authorised under Directive 70/524/EEC. The FEEDAP Panel has completed a re-evaluation of the safety and efficacy of Cylactin, a zootechnical feed additive based on a strain of

Enterococcus faecium used in feed for chickens for fattening. The Panel concluded that Cylactin is effective as a feed additive used for broilers and that there is no evidence that its use will result in adverse effects for target animals, consumers or the environment. More information can be found via this link:

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/press/news/feedap20100709.htm>

8. The CONTAM Panel published an Opinion on Endosulfan. This substance was previously used as a pesticide, but it is no longer authorised in the European Union and is now regulated as an undesirable substance in animal feed. EFSA has assessed recent information on the toxicity of endosulfan in fish. The Panel concluded that the recent information on toxicity of endosulfan in fish does not change the conclusions on toxicity in fish drawn in its previous Opinion.

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/2131.htm>

9. Please note that some Opinions published by the CONTAM Panel do not apply specifically to animal feed.

Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health (SCoFCAH): Animal Nutrition Section

Undesirable substances

10. The Annexes to European Council Directive 2001/32 that contain the limits for undesirable substances in feed have been redrafted to consolidate changes made since 2003 and to recast the current controls for dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs using the 2005 World Health Organisation (WHO) toxic equivalent factors (TEFs). It is expected that the Commission's proposal will also contain new maximum limits for non-dioxin-like PCBs. It is expected that the proposal will go for a vote at the June or July 2011 meeting.

Feed Additives

11. There were 15 votes in total in favour of the authorisation of feed additives at the February, March and April 2011 meetings. These are summarised in the table below.

Commission Proposals that received a qualified majority vote in February - April 2011

Additive	Additive type	Proposal number	Authorisation type
<i>Bacillus amyloliquefaciens</i> CECT 5940	gut flora stabiliser	SANCO/13161/2010	revised compatibility with coccidiostats
<i>Trichoderma reesei</i> A-34 (MUCL 49754)	gut flora stabiliser	SANCO/13160/2010	revised minimum content in feed for broilers
Endo-1,4-betaxylanase and endo-1,3(4)-betaglucanase	digestibility enhancer	SANCO/12760/2010	for poultry, pigs and piglets
<i>Enterococcus faecium</i> NCIMB 10415	gut flora stabiliser	SANCO/11556/2011	Re-authorisation
Dimethylglycine	zootechnical	SANCO/13549/2011	new authorisation
<i>Clostridium butyricum</i> FERM-BP 2789	gut flora stabiliser	SANCO/13550/2011	amended authorisation
Cygro 1% (Maduramicin ammonium alpha)	coccidiostat	SANCO/13551/2011	Re-authorisation
Endo-1,4-betaxylanase Subtilisin Alpha-amylase	digestibility enhancer	SANCO/10111/2011	new authorisation
Cygro 1% Maduramicin ammonium alpha	coccidiostat	SANCO/10112/2011	amended authorisation
Cycostat 66G Robenidine hydrochloride	coccidiostat	SANCO/10443/2011	re-authorisation
Coxidin (Monensin sodium)	coccidiostat	SANCO/10444/2011	authorisation of new formulation
Sodium benzoate	zootechnical	SANCO/10445/2011	new authorisation
Endo-1,4- β -xylanase, endo-1,3(4)- β -glucanase and polygalacturonase	digestibility enhancer	SANCO/10476/2011	new authorisation
endo-1,4- β -xylanase	digestibility enhancer	SANCO/10477/2011	extension to other species
Vitamin B ₆	vitamin	SANCO/10487/2011	re-authorisation
<i>Bacillus licheniformis</i> and <i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	gut flora stabiliser	SANCO/10711/2011	authorisation to include compatibility with formic acid

Marketing and use of feed

12. Twelve applications made under Article 8 of Regulation 767/2009 for particular nutritional purpose products containing high levels of feed additives are being assessed by Member States with a view to authorisation under Directive 2008/38/EC. Some applicants are to be asked to provide additional information.
13. The United Kingdom has written to the European Commission requesting a change to the procedure outlined in Annexes VI and VII of Regulation 767/2009 for labelling of trace element additives in feed materials and in compound feeds. Essentially, the request is for the level of trace element additives to be declared in term of the trace element itself (as per the maximum permitted limits), instead of as the trace element compound. It is expected that this request will receive a high level of support from other Member States and from feed industry stakeholders. The Committee will be kept informed of developments.

Incidents

14. In January and February 2011, the Agency was notified of two separate Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed notifications regarding the import of vitamin premixtures from China that were contaminated with chloramphenicol. This antibiotic is not authorised for use in feed and poses a safety risk to consumers; it is genotoxic and may cause other serious health effects. The Agency carried out a risk assessment on affected feed products and due to low levels of incorporation of the premixtures in complete animal feed, there was found to be no significant safety risk to consumers. All remaining stocks of the contaminated premixtures were removed from the market and destroyed and a recall process was undertaken. The industry is vigilant for potential contamination in similar products and the FSA has included this contaminant in the national coordinated risk-based feed sampling programme.

National coordinated risk-based food and feed sampling programme 2011-2012

15. The FSA is making funding available to UK enforcement authorities for sampling and surveillance of feed to help ensure risk-based targeted checks at ports and local authority monitoring throughout the feed chain. This programme supports the outcomes from the Agency's Strategic Plan that food produced or sold in the UK is safe to eat. The Agency has prioritised the sampling and analysis of imported a range of contaminants in feed products on a risk basis. Priorities include the sampling and analysis of feed additives,

biofuel materials or co-products and feed materials for dioxins and PCBs, hazardous elements, mycotoxins, GM and *Salmonella*. The Agency is now finalising bids and sampling will commence shortly. Results of the programme should be available in Summer 2012.

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