

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL FEEDINGSTUFFS

58th Meeting of ACAF on 15 June 2012

Information Paper

EU AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

Secretariat: May 2012

EU AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

1. This paper outlines the main developments in relation to EU legislation and related matters since the ACAF meeting held on 7 March 2012.

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

2. Regulation (EC) 882/2004 sets out the general principles that EU Member States must adopt when performing official controls to verify compliance with feed and food and animal health and welfare law. These principles are harmonised at EU level to protect the health of consumers and to ensure safety and quality of goods for international trade.
3. The Commission is undertaking a recast of Regulation (EC) 882/2004 following a 2009 evaluation study of its implementation. The study findings suggested that some improvements were necessary in a number of areas to clarify the official controls framework. These included: controls on residues of veterinary medicines, EU border controls on live animals and products of animal origin, and the rules governing the financing of official controls. The study also indicated that, in order to streamline and eliminate redundant control requirements, Regulation (EC) 882/2004 should also cover controls to verify compliance with plant health and seeds and propagating material law.
4. The recast of Regulation (EC) 882/2004 will address in a single proposal all the issues identified above, and the adoption of a draft proposal is expected in September 2012. Formal discussion with the Council and European Parliament will follow, with an anticipated publication in the Official Journal of the European Union at the beginning of 2014.

Sampling Analysis for the official control of feed - Regulation (EC) No 152/2009

5. The European Commission held a working group meeting on the 11 April 2012 to discuss a draft version of proposed amendments to Regulation (EU) 152/2009 on sampling and methods of analysis on feed. The Commission's intention is to bring the sampling requirements more into line with those for food, and to address the issue of sampling from bulk consignments to produce a workable solution to this problem.
6. The meeting was attended by national experts from most Member States, the UK being represented by the FSA. It is expected that further meetings will be held by the Commission to finalise the proposals ahead of further consultation with stakeholders.

Feed Hygiene - Amendment to Regulation 183/2005

7. ACAF/12/03 Rev 1 paper tabled at the ACAF meeting on 7 March 2012 reported on the outcome of negotiations on a Commission proposal to introduce the approval of blenders and processors of oils and fats and the monitoring of these materials for dioxins. The proposal was adopted and published in the Official Journal of the European Union as Commission Regulation 225/2012 of 15 March 2012 amending Annex II to Regulation 183/2005 on feed hygiene. It applies in Member States as from 16 September 2012. Implementation of this measure will require an amendment to the Feed (Hygiene and Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2005 - and separate but parallel legislation in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland - to allow a fee to be charged for the approval of this category of feed business operator.

European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

8. The CONTAM Panel of EFSA has recently published a scientific opinion on the presence of citrinin in food and animal feed.

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/doc/2605.pdf>

9. This mycotoxin is produced by several species of moulds from the genera *Aspergillus*, *Penicillium* and *Monascus*. It is generally formed post-harvest and is found most frequently in stored grains. The data available to EFSA were not sufficiently adequate to carry out full assessments concerning animal dietary exposure. However, no effect was observed in a study with pigs given citrinin at 20 µg/kg body weight/day. The Panel is of the view that this can be considered to be a no observed adverse effect level (NOAEL); this is consistent with data from a sub-chronic rodent study. Given the uncertainties, there is a need for more data on animal toxicity in response to citrinin and on the extent of any carry-over from feed to animal-derived food.
10. EFSA's FEEDAP Panel has continued to assess applications made for feed additive authorisation and re-authorisation. The Panel's assessments are published as scientific opinions of the FEEDAP webpage:

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

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

11. Melamine has been detected in canned pet food in Finland. However, this appears to be due to migration from the can lining, as opposed to be from deliberate adulteration.

12. There were a total of 8 votes in favour of European Commission proposals for feed additive authorisations at the February, March and April 2012 Standing Committee meetings. These are summarised in the tables below.

Feed additive authorisations from SCoFCAH - February 2012

Additive	Proposal	Type of authorisation	Target species	Additive type
benzoic acid	SANCO/12344/2011	modification	piglets	zootechnical
<i>Lactococcus lactis</i> (NCIMB 30117)	SANCO/12884/2011	new	all	silage additive
di copper chloride tri hydroxide	SANCO/10057/2012	new	all	trace element
alpha-galactosidase (EC 3.2.1.22) produced by <i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> (CBS 615.94) and endo-1,4-beta-glucanase (EC 3.2.1.4) produced by <i>Aspergillus niger</i> (CBS 120604)	SANCO/12886/2011	new	chickens for fattening	digestibility enhancer

Feed additive authorisations from SCoFCAH - March 2012

Additive	Proposal	Type of authorisation	Target species	Additive type
<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> CNCM I-4407	SANCO/13028/2011	reauthorisation/modification	rabbits for fattening + pet rabbits	gut flora stabiliser
Potassium diformate	SANCO/13029/2011	reauthorisation	all species	preservative

Feed additive authorisations from SCoFCAH - April 2012

Additive	Proposal	Type of authorisation	Target species	Additive type
6-phytase	SANCO/13028/2011	amendment	turkeys	digestibility enhancer
Sodium benzoate	SANCO/12888/2011	amendment	weaned piglets	other zootechnical additive

ACAF Secretariat
May 2012