

# September 2018 update on the Animal Nutrition Section of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed

## Feed additives

The Committee voted on eight Commission proposals relating to feed additive legislation; as summarised in the table below:

Agenda Item	Additive(other legislation)	Authorisation type	Vote
	Technological:		
B.01 SANTE/10720/2018	Preparation of dolomite-magnesite for all animal species with the exception of dairy cows and other ruminants for dairy production, weaned piglets and pigs for fattening.	New authorisation	Unanimous in favour
	Nutritional:		
B.02 SANTE/10550/2018	Cumin tincture ( <i>Cuminum cyminum</i> L.) as a feed additive for all animal species.	New authorisation	QMV in favour
	Nutritional:		
B.03 SANTE/10748/2018	[Flavourings] taurine, beta-alanine, L-alanine, L-arginine, L-aspartic acid, L-histidine, D,L-isoleucine, L-leucine, L-phenylalanine, L-proline, D,L-serine, L-tyrosine, L-methionine, L-valine, L-cysteine, glycine, monosodium glutamate and L-glutamic acid for all animal species and L-cysteine hydrochloride monohydrate for all species except cats and dogs.	Correcting authorisation	Unanimous in favour

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B.07 SANTE/10276/2018	Zootechnical: Preparation of Lactobacillus acidophilus (CECT 4529) as a feed additive for cats and dog.	New authorisation	QMV in favour
B.08 SANTE/10725/2018	Technological: Preparation of fumonisin esterase produced by Komagataella phaffii (DSM 32159) for pigs and poultry.	New authorisation	Unanimous in favour
B.09 SANTE/11132/2017	Zootechnical: Preparation of endo-1,3(4)-beta-glucanase and endo-1,4-beta-xylanase produced by Aspergillus niger (NRRL 25541) and alpha-amylase produced by Aspergillus niger (ATTC66222) for weaned piglets and minor porcine species (weaned).	Re-authorisation	Unanimous in favour
B.12 SANTE/10072/2017	Zootechnical: Preparation of endo-1,4-beta mannanase produced by Paenibacillus lentus (DSM 28088) for chickens for fattening, chickens reared for laying and minor poultry species other than laying birds, turkeys for fattening, turkeys reared for breeding, weaned piglets, pigs for fattening and minor porcine species.	New authorisation	QMV in favour
B.15 SANTE/10431/2018	Zootechnical: Preparation of endo-1,4-beta-xylanase produced by Trichoderma reesei (CBS 114044) for laying hens, minor poultry species and pigs for fattening.	Amending authorisation	Unanimous in favour

\*QMV = Qualified majority vote

Ten authorisations scheduled for vote were deferred.

Fourteen other feed additive applications were discussed only very briefly, with the usual refinements on conditions of use. Of note:

- An innovative feed additive was presented for muramidase which contributes to nutritional supply through enzymatic action on the cell walls of dead gut flora bacteria. Discussions held on mode of action and functional classification.
- EFSA could not conclude of the identification of three bacterial strains of *Ensifer* spp for the production of vitamin B12. Further characterisation data requested.

For the first time in 2018, the Commission presented a significantly revised version of Regulation (EC) 429/2008 on the preparation of feed additive dossiers. Member States requested to provide feedback.

The Commission presented a revised list of 21 feed additives scheduled for withdrawal and deemed out of scope as feed additives. Discussion was held on the previously withdrawn flavourings under Regulation (EU) 230/2013 which will require legal de-classification as feed additives before relevant entries could be re-assigned as feed materials.

No discussion held on the following topics on:

- feed additive applications for silage additives, Levucell SC, Calsporin, Actisaf, Saxoc for rabbits or lecithins.
- the possible amendment of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003.
- the status of gelling agents in water to limit the drowning of larvae.

Whilst not on the agenda, the denial of authorisation of a single supply of vitamin B2 which was voted in June 2018 was published in the OJEU on Thursday 20 September 2018 under Regulation (EU) 2018/1254 and comes into force 20 days thereafter, with defined transition periods for market withdrawal.

## **PARNUTS**

The Commission provided an update on the draft Annex for feed PARNUTS with inclusion of specific entries where boluses may be used; as proposed by a minority of Member States, including the UK. Mixed Member State views were held on the use of boluses.

## **Feed hygiene**

Whilst the Guidance document on provisions for the hygiene of feedstuffs was not discussed, it is anticipated to be concluded at the November meeting and published as a Commission Notice thereafter.

Following minor revisions on the Fediaf Code of Good Labelling Practice and the Code on Good Labelling Practice for Compound Feed for Food-producing Animals (Copa-Cogeca/FEFAC), the Commission is to endorse both Codes.

## **Undesirable substances**

A brief update was provided on the many agenda items on undesirable substances, most notably:

- Following a previous request for data on endosulfan (a pesticide) in fish-feed, the Commission indicated that a reduction from 0.05mg/kg to 0.01 - 0.02mg/kg may be considered for complete feed for salmonids.
- Commission highlighted the recent publication of EFSA Opinion (No.5398, 30 July 2018) on the detoxification for dioxins and PCBs in sunflower cake by hexane extraction.
- A request has been submitted to EFSA (09 08 18) on the risk of nitrites and nitrates to animal health, scheduled for publication by December 2019.

- A request has been submitted to EFSA (09 08 18) for available data on nickel in feed and to provide estimates of animal exposure, scheduled for publication by April 2019.
- A request is due to be submitted to EFSA to establish the efficacy of detoxification of seeds of *Ambrosia* spp. (ragweed) and on the efficacy of crushing processes as a detoxification step, based on industry data.
- The Commission circulated key outputs from a Working Group held in August to review methods of sampling and analysis for the official control of feed under Regulation (EC) No 152/2009. This technical review was restricted to recommendations on analytical methods cited within the Regulation, and a second Working Group is planned before year-end (indicatively Oct-Nov).

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SCoPAFF is a European Commission regulatory committee that was established by Regulation 178/2002, a regulation that includes the laying down of principles and requirements of feed law. Meetings of the committee are chaired by European Commission officials, and attended by member states' representatives. The Committee can give an opinion, that is to say a vote, on certain proposed measures, prior to their possible adoption by the Commission.