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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WORKING PARTY ON FEEDINGSTUFFS (ADA) HELD ON 6TH JUNE 2013

PRESENT: Poulet, Bris, Endrõdi, Rozenfelde, Krautz, Börger, Matousek, Prieto,

Basto, Wagner

SECRETARIAT: Valle

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS:

Item 1 and 2: Approval of the agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting on 05/03/2013

→ The Working Party, chaired by Mr Jacques Poulet, adopted the agenda <u>ADA(13)4080 (rev.2)</u> and the minutes of the last meeting of the Working Party on 5th March 2013 <u>ADA(13)2976 (rev.1)</u>

Item 3: Market situation: Exchange of views on the market situation and prospects

→ The Chairman gave the floor to those participating in the meeting so that they could comment briefly on their national situation and market trends.

The French delegation explained that the situation was stable, but difficult. In particular, it highlighted the high price of soya. Germany explained that the situation was similar to 2012, but with a slight increase. An average harvest was expected. Latvia stated that production had fallen compared to last year's levels. Rye production had fallen by half and it was still too early to provide data on barley and spring wheat.

Austria explained that its situation was similar to Germany's. The Czech Republic said that future prospects looked poor. Hungary hoped that wheat production would be good, although they were keeping a close eye on possible floods.

Item 4: EU Code of good labelling practice for compound feed for food-producing animals. Discussion with FEFAC and Commission Services and next steps.

→ The Secretariat informed those participating in the meeting that there it had had a meeting with DG Sanco's feed unit to discuss the code of good labelling practice for compound feed for food-producing animals, in particular the labelling of trace elements. ADA(13)4515 (rev.1). The Commission rejected the code for the second time because it was not in conformity with the legislative conditions laid down in Regulation 767/2009. The two organisations had asked the Commission to ease the deadlock surrounding this subject after a compromise. It was proposed that the Code should be submitted again without any specific references on how to label trace elements.

→ The working party discussed this option and decided to try to ease the deadlock surrounding the code.

Item 5: Proposed regulation on official controls. Presentation of the Regulation and Conclusions of the technical session on official controls during the Copa-Cogeca conference on 7th May:

→ The Secretariat gave a PowerPoint presentation on the new developments in the Commission's official controls proposal (proposal included as part of the package on animal and plant health presented by the Commission on 6th May). The exemption of micro-enterprises was one of the main

new developments. Additionally, the main conclusions of the workshop on the plant and animal health package, which had taken place on 6th May at Copa-Cogeca, were presented.

→ The Secretariat had prepared a document in reaction to the proposals and the Chair asked members to send in their written contributions and comments.

Item 6: Summary by Valérie Bris on the FVO Workshop on Feed Hygiene, which took place on 15th May in the offices of the FVO.

→Ms Bris summarised the FVO Workshop on Feed Hygiene, which took place on 15th May in the offices of the FVO with the participation of Copa-Cogeca. The initiative was taken following the publication of the package of measures on official controls.

→After the explanation the Chair gave the floor to the WP for questions.

Item 7: Joint action concerning the labelling of feed additives throughout the chain, with FEFAC, la ENFEMA and FEFANA - comments and next steps

→ The Secretariat informed members that FEDIAF, which represents the pet food industry, had decided to withdraw from the joint initiative. Copa-Cogeca, FEFAC, ENFEMA and FEFANA had decided to send a letter to the Commission in order to organise a workshop. The idea was to discuss a legal framework for labelling based on the key principles identified by the organisation in order to develop an optimal legal framework for feed additives throughout the chain.

Item 8: Revision of Annex I of Directive 2008/38 which establishes the list of intended uses of animal feedingstuffs for particular nutritional purposes: discussion and next steps

→The Secretariat informed members that the Commission had begun a review of Annex I of Directive 2008/38 with a view to removing the entries for which no limits had been established or which were too general. The entries which are not subject to a proposed amendment would be removed from the annex and could not be used again as a feedingstuff for special nutritional purposes.

→ The Chair invited members to analyse the entries in order to see which were most frequently used and which entries could be affected if they were removed from Annex I.

Item 9: Feed hygiene Copa-Cogeca's draft code of good practices for primary production - discussion on the comments received and next steps

→The Secretariat shared the general comments Member States had made on the guide at the beginning of the year in the meeting with DG SANCO in the SCoFCAH working group meeting. The Secretariat asked for comments from members of the task force who had also participated in the drafting of the guide. Once the comments had been analysed the Secretariat would organised a meeting with DG SANCO.

Item 10: A.O.B

→The Secretariat provided an update on the following dossiers.

State of play concerning the discussion on the Commission Regulation on the lifting of the ban on animal feed for some non-ruminant farm animals

- Future revision of European legislation on medicated feed
- Latest EU activities related to "food waste"
- Implications of including soap stocks in the list of raw materials for feed
- Information on the proposed regulation on the (re)authorisation of cobalt salts as an additive in animal feed.

After these presentations had been given the Chair of the Working Party closed the session.