

**Report of the
Task Force on Zoonoses Data Collection
on a proposal for technical specifications for a baseline survey on the
prevalence of *Salmonella* in breeding pigs¹**

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Summary

Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003 on the control of *Salmonella* and other specified zoonotic agents lays down provisions for the control of *Salmonella* and other specified food-borne agents. The provisions require the setting of reduction targets for *Salmonella* in live pigs within a fixed time schedule. Pursuant to the provisions, a Community target should be established for the reduction of the prevalence of *Salmonella* in breeding herds of pigs at primary production. The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) was asked by the European Commission to prepare a proposal for the technical specifications of a baseline survey of the prevalence of *Salmonella* in breeding pigs in the European Union.

The proposal presented focuses on the estimation of the *Salmonella* prevalence in holdings having breeding pigs infected with *Salmonella*. The prevalence is measured separately in breeding holdings and production holdings in the European Union and in the Member States. The data from the breeding holdings will give information on the infection level of *Salmonella* in breeding pigs that are sold for breeding purposes to production holdings, while the survey undertaken in production holdings will provide information on the exposure to *Salmonella* of fattening pigs by breeding pigs.

A study of within-holding prevalence of *Salmonella* provides further information, which can be used to adjust the Member State specific prevalence figures.

Standardised EN/ISO methods are proposed to be employed in the laboratory analyses of samples for detection of *Salmonella*.

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