

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 70TH PLENARY MEETING OF
THE SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS
HELD IN PARMA ON 25-26 JANUARY 2011**

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10.1 BIOHAZ WORKPLAN UNTIL MAY 2012.

11. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

PARTICIPANTS

Panel Members:

Olivier Andreoletti, Herbert Budka (Vice-Chair), Sava Buncic (apologies), John D Collins (apologies), John Griffin, Arie Havelaar, Tine Hald, James Hope, Günter Klein, Kostas Koutsoumanis, James McLauchlin, Christine Müller-Graf, Christophe Nguyen-The, Birgit Noerrung (Chair), Luisa Peixe, Miguel Prieto Maradona, Antonia Ricci, John Sofos (Vice-Chair), John Threlfall, Ivar Vågsholm, Emmanuel Vanopdenbosch.

EFSA:

Marta Hugas, Ernesto Liebana, Renata Leushner, Michaela Hempen, Winy Messens, Pietro Stella, Luis Vivas Alegre, Pablo Romero Barrios, Teresa Da Silva Felicio, Fulvio Barizzone (Scientific staff).

European Commission (EC):

DG Health and Consumers: S. Osaer (apologies)

1. OPENING AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The meeting started at 9:00 a.m. The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from J.D. Collins, S. Buncic, and B. Noerrung (only morning 25/01/2012) and A.Ricci (only afternoon 25/01/2012).

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited to the present meeting. For further details on the outcome of the screening of the ADoI and SDoI (as well as the ones declared at the beginning of the meeting), please refer to Annex I of these Minutes.

4. NEW REQUESTS TO EFSA/BIOHAZ

4.1. SELF-TASKING MANDATE FOR A SCIENTIFIC OPINION ON THE MAINTENANCE OF THE LIST OF QPS RECOMMENDED BIOLOGICAL AGENTS INTENTIONALLY ADDED TO FOOD OR FEED AS NOTIFIED TO EFSA (2012 UPDATE)

A new EFSA self task mandate was allocated to the BIOHAZ Panel. An ad hoc WG will be established. The terms of reference were discussed in detail. Dr. C. Nguyen-The was appointed as Chair person for this WG. The deadline for adoption is December 2012.

4.2. REQUEST FOR A SCIENTIFIC OPINION ON THE RISK POSED BY PAHOGENS IN FOOD ON NON-ANIMAL ORIGIN

A new Mandate from the European Commission was received in EFSA and allocated to the BIOHAZ Panel. An ad hoc WG will be established. The terms of reference were discussed in detail. Dr. J. McLauchlin was appointed as Chair person for this WG. The deadline for adoption of the first terms of reference is December 2012 and December 2013 for the rest.

5. OPINIONS FOR POSSIBLE ADOPTIONS

5.1. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW METHOD OF DISPOSAL OF CATEGORY 2 ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS – COMPOSTING AND INCINERATION OF DEAD-ON-FARM PIGS

The Draft Opinion was presented by the Chairman of the Working Group, and after a thorough discussion it was adopted by the Panel on the 26th of January 2012.

6. DRAFT OPINIONS FOR THOROUGH READING

6.1. ESTIMATION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACT OF SETTING A NEW TARGET FOR THE REDUCTION OF *SALMONELLA* IN TURKEYS

The BIOHAZ *ad hoc* WG on *Salmonella* in turkeys held a web meeting on the 12th January 2012. The Chair of the WG introduced the draft Opinion to the Panel. The next WG meeting will be held on 14th February 2012 by web conference. The deadline for adoption is end of March 2012.

6.2. MINIMUM HYGIENE CRITERIA TO BE APPLIED TO CLEAN SEAWATER AND ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH RISKS AND HYGIENE CRITERIA FOR BOTTLED SEAWATER INTENDED FOR DOMESTIC USE

The fourth WG meeting took place on the 13th January 2012 in Brussels. The Chair of the WG introduced the draft Opinion to the Panel. The next WG meeting will be held on 15th February 2012 by web conference. The deadline for adoption is March 2012.

6.3. EVALUATION OF SAFETY AND EFFICACY OF LISTEX P100 FOR THE REMOVAL OF *L. MONOCYTOGENES* SURFACE CONTAMINATION OF RAW FISH

The third WG meeting of the BIOHAZ *ad hoc* WG on Listex P100 took place by web meeting on 19th December 2011. The Chair of the WG introduced the draft Opinion to the Panel. The next WG meeting will be held on 15th February 2012 by web conference. The deadline for adoption is 7-8 March 2012.

6.4. ASSESSMENT OF THE SCIENTIFIC ELEMENTS SUPPORTING THE PROHIBITION OF THE PLACING ON THE MARKET OF GM POTATO EH92-527-1 FOR CULTIVATION PURPOSES IN AUSTRIA

A meeting with the Austrian competent authorities is being organised. An extension of the deadline for this mandate to March 2012 has been requested.

7. PROGRESS REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ON THE FOLLOWING MANDATES

7.1. EVALUATION OF THE SAFETY AND EFFICACY OF CECURE (CETYLPYRIDINIUM CHLORIDE) FOR THE REMOVAL OF MICROBIAL SURFACE CONTAMINATION OF POULTRY

The BIOHAZ part of the Draft Opinion was presented by the Chairman of the Working Group. This is a joint opinion adopted by BIOHAZ (sections on the efficacy and development of resistance) and CEF Panel (sections on the toxicological safety and the environmental risks). The complete opinion including the final version of the CEF chapters will be tabled for formal adoption in March 2012.

7.2. PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS TO BE COVERED BY INSPECTION OF POULTRY MEAT

The BIOHAZ “ad hoc” WG on meat inspection of poultry had a meeting on 23rd November in Parma. The draft Opinion was presented to the Panel by the Chair of the WG. The next WG Meeting is scheduled for 26/27 January. The deadline for the opinion on meat inspection of poultry is June 2012.

7.3. PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS TO BE COVERED BY INSPECTION OF BOVINE MEAT

The BIOHAZ “ad hoc” WG on meat inspection of bovines met on 1st of December via web-conference. A further web-conference is scheduled for the 1st of February 2012. The deadline for this Opinion is June 2013.

7.4. PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS TO BE COVERED BY INSPECTION OF SHEEP AND GOAT MEAT

The BIOHAZ “ad hoc” WG on meat inspection of small ruminants met via webconference on December 13th. The next meeting will take place February 16th and 17th. The deadline for this opinion is June 2013.

7.5. PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS TO BE COVERED BY INSPECTION OF FARMED GAME MEAT

The BIOHAZ “ad hoc” WG on meat inspection of farmed game met for the second time on the 29th November 2011. A new WG meeting is scheduled on the 26/27 January 2012. The deadline for this opinion is June 2013.

7.6. PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS TO BE COVERED BY INSPECTION OF SOLIPED MEAT

The BIOHAZ “ad hoc” WG on meat inspection of solipeds met for the first time on 29 November 2011. The second meeting of the WG will be held on 7 February 2012. The deadline for this opinion is June 2013.

7.7. PUBLIC HEALTH RISKS REPRESENTED BY CERTAIN COMPOSITE PRODUCTS CONTAINING FOOD OF ANIMAL ORIGIN

The fourth WG meeting took place on 15th of December by web-conference. The chair of the WG briefed the Panel on the progress of the draft opinion. The next meeting of the WG is taking place on the 27th of January 2012. The deadline for adoption is April 2012.

7.8. REVIEW ON THE EUROPEAN UNION SUMMARY REPORT ON ZOOSES IN 2009 – FOR SALMONELLA, CAMPYLOBACTER, VTEC, LISTERIA MONOCYTOGENES AND FOOD-BORNE OUTBREAKS

A BIOHAZ “ad hoc” WG on the EUSR Review has been formed and a first WG meeting was held on 20 January 2011 in Copenhagen. Two web-meetings are planned for 15th February and 5th March. The deadline for this opinion is May 2012.

7.9. APPLICATION FOR EFSA EVALUATION OF AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD FOR THE TREATMENT OF ANIMAL BY PRODUCTS (BIOMATION)

The standing WG on Animal By Products is addressing the terms of reference of this mandate. The next WG meeting is scheduled for 8th February as a webconference. The draft opinion was presented by the WG Chair and thoroughly discussed. The opinion will be presented for possible adoption at the BIOHAZ Plenary meeting in March 2012.

7.10. LESSONS LEARNT FROM MODELLING ACTIVITIES IN BIOHAZ MANDATES

An ad hoc WG has been set up. The first Web-meeting was held on 11th January 2012 and the next one is scheduled for 29th February 2012. The deadline for adoption is May 2012.

7.11. DEVELOPMENT OF A RISK RANKING TOOL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

An ad hoc WG has been established and a first web-meeting was held on 13th January. The table of content has been presented and discussed. The deadline for adoption is May 2012.

7.12. EVALUATION OF TSE TESTS

EFSA received from the EURL for TSE the report on the field trial of the tests under evaluation. The WG is going to meet soon in order to discuss the report and the overall conclusions of the evaluation exercise of TSE rapid tests. An Opinion of the BIOHAZ Panel on this matter is expected by May 2012.

8. FEEDBACK FROM THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND FROM OTHER WGS

8.1. SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

The last SC Plenary meeting took place on the 5 December in Parma. The agenda and minutes of that meeting will be available on the EFSA website (<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/event/111205.htm>).

8.2. REQUEST FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON THE MINIMUM SAMPLE SIZE TO TEST SHOULD AN ANNUAL BSE STATISTICAL TESTING REGIME BE AUTHORIZED IN HEALTHY SLAUGHTERED CATTLE

The *ad hoc* WG will meet on the 26th and 27th of January. The deadline for adoption is 30 September 2012.

9. STANDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

9.1. EMERGING RISKS

Nothing to report

9.2. FEEDBACK FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION INFORMATION FROM EC: FOLLOW-UP TO SCIENTIFIC EFSA ADVICE AND ONGOING WORK

Nothing to report

9.3. BIOHAZ NETWORKS

The 6th Meeting of the MRA Network meeting will be held on 20/21 March 2012 in Brussels. The annual report of 2011 has been published on the EFSA website.

The Technical Report of the Scientific Network on BSE-TSE has been published on the 17th of January in the EFSA web. A meeting of the Network is foreseen for the second part of 2012.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A detailed work plan for ongoing work was presented to the BIOHAZ Panel members up to the end of the current Panel mandate (June 2012).

11. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The meeting closed at 14:30 pm.

ANNEX I

INTERESTS AND ACTIONS RESULTING FROM THE SCREENING OF ADoI OR SDoIs

CONFLICT LEVEL B: In the SDoI filled for the present meeting Dr. Tine Hald declared the following interest for the agenda item “**ESTIMATION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACT OF SETTING A NEW TARGET FOR THE REDUCTION OF *SALMONELLA* IN TURKEYS**”: To be the recipient of an EFSA contract to develop a user friendly interface for a risk assessment model.

In accordance with EFSA’s Policy on Declarations of Interests and Implementing documents thereof, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was deemed to represent a conflict of Interest (level B). Pursuant to EFSA’s Procedure on Identifying and Handling Declarations of Interest, the said expert incurs the limitations identified under point C.III.b1. That is, she did not take part in the discussions on this agenda item.