

## **BIOHAZ UNIT**

## DRAFT AGENDA 78<sup>th</sup> PLENARY MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

Meeting Venue: Parma
Meeting Dates:
23th January 2013 from 09:00am to 18:00pm
24th January 2013 from 08.30am to 15:30pm

- 1. Welcome and apologies for absence
- 2. Declarations of interest
- 3. Adoption of agenda
- 4. New Mandates
  - 4.1 External mandates
- 5. Scientific outputs submitted for adoption
  - 5.1. Risk of scrapie transmission via embryo transfer in sheep
- 6. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion (thorough reading)
  - 6.1. VTEC seropathotype concept and scientific criteria regarding pathogenicity assessment
  - 6.2. Public health risks related to the mechanically separated meat (MSM) derived from poultry and swine
- 7. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion (progress reports)
  - 7.1. Public health hazards to be covered by inspection of BOVINE meat
  - 7.2. Public health hazards to be covered by inspection of SHEEP AND GOAT meat
  - 7.3. Public health hazards to be covered by inspection of FARMED GAME meat
  - 7.4. Public health hazards to be covered by inspection of SOLIPEDS meat
  - 7.5. Quantitative evaluation of BSE risk in bovine intestines and mesentery
  - 7.6. Scrapie situation in the EU after 10 years of monitoring and control in sheep and goats
  - 7.7. Self-tasking mandate for a scientific opinion on the development of a risk ranking toolbox for EFSA BIOHAZ Panel
  - 7.8. Self-tasking mandate for a scientific opinion on Evaluation of molecular typing methods for major food-borne microbiological hazards and their use for attribution modelling, outbreak investigation and scanning surveillance



- 7.9. Self-tasking mandate for a scientific opinion on Carbapenem resistance in food animal ecosystems
- 7.10. Scientific Opinion on the risk posed by pathogens in food of non-animal origin. Part 2
- 7.11. Self-tasking mandate for a scientific opinion on the maintenance of the list of QPS recommended biological agents intentionally added to the food chain notified to EFSA (2013 update)
- 8. Feedback from the Scientific Committee/the Scientific Panel, Working Groups, EFSA, the European Commission
  - 8.1. Scientific Committee and other Scientific Panels
  - 8.2. Other WGs (Art 31)
    - 8.2.1. Revision of the annual monitoring programme for BSE from Norway (Art 31 Reg. 178/2002)
    - 8.2.2. Anticipation of future notifications to EFSA of microbial taxonomic units intentionally introduced into the food chain (related to the annual QPS update)
  - 8.3. European Commission
- 9. Emerging issues
  - 9.1 Update on EFSA's approach to identifying emerging risks, and the involvement of Panels in this task
- 10. BIOHAZ Networks
- 11. Presentations to the Panel
  - 11.1. Presentation on the activities of the Scientific Assessment Support unit
  - 11.2. Presentation on "Challenges and opportunities in estimating the burden of infectious diseases: the BCoDE experience"
- 12. Any Other Business
  - 12.1. Discussion on approached to take for QMRA mandates
  - 12.2. Venues for 2013 plenaries