

Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards

Draft Agenda of the 98th Plenary meeting – specific session

8-9 July 2015, Parma, Italy

Items

- 1. Welcome and tour de table**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Adoption of the agenda**
- 4. Declarations of Interest of Panel Members**
- 5. Election of chair and two vice-chairs**
- 6. Presentation of the BIOHAZ Panel, and summary of its activities in the last mandate. Work Programme 2015-2018 including outsourcing activities. Agreement on “best practices” for the Panel and its WGs.**
- 7. Confirmation of on-going Working Groups, setting up of new Working Groups and appointment of Working Group Chairs.**
 - 7.1. Working group on QPS recommended biological agents intentionally added to food or feed (EFSA-Q-2014-00189; EFSA-Q-2014-00696)**
 - 7.2. Working group on risks associated with Enteropathogenic *Escherichia coli* (EAggEC) as a food-borne pathogen (EFSA-Q-2014-00536)**
 - 7.3. Working group on hatchery waste as animal-by product (EFSA-Q-2014-00902)**
 - 7.4. Working group on Zoonotic Scrapie Potential (EFSA-Q-2015-0048)**
 - 7.5. Working Group on the evaluation of an alternative method to be applied to rendered fat for the production of renewable fuels (NExBTL) (EFSA-Q-2015-00118)**
 - 7.6. Working group on the growth of spoilage bacteria during storage and transport of meat (EFSA-Q-2015-00163)**

- 7.7. Working group on heat treatments, that could be applied to live bivalve molluscs in order to eliminate pathogenic micro-organisms (EFSA-Q-2015-00161)**
- 7.8. Working group on measures to reduce the need to use antimicrobial agents in animal husbandry in the European Union and the resulting impacts on food safety (EFSA-Q-2015-00216)**
- 7.9. Working group on the risks for public health related to the presence of *Bacillus cereus* and other *Bacillus* spp., including *Bacillus thuringiensis* in foodstuffs (EFSA-Q-2015-00254)**
- 7.10. Working group on clarification on the Scientific Opinion on the public health risks related to the maintenance of the cold chain during storage and transport of meat (EFSA-Q-2015-00162)**
- 7.11. Working group on the applications of Denmark, Finland and Sweden to be recognised as having a negligible risk of classical scrapie (EFSA-Q-2015-240; EFSA-Q-2015-261; EFSA-Q-2015-262)**

8. Scientific outputs submitted for possible adoption

- 8.1. Scientific Opinion on a review of a scientific publication concerning the zoonotic potential of ovine scrapie prions¹**

9. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

- 9.1. Scientific Opinion on the update of the list of QPS recommended biological agents intentionally added to food or feed as notified to EFSA²**
- 9.2. Scientific Opinion on the public health risks associated with Enteropathogenic *Escherichia coli*³**
- 9.3. Scientific Opinion on an update of the 2011 Scientific Opinion on hatchery waste as animal by-products⁴**
- 9.4. Scientific Opinion on the evaluation of an alternative method, continuous multi-step catalytic hydro treatment to be applied to rendered fat for the production of renewable fuels (NExBTL)⁵**
- 9.5. Scientific Opinion on the growth of spoilage bacteria during storage and transport of meat⁶**

¹<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00048>

²<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2014-00189>

³<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2014-00536>

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⁵<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00118>

⁶<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00163>

9.6. Scientific Opinion on the evaluation of heat treatments, that could be applied to live bivalve molluscs in order to eliminate pathogenic micro-organisms⁷

9.7. Joint EFSA and EMA Scientific Opinion on measures to reduce the need to use antimicrobial agents in animal husbandry in the European Union and the resulting impacts on food safety⁸

9.8. Scientific Opinion concerning the risks for public health related to the presence of *Bacillus cereus* and other *Bacillus* spp, including *Bacillus thuringiensis* in foodstuffs⁹

10. New Mandates

10.1. Application for the safety of a methods for processing animal fats intended for technical purposes with the aim to establish the end point in the manufacturing chain^{10,11}

10.2. Request for scientific and technical assistance concerning the revision of the BSE monitoring regime in Croatia¹²

11. Feedback from the Scientific Committee/Scientific Panels, EFSA, the European Commission

11.1. Scientific Committee and/or Scientific Panel(s) including their Working Groups

11.1.1. Scientific Committee

11.1.2. Scientific Committee Working Group on production and consumption of insects as food and feed¹³

11.2. EFSA including its Working Groups / Task Forces

11.2.1. Scientific Report on a clarification on the Scientific Opinion on the public health risks related to the maintenance of the cold chain during storage and transport of meat (Part I and II)¹⁴

11.2.2. Scientific Report to evaluate the application of Denmark to be recognised as having a negligible risk of classical scrapie¹⁵

11.2.3. Scientific Report to evaluate the application of Finland to be recognised as having a negligible risk of

⁷<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00161>

⁸<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00216>

⁹<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00254>

¹⁰<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00351>

¹¹<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00352>

¹²<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00350>

¹³<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2014-00578>

¹⁴<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00162>

¹⁵<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00240>

classical scrapie¹⁶

11.2.4. Scientific Report to evaluate the application of Sweden to be recognised as having a negligible risk of classical scrapie¹⁷

11.2.5. Scientific Network on BSE-TSE and MRA

11.3. European Commission

12. Other scientific topics for information and/or discussion

12.1. Self-task mandates of the BIOHAZ Panel

12.2. EFSA's 2nd Scientific Conference in the context of EXPO 2015

13. Any other business

13.1. Meeting dates 2015/2016

¹⁶<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00261>
¹⁷<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00262>