

Emerging Risks Exchange Network (EREN)

Minutes of the 18th meeting

Held on 22 -23 November 2017, Lisbon, Portugal

(Agreed on 26 January 2018)

Participants

- Network Representatives of Member States (including EFTA Countries):

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European Commission/International Organisations:

Marina Marini (European Commission), Carmen Savelli (WHO), Hilde Kruse (FAO), Vittorio Fattori (FAO)

EFSA:

Hub Noteborn (Scientific Committee WG emerging risk chair)

SCER Unit: Tobin Robinson (chair), Caroline Merten (secretariat), Ana Afonso, Taya Huang (minutes)

AFSCO Unit: Lucia DE LUCA

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Johann Steinwider (Austria), Sarah Cahill (FAO), Colin McIlff (FDA), Tomas Oberg (ECHA), and Celine Gossner (ECDC).

New EREN participants were welcomed: Thomas Luethi from Switzerland, Egle Ziliute from Lithuania and Stina Wallin from Sweden.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted. Agenda items 6.1 and 6.11 were not presented due to time constraints.

3. Action points from last meeting

All action points from the last meeting were followed up according to the agreed timelines.

4. Presentation and discussion of EFSA and MSs signals

- 4.1 Shiga toxin-producing E. coli O121 in flour (ID0374)
- 4.2 Beta-Methylamino-L-alanine (BMAA) (ID0375)
- 4.3 Increase of human infections with azole-resistant *Aspergillus* spp. (ID0376)
- 4.4 Organosilicon surfactant adjuvant (ID0377)
- 4.5 First discovery of the Moku virus in invasive Asian hornets (*Vespa velutina nigrithorax*), Belgium, 2016 (ID0378)
- 4.6 Food poisoning due to squashes and other cucurbits (ID0379)
- 4.7 *Brucella suis* in The Netherlands (ID 0380)

5. Further information on previous EFSA and MSs signals

- 5.1 Update from EFSA on previous signals
- 5.2 Sanitation Standard for Algae Foods in Taiwan (Seaweed: ID0351)
- 5.3 Seaweeds (ID0351) – A short update: EC sampling plan
- 5.4 Bisphenol F in edible plants (ID0348)

6. Feedback on EFSA and MSs activities

- 6.1 Testing a procedure for the identification of emerging chemical risks in the food chain- REACH 1 & update on REACH 2 project
- 6.2 DEtermination and METrics of Emerging Risks
- 6.3 Mapping of Member State Activities on Emerging Risk Identification
- 6.4 Update on the EU Insights survey
- 6.5 Mintel as an aid to visualise trends in emerging risk identification
- 6.6 Signals from BeoWarn, the German 'Watching and Warning' system for crisis prevention
- 6.7 Signals and issues identified by ANSES
- 6.8 Cattle trade networks in Europe
- 6.9 FSA's future food surveillance system - Update

6.10 Assessment of (emerging) risks linked to the dairy supply chain

6.11 Emerging Risks in Food and Feed: The importance of foresight

6.12 Sharing of emerging issues identified by various Member States

7. Update of the Terms of Reference of EREN

8. Past and Upcoming events

9. Any other business and closure of the meeting

The next EREN meeting (19th meeting) will be held on 23 – 24 April 2018 in Parma.