



PROGRESS REPORT

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Management Board meeting
Warsaw, 15 December 2011

Panel on animal health and welfare (AHAW)

- Guidance document on GM animals endorsed. Adoption by the end of 2011
- Meeting of the Scientific Network for Risk Assessment in AHAW : data collection and data needs (14-15 Nov.)



Panel on biological hazards (BIOHAZ)

- 4 opinions adopted:
 - 1 on Food hygiene
 - 3 on Animal by-products
- 1 EFSA report published in collaboration with FEED, GMO, BIOMO and PRAS on EFSA approaches to risk assessment in the area of antimicrobial resistance
- 1 event report on a technical hearing with Freshfel Europe (STEC in sprouts)
- Meeting of the Scientific Network on BSE-TSE (29-30 Nov.)

Panel on contaminants in the food chain (CONTAM)

- 6 opinions adopted: Opium alkaloids; Pyrrolizidine alkaloids; Alternaria toxins; Tetrabromobisphenol A; T-2 and HT-2 toxins; Re-evaluation of acceptable previous cargoes for edible fats and oils – Part I of III

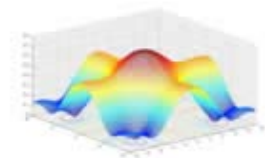
Panel on plant health (PLH)

- 1 opinion on citrus originating in Florida imported in the EU
- 1 guidance document on environmental risk assessment
- Endorsed draft guidance document on 'Evaluation of risk reduction options' for public consultation
- Meeting of the Scientific Network for Risk Assessment in PLH (20-21 Oct.)



Scientific assessment support (SAS)

- Training on Systematic literature review for Panel experts and EFSA staff (25-27 Oct.)



Dietary and chemical monitoring (DCM)

- Guidance and Technical report on Total Diet Study approach
- Meeting of Expert Group on Food Consumption Data (14-15 Nov.)

Biological monitoring (BIOMO)

- Contribution to the Scientific report on EFSA approaches to risk assessment in the area of antimicrobial resistance (with FEED, GMO, BIOHAZ and PRAS)
- Joint meeting with ECDC (27 Oct.): focus on E. coli outbreak in Europe and investigations on food-borne outbreaks in general



Panel on food additives and nutrient sources added to food (ANS)

- Endorsed draft guidance on 'Submission for food additive evaluations' for public consultation
- Technical meeting with stakeholders on exposure assessment of food additives



Panel on food contact materials, enzymes, flavourings & processing aids (CEF)

- 8 opinions adopted on food contact materials (3) and flavouring substances (5)
- 1 statement on bisphenol A
- Explanatory note for guidance on flavourings



Panel on additives and products or substances used in animal feed (FEED)

- 20 opinions adopted in following categories: technological (6), sensory (5), nutritional (5), zotechnical (3) and coccidiostats (1), 70% of which are re-evaluations
- 1 guidance document on Toxigenic potential of Bacillus used in animal nutrition

Panel on genetically modified organisms (GMO)

- 7 opinions adopted: Biogalactosidase from GMM; GM Maize MON 88017; GM cotton MON 1445; GM Maize GA21; update of the environmental risk assessment of GM maize 1507; the complementary environmental risk assessment of GM maize Bt11; and safety of pollen of maize MON810
- Meetings with applicants (11 Oct.) and NGOs (29 Nov.)



Panel on protection products and their residues (PPR) and Pesticides (PRAS)

- 4 conclusions adopted on 4 active substances
- 1 EFSA scientific report in support of the revision of the guidance document on Persistence in soil

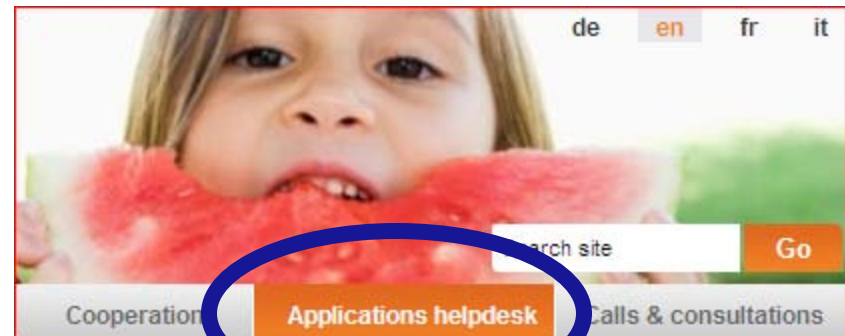
Panel on dietetic products, nutrition and allergies (NDA)

- 9 opinions adopted on health claim applications
- 1 statement on the safety of glucosamine for patients receiving coumarin
- 1 guidance on the Scientific requirements for health claims related to antioxidant, oxidative damage and cardiovascular health
- Endorsed draft guidance on 'Requirements for health claims related to physical performance' for public consultation



Application Desk (APDESK) Unit

- Operational since 1st October
- Acting as a “front office” and “support desk”
- 1st November: launch of APDESK function on EFSA’s website
 - Web form to ask questions regarding applications
 - Frequently asked questions



- APDESK will be responsible for:
 - Centralising and processing the initial administrative steps of all applications
 - Harmonizing the templates
 - Developing IT tools to improve the efficiency of evaluation workflows
 - Coordinating public consultations
 - Registering and initiating administrative compliance check of dossiers

Scientific Committee (SC)

- Adopted guidance document on Repeated-dose 90-day oral toxicity study
- Overview on the assessment procedures of dietary exposure to chemicals

Emerging Risk (EmRisk)

- Report on Shiga toxin-producing E. coli (STEC) outbreaks in Europe
- Renewal of Stakeholders Consultative Group on Emerging Risks mandate launched

Advisory Forum and Scientific Cooperation (AFSCO)

- Advisory Forum meeting (30/11-1/12): priorities for 2012
- Summary report of the EFSA Scientific Colloquium on Emerging Risks in Plant Health published

EFSA in the news

Agrodigital.com
La web del campo

Recomendaciones de la EFSA para mejorar las inspecciones en carnes de porcino

Le Monde

Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle :
« Je le dis avec force, l'EFSA n'est pas infiltrée par l'industrie »

ANSA

ALIMENTARE: SICUREZZA;
HELPDESK PER RICHIESTE
VALUTAZIONE EFSA



**EU/FOOD SAFETY:
BRAINSTORMING ON EFSA
INDEPENDENCE**

REUTERS

EU food pesticide residue levels fall -EFSA



**Bisphénol A :
l'Europe
et la France dose à
dose**

FOOD
navigator.com

**No safety concerns
on GM pollen – EFSA**

FOOD INGREDIENTS *first*

**EFSA Updates
Consumer Advice on
Sprouts Following E.
coli Outbreak**

vmt

**EFSA: 'Varkensvlees
vraagt om betere controle'**

FoodProduction
daily.com

**EFSA highlights EU
meat inspection
inadequacies**

Publications & Events

Engaging in dialogue with stakeholders and the scientific community...

- Workshop on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes | Brussels | 12 October
- ESCAIDE 2011 – 5th European Scientific Conference on Applied Infectious Disease Epidemiology | Stockholm | 6-9 November



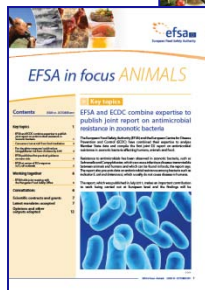
Thematic factsheets: explaining food safety issues in an accessible way

- Zoonotic diseases
- Antimicrobial resistance
- *Campylobacter*
- *Salmonella*
- Zoonotic *E. coli*



...and new editions of newsletters

- EFSAnews
- EFSA in focus (Animals, Food, Plants)
- Moving Together



- Swedish National Food Agency
- Joint EFSA, ECDC and DG SANCO seminar in the European Parliament: actions to combat food-borne zoonotic diseases
- Annual hearing of the Executive Director before the ENVI Committee of the European Parliament
- Visit of MEP Julie Girling (ENVI Committee)
- Cooperation and networking with the Dutch National Food Safety Agency
- Conference in Berlin on Regulation of Food Supplements in Europe

On 25 November

- Budget execution: 83.79% committed
68.39% paid
- EFSA staff: 438
- Reorganisation on track

