



## **Health Risks assessment in the context of Food, Animals and Plants imports into the European Union**

**October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2008**

**AFSSA's headquarters**

27 – 31 avenue du Général Leclerc  
Maisons-Alfort (94)

### **Program**

**8.30 - 9.00**

**Registration of the participants**

**9.00 - 9.20**

**Welcome**

**Pascale BRIAND**

*General Director, French food safety agency (AFSSA)*

**Catherine GESLAIN LANÉELLE**

*Executive Director, European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)*

**9.20 - 9.50**

**Introductory speech**

**Michel BARNIER**

*Minister of agriculture and fisheries*

**9.50 - 11.30**

**Session I : Challenges, context and experiences (1<sup>st</sup> part)**

**Chair :** Valérie BADUEL, *Deputy General Director (AFSSA)*

**The French memorandum “Food, animal and plant  
imports : health safety and conformity to Community rules”**

Monique ELOIT

*CVO, Deputy General Director of food (DGAL), French Ministry of agriculture  
and fisheries*

**The effects of globalization on the safety risks linked with importations –  
Worldwide inventory and analysis of the tools available for the  
assessment of such risks**

Bernard VALLAT

*General director, World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)*

**Should imports be considered in risk assessments ? example of chemicals**

Jean-Luc VOLATIER

*Head of the risk assessment scientific support unit (AFSSA)*

**The Food and Veterinary Office (FVO) activities in the world**

André EVERS

*Head of the food of animal origin (mammals) unit, Directorate general Health and consumer (DG SANCO), European commission*

**The Border inspection post checks**

Jack VERA

*Head of the Import Division Food and Consumer Product Safety, Dutch Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (VWA)*

11.30 - 11.50

Coffee break

11.50 - 13.15

**Session I : Challenges, context and experiences (2<sup>nd</sup> part)**

**Import Risk assessment of plant pests : the European situation**

Jan SCHANS

*Netherlands Plant Protection Service, EFSA chair of the plant health panel*

**Managing risks from imports, a New Zealand perspective**

Andrew MC KENZIE

*Executive Director, New Zealand Food Safety Authority (NZFSA)*

**Preventing Food Incidents, a UK perspective**

Nick TOMLINSON

*Head of Food Protection Division, United Kingdom Food Standards Agency (FSA)*

**Discussion**

13.15 - 14.30

Lunch break

14.30 - 15.50

**Session II : Risk assessment tools and approaches in support of the managers**

**Chair :** Hubert DELUYKER, *Director of Scientific Cooperation and Assistance (EFSA)*

**The Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF) as a tool for the detection of emerging risks**

Jose DEFELIPE (to be confirmed)

*Head of Sector RASFF, DG SANCO, European commission*

**The information available in the world on microbiological food safety**

Frank AARESTRUP

*Danish Zoonosis Centre, Department for Microbiology and Risk Assessment, National Institute for food (NFI)*

**Adjusting food safety metrics towards ALOP**

Pirkko TUOMINEN

*Finnish Food Safety Authority (EVIRA)*

**Risk based surveillance and safety of imports**

Katharina STÄRK

*Veterinary Public health Professor, Royal veterinary college of London*

**15.50 - 16.10**

**Coffee break**

**16.10 - 17.00**

**Session III : Round Table**

**Chair :** Eric POUDELET, *Director of food safety in the food chain,  
DG SANCO, European Commission*

**Valérie BADUEL**

*Deputy General Director (AFSSA)*

**Monique ELOIT**

*Deputy General Director of food (DGAL), Ministry of agriculture and fisheries*

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and Risk Assessment, National Institute for food (NFI)*

**Nick TOMLINSON**

*Head of Food Protection Division (UKFSA)*

**Discussion**

**17.00 - 17.30**

**Conclusions and Closure**

**Catherine GESLAIN LANÉELLE**

*Executive Director, EFSA*

**Pascale BRIAND**

*General Director, AFSSA*