



UNIT on Biological Hazards and Contaminants

149th PLENARY MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

Meeting open to Observers

Meeting date:	20 – 21 October 2021
Meeting hours:	09:00-17:30 (20 October)
	09:00-17:30 (21 October)
Meeting venue:	Audio-Web conference
Chair:	Prof. Konstantinos Koutsoumanis

Agenda

Open session

No.	Topic
1.	Welcome and Apologies for absence
2.	Adoption of the agenda
3.	Declarations of Interest
4.	Brief introduction of Panel members to Observers
5.	Presentation of the EFSA Guidelines for Observers
6.	Agreement of the minutes of the 148 th Plenary meeting held on 15 and 16 September 2021 by audio-web conference
7.	Scientific outputs submitted for possible adoption or endorsement
7.1	Scientific opinion on the capacity of certain specific processing or transformation methods of animal by-products used in the production of organic fertilisers and soil improvers in view of determining the endpoints in the manufacturing chain of certain derived products (EFSA-Q-2020-00401)
8.	Scientific outputs submitted for discussion
8.1	Statement on the update of the list of QPS-recommended biological agents intentionally added to food or feed as notified to EFSA. 15: Suitability of taxonomic units notified to EFSA until September 2021 (EFSA-Q-2020-00080)



8.2	Scientific opinion on the update of the list of QPS-recommended biological agents intentionally added to food or feeds as notified to EFSA (EFSA-Q-2020-00083)
8.3	Scientific opinion on the efficacy and safety of high pressure processing of food (EFSA-Q-2020-00380)
8.4	Scientific opinion on the microbiological safety of aged meat (EFSA-Q-2020-00527)
8.5	Scientific opinion on microbiological hazards associated with the use of water in post-harvest handling and processing operations of fresh and frozen fruits, vegetables and herbs (EFSA-Q-2021-00374)
8.6	Scientific opinion on the transmission of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and zoonotic agents during animal transports (EFSA-Q-2021-00435)
9.	New Mandates
10.	Feedback from the Scientific Committee/Scientific Panels, EFSA, the European Commission
10.1	Scientific Committee
10.2	European Commission
10.3	Update on Rapid Outbreak Assessments and related activities
10.4	Scientific Networks on MRA and BSE-TSE
11.	Other topics for information and/or discussion
11.1	Implementation of the guidance on uncertainty analysis in scientific assessments
11.2	Topics of scientific concern in the area of biological hazards and BIOHAZ self-tasks
12.	Answers to questions from observers
13.	Any other business

Closed session

No.	Topic
14.	Scientific outputs submitted for discussion
14.1	Scientific opinion on the evaluation of the safety and efficacy of lactic acid to reduce microbiological surface contamination on carcases from wild game and small stock (EFSA-Q-2020-00541)
15.	Any other business