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Risk Assessment Activities

Day 2 – item 9

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Trusted science for safe food

Interest from Biological Hazards and Animal Health (BIOHAW) Unit

MS	RA Activity
Sweden (SLU)	Animal Health And Welfare - Ability of arthropods to feel pain and experience suffering
	Animal Health And Welfare - Transport of gestational animals, young animals and age assessment of fetuses
France (ANSES)	Biological Hazards - Request for advice on recommendations for reducing the risk of monkeypox virus transmission through food handling
Slovakia (MARD-FSA)	Biological Hazards - Risk assessment of Toxoplasma gondii in the food chain
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The Netherlands (NVWA)	Biological Hazards; Animal Health And Welfare; Chemical Hazards; Environmental Risk Assessment - Risks for humans, animals and nature in the fish chain

Interest from Methodology and Scientific Support (MESE) Unit:

MS	RA Activity
Austria (AGES)	Contaminants - Exposure Assessment of Mercury in food
Spain (AESAN)	Contaminants - Request for a report on the available evidence on the potential obesogenic activity of chemical contaminants that may be present in food
Sweden (Swedish Food Agency)	Contaminants; Nutrition - Swedish Market Basket
Portugal (Polytechnic of Leiria)	Nutrition - Preliminary assessment of consumer exposure to iodine by seaweed consumption

Interest from MESE, Integrated Data (IDATA) and Pesticide Residues and Plant Health (PLANT) Units:

MS	RA Activity
Norway (VKM)	Pesticides – combined effects of pesticides in food*

EFSA Related activities:

MS	RA Activity	Related EFSA activities
Slovakia (MARD-FSA)	Biological Hazards - Occurrence of verotoxinogenic Escherichia coli (VTEC) in favourite raw vegetable and fruit salads and unpasteurized juice, intended for direct consumption	The BIOHAZ Panel is working on a self-task on “the microbiological hazards associated with the use of water in the post-harvest handling and processing operations of fresh and frozen fruits, vegetables and herbs (ffFVHs)”. An MRSA EU Baseline survey will be conducted next year. EFSA was involved in drafting the tech specs for that. EFSA Report will be published in the coming weeks.
Slovakia (MARD-FSA)	Biological Hazards - Prevalence and study of resistance and virulence factor genes of MRSA isolates obtained from meat collected from the retail.	
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Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to the presence of **bromide ion** in food and risks for animal health and transfer from feed to food of animal origin

- To assess the general toxicity of bromide ion for humans and animals based on the available data
- to derive toxicological reference values for human and animal dietary risk assessment of bromide ion (if possible)
- to compare the existing MRLs for bromide ion with the available monitoring data from 2012 to 2021 and screen the safety of those MRLs
- to assess the risks for animal health and transfer from feed to food of animal origin related to the presence of bromide ion in feed, in particular in algae and seaweed and derived products.
- Timeline draft scientific opinion - Approximative timeline for draft scientific opinion - 31 December 2023. Publication expected by March 2024

Public consultation on the draft opinion on **Nitrosamines** in food:

- Comments open until 22 November via public consultation area on openEFSA ([here](#))
- Additional data can be submitted with comments via call for collection of chemical contaminants data (contact data.collection@efsa.europa.eu)
- Feedback particularly welcome on the exposure assessment scenarios
- Timeline for completion is end of 2022 (with possibility of extension)

General link to public consultations:

<https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/publicconsultation>

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