

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS**
164th Panel Plenary meeting



27-28 September 2023
09:00-17:30 / 09:00-15:30
DRAFT AGENDA

Location: Chalkidiki, Greece and Webconference

Chair: Kostas Koutsoumanis

No.	Item
1	Welcome and Apologies for absence
2	Adoption of the agenda
3	Declarations of interest
4	Agreement of the minutes of the 163rd Panel plenary meeting held on 12-13 July 2023
5	Scientific outputs submitted for adoption/endorsement
5.1	Statement on how to interpret the QPS qualification on 'acquired antimicrobial resistance genes' (EFSA-Q-2023-00096)
5.2	Scientific opinion on microbiological hazards associated with the use of water in postharvest handling and processing operations of fresh and frozen fruits, vegetables and herbs – part 1 (EFSA-Q-2021-00374)
5.3	Scientific report of EFSA on the evaluation of application of the Czech Republic to be recognised as having a negligible risk of classical scrapie (EFSA-Q-2023-00059)
6	Scientific outputs submitted for discussion
6.1	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-2023-00054)
6.2	Statement on the update of the list of QPS-recommended biological agents intentionally added to food or feed as notified to EFSA. 19: Suitability of taxonomic units notified to EFSA until September 2023 (EFSA-Q-2021-00771)
6.3	Scientific opinion on microbiological hazards associated with the use of water in postharvest handling and processing operations of fresh and frozen fruits, vegetables and herbs – parts 2-5 (EFSA-Q-2023-00073, EFSA-Q-2023-00074, EFSA-Q-2023-00075 and EFSA-Q-2023-00076), including associated outsourcing activities (OC/EFSA/BIOCONTAM/2021/02)
6.4	Scientific opinion on the persistence of microbiological hazards in food and feed production and processing environments (EFSA-Q-2022-00217)
6.5	Scientific opinion on the public health aspects of <i>Vibrio</i> spp. related to the consumption of seafood in the EU (EFSA-Q-2022-00826)
6.6	Scientific report of EFSA on the impact of the proposed revised Australia's microbiological monitoring programme for beef and sheep meat exported to the EU (EFSA-Q-2023-00058)
6.7	Scientific opinion on a re-evaluation of certain aspects of the EFSA Scientific Opinion of April 2010 on risk assessment of parasites in fishery products, based on new scientific data (EFSA-Q-2023-00090)
6.8	Scientific opinion on the potential BSE risk posed by ruminant collagen and gelatine other than derived from hides and skins (EFSA-Q-2023-00105)
6.9	Application alternative method ECN tunnel composting (EFSA-Q-2023-00448)



7 New mandates

7.1 Request for a scientific opinion on the evaluation of the safety and efficacy of peroxyacetic acid (PAA) to reduce microbiological surface contamination on beef carcasses, half carcasses and quarter carcasses (EFSA-Q-2022-00626)

8 Feedback from the Scientific Committee, other Scientific Panels, EFSA and the European Commission

8.1 Scientific Committee
8.2 European Commission
8.3 Update on Rapid Outbreak Assessments and related activities

9 Other topics for information and/or discussion

9.1 Implementation of the guidance on uncertainty analysis in scientific assessments
9.2 Topics of scientific concern in the area of biological hazards and preparedness
9.3 Update on EFSA Guidance on protocol development for EFSA's scientific assessments
9.4 Information on EFSA CARBACAMP project (GP/EFSA/BIOHAW/2023/04)

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