

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS**
166th Panel Plenary meeting



6-7 December 2023
09:00-17:30 / 09:00-15:30
DRAFT AGENDA

Location: Webconference

Chair: Kostas Koutsoumanis

Open Session (6 December h.09:00-16:00, 7 December h.09-15:30)

| No. | Item |
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| 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 164th Panel plenary meeting held on 25-26 October 2023 |
| 7 | Scientific outputs submitted for adoption/endorsement |
| 7.1 | 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) |
| 7.2 | Scientific opinion on the persistence of microbiological hazards in food and feed production and processing environments (EFSA-Q-2022-00217) |
| 8 | Scientific outputs submitted for discussion |
| 8.1 | 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) |
| 8.2 | 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 – 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) |
| 8.3 | 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) |
| 8.4 | 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) |
| 8.5 | 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) |
| 8.6 | Scientific opinion on the potential BSE risk posed by ruminant collagen and gelatine other than derived from hides and skins (EFSA-Q-2023-00105) |
| 9 | New mandates |
| 10 | Feedback from the Scientific Committee, other Scientific Panels, EFSA and the European Commission |



- 10.1 Scientific Committee
- 10.2 European Commission
- 10.3 Rapid Outbreak Assessments and related activities
- 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 preparedness
- 12 Answers to questions from observers**
- 13 AOB**

Closed Session (6 December h.16:00-17:30)

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| 8 | Scientific outputs submitted for discussion |
| 8.7 | Application alternative method ECN tunnel composting (EFSA-Q-2023-00448) |
| 8.8 | 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) |
| 10 | Feedback from the Scientific Committee, other Scientific Panels, EFSA and the European Commission |
| 10.4 | Update of the Guidance on the characterisation of microorganisms used as feed additives or as production organisms |