

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS**  
168<sup>th</sup> Panel Plenary meeting



13-14 March 2024  
09:00-17:30 / 09:00-15:00  
AGENDA

**Location:** Parma (Italy)

**Chair:** Kostas Koutsoumanis (13 March), Lieve Herman (14 March)

No.	Item
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and Apologies for absence</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Adoption of the agenda</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Declarations of interest</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Agreement of the minutes of the 168<sup>th</sup> Panel plenary meeting held on 24-25 January 2024</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Scientific outputs submitted for adoption/endorsement</b>
5.1	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)
5.2	Application alternative method ECN tunnel composting (EFSA-Q-2023-00448)
<b>6</b>	<b>Scientific outputs submitted for discussion</b>
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. 20: Suitability of taxonomic units notified to EFSA until March 2024 (EFSA-Q-2021-00772)
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 public health aspects of <i>Vibrio</i> spp. related to the consumption of seafood in the EU (EFSA-Q-2022-00826)
6.5	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)
6.6	Scientific opinion on the potential BSE risk posed by ruminant collagen and gelatine other than derived from hides and skins (EFSA-Q-2023-00105)
6.7	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)
6.8	Guidance on the submission of data for the evaluation of the safety and efficacy of substances for the removal of microbial surface contamination of foods of animal origin (EFSA-Q-2024-00020)
<b>7</b>	<b>Update on new mandates</b>
7.1	Request for a scientific opinion on the equivalence of an alternative heat treatment process of feathers and down



- 7.2 Self-task mandate of the BIOHAZ panel on the current status of the occurrence and spread of carbapenemase-producing Enterobacterales in the food chain in the EU/EFTA
- 8 Feedback from the Scientific Committee, other Scientific Panels, EFSA and the European Commission**
  - 8.1 Scientific Committee
  - 8.2 European Commission
  - 8.3 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 Presentation on the EU Summary Report on surveillance for the presence of transmissible spongiform encephalopathies in 2022
- 10 AOB**