

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS**
171st Panel Plenary meeting



2-3 July 2024
14:30-18:30 / 09:00-16:00
AGENDA

Location: Parma

Chair: Pietro Stella (until BIOHAZ Panel Chair election)

No.	Item
1	Welcome and Apologies for absence
2	Adoption of the agenda
3	Declarations of interest
4	Round table introduction of Panel members and EFSA staff
5	Presentations on the BIOHAZ Panel and Team
5.1	Presentation on EFSA BIOHAZ Unit
5.2	Presentation on BIOHAZ work programme and plenary meetings
5.3	Presentation on BIOHAZ Panel way of working
6	Election of Chair and Vice-Chairs
7	Scientific outputs submitted for discussion
7.1	Topics related to Qualified Presumption of Safety (QPS)
7.1.1	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)
7.1.2	Statement on the update of the list of QPS-recommended biological agents intentionally added to food or feed as notified to EFSA. 21: Suitability of taxonomic units notified to EFSA until September 2024 (EFSA-Q-2021-00773)
7.2	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)
7.3	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 – addressing term of reference 4 (EFSA-Q-2023-00172)
7.4	Topics related to decontamination substances
7.4.1	Background information on decontamination substances and related assessments performed by the Panel
7.4.2	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)
7.4.3	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)



- 7.5 Scientific opinion(s) on the current status of the occurrence and spread of carbapenemase-producing Enterobacterales in the food chain in the EU/EFTA (EFSA-Q-2024-00149)
- 7.6 Topics related to animal by-products (ABP)
 - 7.6.1 Background information on ABP and related assessments performed by the Panel
 - 7.6.2 Scientific opinion on the equivalence of an alternative heat treatment process of feathers and down (EFSA-Q-2024-00169)
 - 7.6.3 Request for a scientific opinion on the presence of biological and chemical hazards in ash from Category 1 material after incineration, co-incineration, and combustion (EFSA-Q-2024-00278)
 - 7.6.4 Application for alternative processing method for animal byproducts: alkaline hydrolysis under atmospheric pressure (EFSA-Q-2024-00286)

8 Update on new mandates

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

- 9.1 Scientific Committee
- 9.2 European Commission
- 9.3 EFSA Guidance on the risk assessment of microorganisms used in the food chain (EFSA-Q-2022-00249)
- 9.4 EFSA Scientific Network on Microbiological Risk Assessment

10 Other topics for information and/or discussion

- 10.1 Implementation of the guidance on uncertainty analysis in scientific assessments
- 10.2 Topics of scientific concern in the area of biological hazards

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