



**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS**
172nd BIOHAZ Panel Plenary meeting



18-19 September 2024
09:00-17:00 / 09:00-17:00
AGENDA

Location: Webconference

Chair: Ana Allende

No.	Item
1	Welcome and Apologies for absence
2	Adoption of the agenda
3	Declarations of interest
4	Agreement of the minutes of the 171st Panel plenary meeting held on 2-3 July 2024
5	Scientific outputs submitted for adoption/endorsement
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. 21: Suitability of taxonomic units notified to EFSA until September 2024 (EFSA-Q-2021-00773)
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 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)
6.5	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)
6.6	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)
6.7	Scientific opinion on the equivalence of an alternative heat treatment process of feathers and down (EFSA-Q-2024-00169)
6.8	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)
6.9	Application for alternative processing method for animal by-products: alkaline hydrolysis under atmospheric pressure (EFSA-Q-2024-00286)
6.10	Application for Fluidized Catalytic Cracking co-processing for the production of renewable fuels (EFSA-Q-2024-00539)
7	Update on new mandates
8	Feedback from the Scientific Committee, other Scientific Panels, EFSA and the European Commission



- 8.1 Scientific Committee
- 8.2 European Commission
- 8.3 EFSA Guidance on the risk assessment of microorganisms used in the food chain ([EFSA-Q-2022-00249](#))
- 8.4 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
- 10 AOB**