



**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS**
173rd BIOHAZ Panel Plenary meeting



23-24 October 2024
09:00-17:30 / 09:00-15:00
AGENDA

Location: Parma

Chair: Ana Allende

| No. | Item |
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| 1 | Welcome and Apologies for absence |
| 2 | Adoption of the agenda |
| 3 | Declarations of interest |
| 4 | Agreement of the minutes of the 172nd Panel plenary meeting held on 18-19 September 2024 |
| 5 | Scientific outputs submitted for adoption/endorsement |
| 5.1 | EFSA Guidance on the risk assessment of microorganisms used in the food chain (EFSA-Q-2022-00249) |
| 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 | 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) |
| 6.11 | Update of the scientific opinion 'Evaluation of the safety and efficacy of Listex TM P100 for reduction of pathogens on different ready-to-eat (RTE) food products' (EFSA-Q-2024-00551) |



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 Update on the activities of the EFSA Scientific Network on Microbiological Risk Assessment

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, including an update from EFSA on the activities of the Networks dealing with emerging risks

9.3 Presentation from EFSA Unit on Communication

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