

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 Enterobacteriales 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 ListexTM 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
- 10 AOB**