

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE
161st Panel Plenary meeting



12 December 2024, 09:00-12:00
13 December 2024, 09:00-12:00
Agenda

Location: Teleconference

Chair: Søren Nielsen

Day 1: 12 December 2024

No. Item

- 1 Welcome and Apologies for absence**
- 2 Adoption of the agenda**
- 3 Declarations of interest**
- 4 Agreement of the minutes of the 159th Panel plenary meeting held on 18-19th September 2024**
- 5 Report on written procedures.**
- 6 Scientific outputs submitted for discussion/ adoption.**
 - 6.1 Art. 29 - Joint mandate EFSA-ECDC on Avian Influenza: Task 2. Scientific Opinion on zoonotic avian influenza- ([EFSA-Q-2024-00172](#)) – Adoption.
 - 6.2 Art. 29 – Scientific opinion concerning the killing for other purposes than slaughter of other species – horses – ([EFSA-Q2023-00310](#)) – Adoption .
 - 6.3 Art 29 – Scientific opinion concerning the welfare of Beef Cattle - ([EFSA-Q-2023-00535](#)) -Update.
- 8. Update on new mandates**
 - 8.1 Risk of infection with highly pathogenic avian influenza virus affecting dairy cows in the United States of America (H5N1, Eurasian lineage goose/Guangdong clade 2.3.4.4b. genotype B3.13)

End of day 1



Day 2: 13 December 2024

6 Scientific outputs submitted for discussion/ adoption (continuation).

6.4 Art. 31- Draft Scientific and technical assistance ([EFSA-Q-2023-00647](#)): Housing systems and applied practices of keeping turkeys (*Meleagris gallopavo gallopavo*)

7 Other scientific topics for information/discussion

7.1 Art. 29- GMO unit: Scientific opinion on new developments in biotechnology applied to animals -([EFSA-Q-2023-00050](#)) – update on the aspects related to AW assessment

6 Scientific outputs submitted for discussion/ adoption (continuation)

6.5 Art.29 – Fish diseases' introduction in free areas ([EFSA-Q-2024-00668](#))

6.6 Art. 31 – Joint mandate EFSA-ECDC on Avian Influenza: Task 4. Coordinated One Health investigation and management of outbreaks in humans and animals caused by zoonotic avian influenza viruses ([EFSA-Q-2024-00173](#))

6.7 Art 29 – Scientific opinion concerning the welfare of animals kept for fur production – ([EFSA-Q-2023-00869](#)) -First reading (mink).

9 Feedback from the Scientific Committee

9.1 Not applicable

10 AOB

10.1 Not applicable

End of day 2