

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS**
181st BIOHAZ Panel Plenary meeting



22-23 October 2025
09:00-17:00 / 09:00-13:00
AGENDA

Location: Parma and 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 180th Panel plenary meeting held on 17-18 September 2025
5	Scientific outputs submitted for adoption/endorsement
5.1	Scientific opinion on the risk of infection with highly pathogenic avian influenza virus affecting dairy cows in the United States of America (EFSA-Q-2024-00712)
6	Scientific outputs submitted for discussion
6.1	Statement on the update of the list of QPS-recommended biological agents intentionally added to food or feed as notified to EFSA. 23: Suitability of taxonomic units notified to EFSA until September 2025 (EFSA-Q-2023-00053)
6.2	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)
6.3	Scientific opinion on the microbiological safety of ungulates meat intended to be frozen (EFSA-Q-2024-00663) and of frozen meat of ungulates: defrosting (EFSA-Q-2024-00711)
6.4	Scientific opinion(s) on the current status of the occurrence and spread of carbapenemase-producing Enterobacteriales in the food chain in the EU/EFTA
6.5	Scientific opinion on the implementation of point 2 of Annex V of Regulation (EU) 2025/40 on Packaging and Packaging Waste (EFSA-Q-2025-00456)
6.6	Scientific opinion on Food Safety Culture and its microbiological food safety impact in the EU (EFSA-Q-2025-00553 and EFSA-Q-2025-00554)
6.7	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)
6.8	EFSA Guidance on the risk assessment of microorganisms used in the food chain (EFSA-Q-2022-00249)
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 consideration of biological hazards in the assessment of novel foods

8.4 Rapid Outbreak Assessments and related activities

9 Other topics for information and/or discussion

9.1 Topics of scientific concern in the area of biological hazards

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