

Parma, 4th June 2012

**Subject: technical hearing on meat inspection of solipeds
(EFSA-Q-2011-00367)**

**Minutes of the technical hearing on meat inspection of solipeds,
Parma, 30th May 2012**

PARTICIPANTS

Hearing experts from stakeholder organisations:

FVE (Federation of Veterinarians of Europe) represented by Romano Zilli

UECBV (European Livestock and Meat Trading Union) represented by Filip Defrancq

EFSA experts from the working groups (WG) on public health hazards to be covered by inspection of meat of solipeds:

BIOHAZ WG: Antonia Ricci (Chair of the WG)

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CONTAM Unit: Silvia Ines Nicolau-Solano

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AGENDA

1. Welcome and apologies, round the table introductions
2. Adoption of agenda
3. Declarations of interest
4. Purpose of meeting and background to the EFSA mandate
5. Summary presentations on responses to questionnaire
 1. UECBV
 2. FVE
6. Questions and answers on the information provided by stakeholders
7. Any other business and closure of the meeting

1. Welcome and apologies, round the table introductions

EFSA chaired the technical hearing, welcomed the participants and opened the meeting (h.13:00). A round the table introductions took place. Apologies were received from COPA-COGECA and CLITRAVI.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted without modifications.

3. Declarations of Interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and/or Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Purpose of meeting and background to the EFSA mandate

The EFSA BIOHAZ secretariat briefly presented the background to the meat inspection mandate and described the main objectives of the technical hearing.

The main objective was to provide WG experts with an opportunity to seek data and information from stakeholder representatives regarding production, slaughtering and meat inspection practices of solipeds in the EU, based on the answers to a previously distributed questionnaire. The Chair explained that, as indicated in the invitation letter to stakeholders, the information that the stakeholder organisations provided and will provide as a reply to the questionnaire sent will be included in an Event Report. This report would be published by EFSA and might be used as reference in the EFSA related Scientific Opinion of public health hazards to be covered by inspection of meat of solipeds, especially when considering information that is not readily available elsewhere.

5. Summary presentations on responses to questionnaire

Representatives of the two stakeholder organisations presented the main issues to be considered in the context of meat inspection of solipeds. These were largely based on the questionnaires previously sent by EFSA to the stakeholders.

6. Discussion

The presentations were followed by a session of questions and answers, where the experts of the EFSA WG had the opportunity to seek clarification about a number of issues in the areas of biological and chemical hazards. The main issues discussed included the production of solipeds and meat thereof in the EU, which seems concentrated in restricted countries and regions, the differences when rearing sport solipeds vs. solipeds intended solely for meat production, information included in food chain information (FCI), slaughter practices of solipeds as compared to other domestic ungulates, in particular bovines, main *post-mortem* inspection findings by veterinary inspectors, main reasons for carcass condemnation, and laboratory chemical/microbiological testing on soliped-meat samples at slaughterhouses.

7. Any other Business and closing of the meeting

No additional business were addressed and the meeting was closed (h. 17:15).