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Scientific Network on Risk Assessment in Animal Health and Welfare
Minutes of the 2nd meeting on *Echinococcus multilocularis* surveillance
Held on 13 09 2013, Parma
(Agreed on 24 09 2013)

Participants

• **Network Representatives of Member States:**

Country	Name
Finland	Antti Oksanen, Marja Isomursu
Ireland	William Byrne
Malta	Fabrizio Rosso
United Kingdom	Helen Roberts

• **Panel Members:**

- Mariano Domingo
- Preben Willeberg

• **European Commission representatives:**

- H el ene Klein (DG SANCO)

• **EFSA:**

- Jane Richardson (SAS Unit)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes regarding Declarations of Interests (Dols)¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy², members of networks, peer review meetings, networking

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

meetings and their alternates shall be invited to complete and submit an Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI).

EFSA screened the ADoI 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 Oral Declaration of interest (ODoI) at the beginning of this meeting. The Chair thanked the representatives that have submitted an ADoI or an ODoI.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 1st meeting of the Network on *Echinococcus multilocularis* surveillance held on 16 10 2012, Parma.

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 20 10 2012 and published on the EFSA website 20 10 2012.

5. Topics for discussion

5.1 Discussion of the draft assessment of MS' *Echinococcus multilocularis* surveillance reports

EFSA explained the approach applied to the assessment of MS' *Echinococcus multilocularis* (E.m.) surveillance reports and the structure of the assessment report. The draft assessment of each country surveillance report was presented and questions that EFSA had raised were discussed with MS representatives.

It was noted that simple random sampling is very difficult to implement, especially in wildlife surveillance. It was pointed out that a representative sample, one of the two sampling options required by Regulation (EU) No 1152/2011, can be obtained by other means than simple random sampling. MS should provide detailed reasons why the sample collected under their E.m. surveillance system can be considered representative for the sampled population. In this context, the reasons for any gaps in sampling over time and space should also be provided.

6. Conclusions

Member States should provide the missing information and updates highlighted in the draft assessment report and/or discussed at the meeting (see 7. Tasks and Deadlines).

The assessment report's conclusion should discuss the difficulties to achieve representativeness and other requirements in Regulation (EU) No 1152/2011, especially in wildlife surveillance, consider the uncertainty of the results reported and whether the implemented surveillance systems represent the best achievable outcome.

EFSA should consider arranging a workshop with MS on representative sampling methods in early 2014 to inform the choices for 2014 surveillance activities.

7. Tasks and Deadlines

Member States representatives will provide the additional information agreed to EFSA by 27 September 2013 (Malta requested an extension of the deadline to 1 October).

EFSA will submit the assessment report for peer review on 18 October 2013.