



Quality data for Risk Assessment

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CLITRAVI

The Liaison Centre for the Meat Processing Industry in the European Union (CLITRAVI) is the professional organisation whose aim is to represent the interest of the European Meat Processing Industry which was established in 1958.

CLITRAVI's main object is to protect the legitimate interest of the European Meat Processing Industry. It is engaged in a constant dialogue with the European Commission, European Parliament, the Council of the European Union, the European Economic and Social Committee, the EFSA and other international organizations.



CLITRAVI has 28 national member organizations in the different EU-Member States

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Austria	Lithuania
Belgium	The Netherlands
Bulgaria	Poland
Czech Republic	Portugal
Croatia	Romania
Denmark	Spain
Finland	Slovak Republic
France	Slovenia
Germany	Sweden
Greece	United Kingdom
Hungary	
Ireland	
Italy	

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Norway
Turkey



CLITRAVI represents about 12,000 companies which together manufacture around 13,5 Mio tonnes of meat products.

The European Meat Processing Industry employs about 350,000 people and represents a turnover of 75,3 billion Euros.



Risk assessment

As the risk assessor, EFSA produces scientific opinions and advice that form the basis for European policies and legislation.

Communication on risks associated with the food chain is another key part of EFSA mandate.

Science driven assessment



Data are the "ingredients" of scientific assessments

The data collection activity is composed of several processes of :

- collection
- validation
- storage
- analysis of data

in the four main sectors identified by the Founding Regulation (zoonoses, chemical contaminants, pesticides residues, food consumption), involving the most relevant data providers (National food, feed, veterinary Institutes, local and regional competent authorities, Industries, competent laboratories, etc.).

Evaluation of data

Once data have been validated, cleaned and collected in a specific data warehouse by the Authority, they are ready to become the inputs for Risk Assessment processes.

The evaluation of the effectiveness of data collection activities starts from factual evidences and presents then the stakeholders' point of view, related to the three main steps of data collection and exchange process:

- Cooperation for data collection;
- Data collection tools and activities;
- Reports on EFSA's data collection activity.
- PROMETHEUS project

Biological hazards data

EFSA analyses data on zoonotic diseases (infections and diseases that are transmissible between animals and humans), antimicrobial resistance and food-borne outbreaks across the EU.

Data submitted annually by MS, in compliance with EU regulation.

Guidelines for harmonised monitoring and reporting, and data analyses

- Technical specifications on randomised sampling for AMR monitoring (May 2014)
- Harmonised reporting of food-borne outbreaks through the EU reporting system (March 2014)
- Harmonisation of monitoring zoonoses, antimicrobial resistance and foodborne outbreaks (October 2012)
- Technical specifications on harmonised monitoring and reporting of MRSA (October 2012)

CLITRAVI point of view on data collection

- Importance of cooperation for data collection;
- Harmonization of activities of data collection (harmonized specifications for monitoring and reporting e.g., for antimicrobial resistance data, E-coli, Salmonella);
- International cooperation;
- Impartiality;
- Transparency and openness;
- Reliable, detailed databases are key to determine realistic scenarios;
- Approach of not automatically dismissing irrelevant or unreliable evidence, provided that low-quality publications would not be given the same credibility as GLP reports.

Concerns: communication

“Scientific results cannot always be easily converted into simple guidelines and advice that non-scientists can understand. One of EFSA’s tasks, therefore, is to communicate clearly not only to its principal partners and stakeholders but also to the public at large, to help bridge the gap between science and the consumer”.



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