



## EMERGING RISKS EXCHANGE NETWORK (EREN)

### Minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting

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#### Participants

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SCER Unit: Tobin Robinson (chair), Caroline Merten (secretariat), Ana Afonso, Marta Hugas, Nathalie Oberhaus (assistant)

### **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Lithuania, Luxembourg, Poland, UK, ECHA and FDA.

### **2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted.

### **3. Action points from last meeting**

### **4. Presentation and discussion of EFSA and MSs signals**

- 4.1 Briefing note on Ultra-processed food (ID0410)
- 4.2 Briefing note on Foodborne invasive infections with *Streptococcus agalactiae* (ID0411)
- 4.3 Briefing note on Hepatotoxicity associated with food supplements containing turmeric (ID0412)
- 4.4 Briefing note on Epidemiological features of a viral disease affecting sturgeon farming in Europe (ID0413)
- 4.5 Briefing note on Tomato brown rugose fruit virus (ToBRFV): a viral threat to tomato and pepper production (ID0414)
- 4.6 Briefing note on Recent H3N1 avian influenza cases in poultry in France (ID0415)
- 4.7 Briefing note on Use of modeling tools to assess risks related to Cadmium exposure for workers and consumers (ID0416)



- 4.8 Short issues from the Hungarian National Food Chain Safety Office (NEBIH)
- Homemade rice milk and other plant-based milks
  - Lab-grown meat and plant-based meat
  - Salmonella can migrate into the bloodstream
  - Plant-based foods may transmit antibiotic-resistant superbugs to humans
  - 70% of world's macadamia can be traced back to one tree
  - Unsafe Levels of Radiation Detected in Japanese Processed Food Imports in South Korea
  - Acinetobacter in raw meat
  - Ecdysterone in spinach extract
  - Antibiotics set to flood Florida's troubled orange orchards
  - Gluten-free flour and oils from spent coffee grounds
  - Duckweed – the new superfood?
  - Wood to food - protein potential
- 4.9 Short issues from the Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL)
- Bovine milk and meat factors
  - Tortillas linked to aflatoxin exposure in Guatemala
  - Sooty bulk disease in Germany
  - Use of allulose /psicose as a sugar substitute
  - E. coli, Salmonella and Listeria in raw wheat
- 4.10 Short issues from the French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES)
- Huanglongbing / citrus greening: a bacterial threat for citrus production on the EU territory
  - High opioids content in poppy seed: update

## 5. Further information on previous EFSA and MSs signals

- 5.1 Update on Illegal importation of bushmeat (ID 0063): Positive PCR test on an illegally imported meat and possible risk for ASF spread
- 5.2 Update from Cyprus on Results on Shiga Toxin-Producing Escherichia coli (STEC) isolated from flour (ID 0374)
- 5.3 Results on FoVIRA project from Ireland: prevalence HEV in Irish pigs/pig products and of HEV, hepatitis A virus, Norovirus and Sapovirus in Irish soft fruit and shellfish
- 5.4 Data from the German official control program on Shiga Toxin-Producing Escherichia coli (STEC) isolated from flour (ID 0374)
- 5.5 Updates by Switzerland on Shiga Toxin-Producing Escherichia coli (STEC) in flour (ID 0374), on Arsenic and its compounds in algae (ID0351) and on BoNT like gene cluster in Enterococcus (ID 0386)
- 5.6 Feedback from stakeholder emerging risk discussion group meeting: Cannabidiol (ID0409)

## 6. Presentation and discussion of EFSA and MSs activities

- 6.1 Demeter: sharing data, knowledge and methods on emerging risks in a rapid and effective manner.

6.2 Patent analysis for emerging risk identification

6.3 Update on emerging risk activities by WHO (workshop report on chemical emerging risks, seaweed and norovirus outbreaks, lychee intoxications linked to encephalitis due to hypoglycaemic agent and update from CFIA on results from finalised baseline survey on E coli O121 in wheat flour)

## **7. Any other business and closure of the meeting**

7.1 Alcohol from Fermented Beverages

The next EREN meeting (23rd meeting) will be held on **26<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> March 2020 in Parma.**