



Management Board Meeting
Parma, 18th December 2008

PROGRESS REPORT

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Food additives and nutrient sources added to food (ANS)

- 9 opinions and 2 statements adopted (Calcium Sulphate, Vitamine B12, Benfotiamine, Pantethine, Calcium L-threonate, Aspartate sources, Calcium fluoride, Sodium monofluorophosphate and Chromium polynictinate; and on Silver hydrosol and Tin chloride) covering 36 applications

Animal Health and Welfare (AHAW)

- 2 opinions adopted on Carp welfare and on Seabass and Seabream welfare
- Blue tongue “risk of transit” opinion, further discussed following new info from the EC

Biological Hazards (BIOHAZ)

- 2 opinion adopted on TSE infectivity in milk products from small ruminants and on food safety aspects of farmed fish
- Publication of paper on panel’s challenges during the next 10 years
- Informal meeting with EC and agencies to coordinate activity in antimicrobial substances existence

Food contact materials, enzymes, flavourings and processing aids (CEF)

- 7 opinions and 2 statements adopted related to 148 substances of the FGE 19 flavouring substances group
- At the request of the EC a new statement on Bisphenol A was issued

Contaminants in the Food Chain (CONTAM)

- In collaboration with Datex, the Contam unit responded to urgent request by EC concerning scientific advice on possible risk arising from presence of melamine in composite food imported from China and on dioxins in Irish pork

Additives and Products or Substances used in Animal Feed (FEEDAP)

- 7 opinions and 7 guidance documents adopted (authorization of feed additives under regulation EC 1831/2003)
- 1 opinion adopted on vitamin A

Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO)

- 3 public consultations concluded (guidance on GM plants for applicant, report on comparative food safety evaluation of GMO, guidance for GM plants for non feed/food purposed)
- 5 opinions were adopted (2 on feed additives, 1 on a new GM plant application for maize and 2 art. 29 opinion on request from DG ENV)
- Publication of scientific colloquium report on environmental risk assessment of GMO plant

Dietetics Products, Nutrition and Allergies (NDA)

- 2 opinions adopted on Article 14 risk reduction claims, 17 on Article 14 claims referring to children's health and development and 1 on Article 13 claim (newly developed scientific evidence)
- 2 opinion adopted for Novel food on Vitamin K2 and on lutein

EFSA health claims evaluation status

Art. 13

Batch 1 (by July 2009): 1022 claims

Batch 2 (revised list, by November 2009): 468 claims

Batch 3 (to be discussed) 2695 claims

+ publication of the list by 15 January 2009

EFSA health claims evaluation status

Art. 14

Claim type	Received	Withdrawn	Adopted	In progress
Children	209	12	32 opinions covering 39 applications	10
Disease risk reduction	26	1	6	3
New science/proprietary	9	2	5	2
Total	244	15	43	15

Plant Health (PLH)

- Participation into special Advisory Forum Meeting on plant health
- Self-task on development of guidelines for pest risk assessment initiated

Plant Protection Products and their residues (PPR)

- 2 new self-task mandates (methodology for modelling dietary exposure to pesticide residues, approaches to evaluate toxicological relevance of pesticides active substances)
- Adoption of terms of references for the revision of guidance document on dermal absorption (public consultation launched)

Scientific Committee & Advisory Forum

Scientific Committee (SC)

- Endorsement of draft opinion on Nanotechnology for public consultation
- EFSA hosted the 4th meeting of the Chairs and Secretariats of Scientific Committees and Panels of the EC and EU Agencies involved in risk assessment (4-5 November)



Advisory Forum (AF)

- EFSA hosted the first meeting of AF representatives on plant health; focus: cooperation between Member States and EFSA in this area
- 2 meetings in Paris and Copenhagen:
 - Nanotechnology
 - Strategic Plan 2009-2013
 - Dietary reference values
 - 2009 programme for Grants
 - Review of the strategy on cooperation
 - Progress of ESCO projects
 - Renewal of Focal Points



Scientific Cooperation and Assistance

Scientific Cooperation (SCO)

- Summary report on Focal Points first year activities, update of the Article 36 list, work Programme for 2009 on grants and procurements, Interim review of the strategy on cooperation and questionnaire (prepared and presented at AF).
- Further development of Information Exchange Platform
- Expert Database: over 1000 experts applications received (400 experts already validated). Search tool available to MSs (via the AF)
- Raising EFSA's scientific visibility project: development of the EFSA Journal to an online scientific journal (meeting with CABI)
- Contribution to the ESCO WG on Folic acid fortification (MSs inputs through Focal Points)
- 2 workshop in Budapest and Warsaw to attract scientific experts from new MSs



Assessment Methodology (AMU)

- Provision of scientific, statistical and modelling assistance
- Participation and support to various working groups (Zoonoses unit -baseline studies; DATEX unit (beta caseine); BIOHAZ panel (QMRA, fate of Salmonella spp. and Salmonella criteria, poultry decontamination); PLH panel (climate WG); PPR panel (FATE working group); CONTAM panel (cadmium); NDA panel (health claims);
- Self-task on guidance for the use of systematic literature review in risk assessment

Data Collection Exposure (DATEX)

- Food consumption database: identification in 17 Member States of partners with access to detailed food consumption information (with the assistance of the Permanent Representations in Brussels)
- Melamine: collection of commercial information on milk powder content in implicated products and calculation of worst case exposure scenario
- Data analysis dioxins in Irish pork

Pesticide Risk Assessment Peer Review (PRAPeR)

- TALEX meeting with experts of the Russian Federation on maximum residues levels setting in Europe
- Establishment of the Pesticides Steering Committee (representatives of MSs and EC)
- 32 EFSA conclusions finalised and delivered to the Commission
- 11 reasoned opinions finalised regarding 15 active substances of concern (EFSA recommended lowering a number of MRLs)
- 2 reasoned opinions finalised regarding applications for maximum residues levels setting

Emerging Risks Unit

- EFSA's "Crisis Management plan"

Zoonoses

- Draft Community Summary Report 2007 sent for consultation to MSs
- Report on the Analysis of the baseline survey on Salmonella in Turkeys in the EU (part B)

Press



REUTERS

EU watchdog calls
for cuts in 13
pesticide elements

AGI

Clima: FAO, OMS ed
EFSA uniti per tutelare
salute acqua e cibo

Agence Europe

EU/CONSUMERS: BEUC
welcomes EFSA approach on
scientific assessment of food
health claims

agd.nl
NIEUWSITE VAN HET AGRARISCH DAGBLAD

Efsa: groter risico op overdracht
van scrapie via melk

Daily Telegraph

EFSA looks to bolster consumer trust

la Repubblica

Latte contaminato, il parere
dell'Efsa "Non ci sono rischi,
ma limitare dolciumi"

THE IRISH TIMES

European food body
says Irish pork
is safe to eat



EU food safety watchdog
backs piecemeal approach to
nanotech risk assessment

el mundo

Ovejas y cabras podrían
transmitir también el mal de
las 'vacas locas'

NUTRA

ingredients.com | europe

EFSA calls for more
scientists

dpa Deutsche
Presse-Agentur GmbH

Irish dioxin pork
"unlikely" health
risk, says EU food
watchdog

**Medical News
TODAY**

Scientific Evidence Shows There Is No Basis For
Health Concerns Over Human Exposure To BPA 12

Publications & Events

**...building bridges across Europe
& increasing visibility at major
events**



- Promoting EFSA's call for panel members



- EFSA in focus 2 in EN/IT/DE/FR

**... and in
leading journals**



- Sharing EFSA outputs:
 - EFSA news 18 &
 - Moving Together 3



Newsletter



Video Watch now - EFSA Management Board live from Parma

EFSA's Management Board is meeting today in Parma. Discussions have just begun and are set to run until 14.30 CET.

Highlights with strategy with

organisations eligible for EFSA funding 2009 Management Plan and its multi-a

Watch the whole meeting or tune in for

1. Welcome and opening by the Chair
2. Adoption of the draft agenda
3. Adoption of the draft minutes of the
4. ED Progress Report
5. Update on Final Seat
6. Strategic plan 2009-2013
7. EFSA's Management Plan 2009
8. Strategy on Cooperation and network
9. Presentation by the Chair of the CC
10. Update from the Audit Committee
11. Budget execution and year end for
12. Any other business

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European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) is the keystone of European Union (EU) risk assessment regarding food and feed safety. In close collaboration with national authorities and in open consultation with its stakeholders, EFSA provides independent scientific advice and clear communication on existing and emerging risks.

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EFSA responds to Commission's urgent request on dioxins in Irish pork
EFSA has published its statement in response to a request received from the European Commission on 8 December 2008 for urgent scientific and technical assistance following the discovery of dioxin contamination in some Irish pork.

Dioxins in Irish Pork

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Liaison with the Italian Authorities

- Meeting in Rome with the Italian Government on the Scuola per l'Europa
- Meeting with Milan and Parma municipalities on EXPO 2015
- Visit of Minister Ronchi (European Policies) to EFSA and Scuola per l'Europa



Relations with EU institutions, Stakeholders

Cooperation with EU institutions:

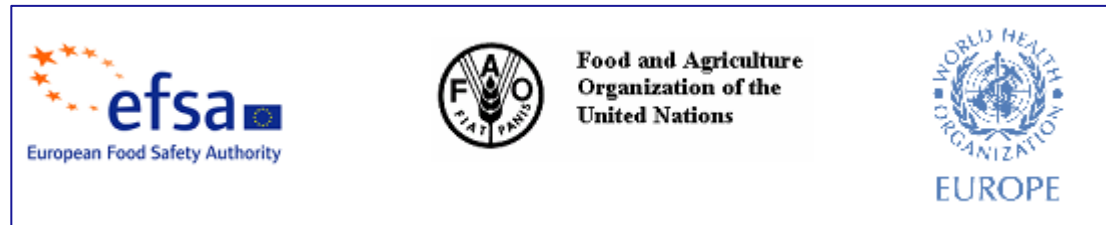
- JRC-EFSA Memorandum of Understanding, facilitating technical cooperation signed
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- At invitation French Presidency, presentation of EFSA's strategic plan 2009-2013 at joint meeting EU CVOs and CPHs; council position adopted by ministers on 21/11
 - Upcoming Presidency of Czech Republic: meetings in Prague with Czech Minister of Agriculture with the presence of J. Ruprich

Relation with Stakeholders

- Meeting of the platform in Brussels. Election of new Chair, Mr Andreas Varlamos (EKPIZO, Greek consumers organisation and Member of Beuc)

International relation

- WHO-FAO-EFSA conference on effects of climate change on food and water safety and nutrition



Pre-Accession program

- participation of experts of the 3 Candidates Countries in EFSA meetings
- 2 training seminar organised on GMO and Microbial risk assessment, in Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Zagreb respectively

Human Resources

HR – Numbers of recruitment procedures for all staff (until 31st December 2008)

		RECRUITMENT (+)				END OF CONTRACT (-)				
	Total staff number end Dec 06	Total staff number end Dec 07	Number of New Contracts	New comers	Change in contract, Cat. or Grade (*)	Departures (**)	Change in contract, Cat. or Grade	Contract Expiry	"Net" Result	Total staff number end December 08
AT+Officials	173	273	101	63	38	24	26	6	45	318
AUX ¹	24	4	0	0	0	1	3	0	-4	0
CA	24	24	55	50	5	2	13	0	40	64
END	7	9	6	6	0	0	1	1	4	13
Total	228	310	162	119	43	27	43	7	85	395

(*) = EFSA's staff recruited to TA posts (including AUX, CA, END) at EFSA.

(**) = Resignations, termination of contract after probationary period, termination of contract.

(***) = EFSA's staff leaving their TA post in order to be recruited to a new TA post at EFSA (AUX, CA, END not included)

¹ Auxiliary Contract types ended at 31/12/2007

2008

- Population: 370
- Respondents: 203 (55 % of the population)

2007

- Population: 310
- Respondents : 138 (44,5% of the population)

Main results

AVERAGE RESULTS BY SURVEY SECTION:

SECTION	NBER OF QUESTIONS	AVERAGE POINT SCALE	
A - Work environment	33	3.6	
B - Organization of work and relations with staff	29	3.6	←
C - Satisfaction and Career development	16	3.6	
D - Information	7	60.3 %	←
E - Parma	7	50.4 %	
F - Areas of Improvement	5	N.a.	
G - Survey Form	6	N.a.	

SCALE	
1	Completely disagree
2	Disagree
3	Neutral
4	Agree
5	Completely agree

Useful
Very Useful

- **Main progression**

Openness and transparency in the decision making process (58% positive feedbacks in 2008)

- **New feedbacks**

Feeling proud of working for EFSA (87% in 2008)

Flexitime (84% positive feedbacks in 2008)