



EMERGING RISKS EXCHANGE NETWORK (EREN)

Minutes of the 23rd Meeting

Held on 26–27th March 2020, web meeting

This meeting, originally scheduled as a physical meeting, was converted into a teleconference to avoid travelling to EFSA in line with the measures established to reduce the risk of coronavirus infection.

(Agreed on 27 March 2020)

Participants

- **Network Representatives of Member States (including EFTA Countries):**

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France	Sandra WETZLER
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Marina Marini (EC), Vittorio Fattori (FAO), Jeff Lejeune (FAO), Raul Fernando Garcia Acevedo (WHO), Alessandro Fiorelli (FDA), Matthew Scherer (FDA), Peter Simpson (ECHA), Charmaine Ajao (ECHA), Marian Scott (EC SCEER)

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SCER Unit: Tobin Robinson (chair), Caroline Merten (secretariat), Ana Afonso (co -chair), Raquel Garcia Matas, Georgia Gkrintzali, Angelo Maggiore, Agnes Rortais, Valentina Serianni, Marco Binaglia, Michele Ardizzone, Aleksandra Lewandowska.

Observers:

Hans Marvin, Don Willems, Nathan Meijer (all for agenda item 6.1), Daniela Battaglia (for agenda item 4.2)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Luxembourg, Lithuania, FSANZ, EEA and ECDC.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3. Good practices for intervening during the teleconference

4. Presentation and discussion of EFSA and MSs signals

- 4.1 Briefing note on potential risks of introducing Oxo-degradable plastic into the environment (ID0422)
- 4.2 Briefing note on Emerging risks associated with feed and products of feed production technologies of increasing relevance (novel feeds) (ID0423)

5. Further information on previous EFSA and MSs signals

- 5.1 The use of insects as a raw material for animal feed (ID0156)
- 5.2 Bfr opinion on a risk assessment on STEC in flour products (ID 0374)
- 5.3 Update from EFSA CONTAM panel: opinion on perfluoroalkylated substances (PFASs) in food (ID0332)

- 5.4 Follow up on briefing note on circular economy: – Fertiliser from waste and the risk for human health (ID0352)
- 5.5 Increased risk of parasite and vector-borne diseases transmitted through food due to changes in nutrition habits in Slovakia
- 5.6 Results from Ireland on CBD/THC official controls on hemp-based supplements (ID0409)
- 5.7 Possible risk of potassium salts (sold as food supplements) in low-salt diets

6. Feedback on EFSA and MSs activities

- 6.1 DEMETER: Emerging risks knowledge exchange platform prototype demonstration
- 6.2 Applicability of a food chain analysis to identify and monitor vulnerabilities and drivers of change for the identification of emerging risks -Atlantic salmon (aquaculture)
- 6.3 Prioritization of livestock transboundary diseases in Belgium using a multi-criteria decision analysis tool based on drivers of emergence
- 6.4 Project results on Climate change as a driver of emerging risks for food and feed safety, plant, animal health and nutritional quality in the EU
- 6.5 A pilot study on the usefulness of MedISys for the monitoring of adulteration in beeswax

7. Any other business and closure of the meeting

The next EREN meeting (24th meeting) will be held on **22nd -23rd October 2020 in Berlin**. The EREN meeting will be preceded by a 2-day conference (20 – 21 October) co organized by BfR and BVL on food supplements and superfoods.