

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**XXVII PLENARY MEETING**

**OF THE SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE**

<b>Meeting dates</b>	<b>26-27 April 2007</b>
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Parma EFSA</b>
<b>Starting Hour</b>	<b>26 April 9.00 - 12.00 -13.00-18.00</b> <b>27 April 8.30 – 15.30</b>

#	Items
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome and apologies. Declaration of Interests.</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Adoption of the agenda</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Previous minutes adopted by written procedure</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Commission Services</b>
4.1.	<b>New Mandates :</b> – Community Summary Report on Trends and Sources of Zoonoses, Zoonotic Agents and Antimicrobial Resistance in the European Union in 2005 – Seal hunting
<b>5.</b>	<b>Opinions and reports submitted for possible adoption/acceptance</b>
5.1.	<b>Newcastle Disease vaccination</b> Adoption by written procedure started on the 30 <sup>th</sup> March. By the 19 <sup>th</sup> April 19 positive replies have been received. Minor amendments from some Panel members and some WG experts have been received.
5.2.	<b>Bluetongue</b>
5.3.	<b>Avian Influenza vaccines</b> Transversal WG Meeting was held last 27 March, where conclusions and recommendations were drafted. The last WG Meeting was held on April 10 to finalise the S. Opinion, which was sent to the AHAW Panel on April 13. The Opinion will be discussed during the 26-27 April Plenary Meeting.
5.4.	<b>EFSA Guidance Document on the conduct of Risk assessments in food producing animals</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>General discussion</b>
6.1.	<b>Recommendations from Prof. Willeberg as a CVO on the format and contents of the previously adopted AHAW's opinions.</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>State of play of the scientific opinions and reports (to be discussed only if required by the chairman of the WG)</b>

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7.1.	<p><b>Pig Welfare:</b>  <b><u>Tail biting WG:</u></b> the last meeting was held on 29/03/07, in Lelystad. A consensus score was reached (in one of the two populations) on the RA evaluations produced by the experts individually. The next meeting (7-8/05/07, Dublin) is foreseen to be focused on the presentation of the first RA outcomes, the score agreement on the 2nd population and the discussion on the Draft Scientific Report (with C&amp;R).  <b><u>Sows and Boars WG:</u></b> the last meeting was held on 17-18/04/07, in Parma. A consensus score on the RA evaluations was reached for all the target populations. Risk assessors will present the outcomes of the RA on next 2/05/07. Next WG meeting is planned for 15/05/07 in Brussels in order to discuss the Scientific Report and Draft Conclusions and Recommendations. <u>During next plenary meeting, Panel Members will be asked to participate to the Transversal Meeting of 8 June in Brussels.</u>  <b><u>Fattening WG:</u></b> at the last meeting in Bologna (12-13/04/07) a draft Food Safety section was presented. An outline on Conclusions and Recommendations was also proposed by the Chairman and the consensus score on the RA tables was partially reached. During the next transversal meeting (Brussels, 16/05/07) a further discussion on C&amp;R is scheduled, based on the results of the RA process.</p>
7.2.	<p><b>Fish Welfare 1) Atlantic Salmon; 2) Trout species; 3) Carp species; 4) Sea bass and gilthead sea bream; 5) European eel.</b>  i) The last meeting on Fish Welfare- Atlantic Salmon - was held on 27-28/03/07 in Parma. The draft report was reviewed. Next WG meeting is scheduled for the 10-11th May in Parma. The transversal meeting has been scheduled for the 5/7/07. The WG discussed the issue of welfare indicators as it was requested by the Commission. The opinion will be submitted to the panel in September.  ii) The first meeting of the Trout welfare group was held on 29/03/07 in Parma. A plan of contents was determined and tasks distributed. Next WG meeting is scheduled for the 25th April in Parma.</p>
7.3.	<p><b>Welfare of Dairy cows</b> The first meeting with the WG members was held on 07/03/07. The approach to the Draft was discussed and a proposal of table of contents was agreed. Many experts in dairy cow management and genetic selection were contacted for their publications, in order to collect in press articles, unpublished data etc on the topic. Next meeting is planned for 14/05/07.</p>
7.4.	<p><b>Tuberculosis in Deer</b>  Two meetings have been held since the last Plenary: 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> March in Uppsala and 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> April in Parma. Data on deer production/ control strategies has been collected through a questionnaire distributed to the EFSA's Zoonoses network. A systematic literature review has been developed in order to collect data on TB diagnostic tests' sensitivity (Se) and specificity (Sp). The next meetings will be in Dublin, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of May and in Uppsala, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of June.</p>
7.5.	<p><b>Vector species and live stages of susceptible species as regards certain aquatic animal diseases a) Fish b) Molluscs, c) Crustacea</b>  A letter accepting the TOR, the deadline and clarifying some issues was sent to the commission.  i) The first WG meetings for fish was held on the 30/3/07 the plan of contents and Risk Assessment approach were discussed. Next WG meeting will be held on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April</p>

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	<p>ii) The first WG meeting for mollusc diseases was held on the 23/4/07 the plan of contents and Risk Assessment approach were discussed.</p> <p>A teleconference was also organized on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April to discuss the Risk Assessment approach.</p>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
8.1.	<p><b>Situation of issues</b></p> <p><b>i) Letter on the welfare animals during transport ( letter in the CD)</b></p> <p><b>ii) Discussion on the FEFAC letter:</b> a draft answer letter has been prepared. It will be finalised as soon as comments from the Calves Welfare WG Members will be received.</p>
8.2.	<b>Next Plenary Meeting Date</b>