

PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

Parma,  
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**44th PLENARY MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS**

<b>Meeting dates:</b>	<b>10-11 December 2008</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Parma</b>

***Draft Agenda***

#	Items	Documents/Comments
1.	OPENING, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
2.	ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	
3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
4.	NEW REQUESTS TO EFSA/BIOHAZ	
5.	POSSIBLE ADOPTIONS	
5.1	QPS approach for assessing the safety of microorganisms intentionally added to the food chain	
6.	PROGRESS REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ON THE FOLLOWING MANDATES	
6.1	Evaluation TSE tests	
6.2	Technical guide for the scientific data collection on antimicrobial resistance within the framework of the use of AMTs for the decontamination of poultry carcasses	
6.3	Use and mode of action of bacteriophages in food production	
6.4	Microbiological efficacy of food irradiation	
6.5	Public health significance of meticillin resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MRSA)	

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6.6	Quantitative estimation of the public health impact of setting a new target for the reduction of <i>Salmonella</i> in breeding hens	
6.7	Quantitative estimation of the public health impact of setting a new target for the reduction of <i>Salmonella</i> in laying hens	
6.8	Quantitative estimation of the public health impact of setting a new target for the reduction of <i>Salmonella</i> in broilers	
6.9	Request for an update and quantification of the risk posed by <i>Campylobacter</i> in broiler meat production	
6.10	Technical assistance on the link between <i>Salmonella</i> criteria at different stages of the poultry production chain	
6.11	Special measures to reduce the risk for consumers through <i>Salmonella</i> in table eggs – e.g. cooling of table eggs	
6.12	QMRA on <i>Salmonella</i> in slaughter and breeding pigs	
6.13	Food safety aspects from the welfare of dairy cows	
6.14	Use of Antibiotic Resistance Genes as Marker Genes in Genetically Modified Plants	
6.15	FuelCal® technology as new alternative method of disposal or use of ABP	
6.16	ABP bunker system for carcasses treatment	
6.17	ABP Alternative method from European Lime Association (EULA)	
6.18	Update BSE monitoring regime for EU 15, Slovenia and Cyprus	
7.	FEED BACK FROM THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND FROM OTHER WGS	
8.	STANDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:	
8.1	Food safety issues of Avian Influenza	

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<b>8.2</b>	<b>Update on other EFSA activities related to biological hazards issues</b>	
<b>9.</b>	<b>THE EMERGING RISKS UNIT</b>	
<b>10.</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>	
<b>10.1</b>	<b>Information about the panel's renewal</b>	
<b>10.2</b>	<b>Financial Statement Application</b>	
<b>10.3</b>	<b>Joint Workshop with MS on the assessment of alternative methods for processing ABPs</b>	
<b>10.4</b>	<b>Uncertainty in Risk Assessment</b>	
<b>11.</b>	<b>CLOSURE OF THE MEETING</b>	