DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 57TH PLENARY MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS HELD IN PARMA ON 26-27 MAY 2010

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PARTICIPANTS

Panel Members:

Olivier Andreoletti, Herbert Budka (Vice-Chair), Sava Buncic, John D Collins (apologies), John Griffin, Arie Havelaar, Tine Hald, James Hope, Günter Klein, James McLauchlin (apologies), Winy Messens, Christine Müller-Graf, Christophe Nguyen-The (apologies), Birgit Noerrung (Vice-Chair), Luisa Peixe, Miguel Prieto Maradona, Antonia Ricci, John Sofos, John Threlfall, Ivar Vågsholm, Emmanuel Vanopdenbosch.

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European Commission (EC):
DG Health and Consumers: Sabine Osaer.

1. OPENING AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The meeting started at 9:00. Given the absence of the Panel Chair (John D. Collins), the Plenary was jointly Chaired by Herbert Budka and Birgit Noerrung. The Vice-Chairs welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from John D. Collins, James McLauchlin and Christophe Nguyen-The.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted..

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited to the present meeting. For further details on the outcome of the screening of the ADoI and SDoI (as well as the ones declared at the beginning of the meeting), please refer to Annex I of these Minutes.

4. NEW REQUESTS TO EFSA/BIOHAZ

4.1. REQUEST FOR A SCIENTIFIC OPINION AND TECHNICAL ASSISSTANCE ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS TO BE COVERED BY INSPECTION OF MEAT

A new mandate submitted by the EC was received in EFSA and allocated to the BIOHAZ, CONTAM, and AHAW Panels in the Risk Assessment Directorate; and to the Zoonoses data collection Unit, DATEX and AMU in the SCA Directorate. The terms of reference were discussed. A meeting with the EC and EFSA staff will take

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place Monday 31st May 2010 to seek clarification on the terms of reference and timelines.

5. DRAFT OPINIONS FOR POSSIBLE ADOPTIONS

5.1. FOOD SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS OF NOVEL H1N1 INFLUENZA VIRUS INFECTIONS IN HUMANS

The Opinion (Panel Statement) as prepared by the Working Group, and the supporting outsourced project contractor's report, were tabled. The Opinion (Panel Statement) was presented to the Panel by a Panel member part of the Working Group, and after a thorough discussion it was adopted by the Panel on the 27/05/2010.

6. PROGRESS REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ON THE FOLLOWING MANDATES

6.1. USE OF RECYCLED HOT WATER AS DECONTAMINATION TECHNIQUE OF CARCASSES

The working group last met on the 25th of May 2010, and the next WG meetings are scheduled on 6th July in Parma and on 30th August 2010 in Copenhagen. Involvement of the CONTAM Panel concerning chemical and toxicological risks is in progress. The table of contents for the opinion was presented by the Chair of the WG. The opinion will be presented for adoption in September 2010.

6.2. QUANTITATIVE ESTIMATION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACT OF SETTING A NEW TARGET FOR THE REDUCTION OF SALMONELLA IN BROILERS (GALLUS GALLUS)

The working group last met on 29th of April 2010, when the Contractor for the modelling work was presented to the WG. The structure of the draft was modified to better reflect the modelling approach chosen by the Contractor. A web conference is planned for the 2nd June 2010.

6.3. *CAMPYLOBACTER* IN BROILER MEAT PRODUCTION: CONTROL OPTIONS AND PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES AND/OR TARGETS AT DIFFERENT STAGES OF THE FOOD CHAIN

The working group last met on the 17th May 2010, and the next meeting will take place on the 15-16th June in Barcelona. The draft opinion was briefly presented by the Chair of the WG. The draft final report from the contractor has been received by EFSA and is under evaluation. The chair pointed out the difficulties the WG is facing in order the meet the deadline of October 2010. The Panel discussed the need for an extension of the deadline to March 2011.

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6.4. ABP ALTERNATIVE METHOD FROM EUROPEAN LIME ASSOCIATION (EULA)

The first reading of the opinion took place. The deadline for adoption of the Opinion is 30 September 2010.

6.5. EVALUATION OF TSE TESTS

The report of the laboratory evaluation of the two new rapid tests under assessment will be submitted for evaluation by IRMM to EFSA shortly.

6.6. EPIDEMIOLOGICAL AND MOLECULAR ASSOCIATION BETWEEN THE ANIMAL AND HUMAN TSES

This is a joint mandate to EFSA and to ECDC. The second WG meeting planned for April was canceled and rescheduled for the 4th of June 2010.

6.7. RISK BASED CONTROL OF BIOGENIC AMINE FORMATION IN FERMENTED FOODS

The second WG will take place on the 10th June 2010.

6.8. APPLICATION FOR NEW ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF DISPOSAL OR USE OF ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS UNDER REGULATION (EC) N. 1774/2002.

The second WG took place on 21st May. A third WG meeting is planned for 21st June. The deadline for adoption of the Opinion is the 30th of September 2010.

6.9. RISK ASSESSMENT OF FOOD AND WATER-BORNE VIRUSES (FBV)

The working group last met on the 27th of April 2010, and the next meeting will take place on the 30th June 2010 in Barcelona. The WG Chair gave an overall picture of the progress with this mandate.

6.10. MAINTENANCE OF THE LIST OF QPS MICRO-ORGANISMS INTENTIONALLY ADDED TO FOOD OR FEED (2010 UPDATE)

A virtual WG meeting of the fungi experts will take place on the 1st of June followed by a physical meeting on the 15th of June 2010.

6.11. QUANTITATIVE RESIDUAL BSE RISK IN MEAT AND BONE MEAL

The second WG took place on the 6th of May. A third WG meeting is planned for the 22nd of June. The current deadline for adoption of the Opinion is 30 November 2010. Given the complexity of the mandate and the fact that no BIOHAZ Plenary is foreseen for November 2010, a letter will be sent to the European Commission asking for a

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clarification of the Terms of Reference and for an extension of the deadline till 31st December 2010.

6.12. MONITORING AND RISK OF THE *SALMONELLA* TYPHIMURIUM LIKE STRAINS

The second WG meeting took place on the 4th of May 2010, and the next meeting is scheduled for will take place on the 14th of June 2010 via teleconference. The Chair of the WG presented the table of contents for this opinion. The deadline for adoption is the 30th of September.

6.13. REQUEST FOR A SCIENTIFIC OPINION ON FISH OIL FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

The second WG is anticipated for 17 June 2010.

6.14. REVIEW AND UPDATE OF THE SCIENTIFIC OPINION ON BSE/TSE INFECTIVITY IN SMALL RUMINANT TISSUES

The second WG took place on the 29th of April. A third WG meeting is planned for the 14th June. The current deadline for adoption of the Opinion is the 1st of September 2010. Given the complexity of the mandate, the Panel requested asking for an extension of the deadline till the 31st October 2010.

6.15. REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON THE FORMAT FOR APPLICATIONS FOR NEW ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR ANIMAL-BY-PRODUCTS (ABP)

The first reading of the opinion took place. A third WG meeting, in form of a web-conference, is planned for the 16th of June. The deadline for adoption of the Opinion is the 31st of July 2010.

6.16. EVALUATION OF RESULTS OF THE CWD SURVEY IN CERVIDS

The WG has first met in May 2010 and discussed the mandate and the data provided on the results of the EU Survey for CWD. The next WG meeting is scheduled for 6 July 2010.

6.17. RESISTANCE CAUSED BY BACTERIAL STRAINS PRODUCING EXTENDED-SPECTRUM CEPHALOSPORINASES IN FOOD AND FOOD PRODUCING ANIMALS.

An ad hoc WG has been established, and the first WG meeting has been agreed for the 6th of July 2010.

7. INFORMATION SESSIONS

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7.1. LIBRARY SUPPORT FOR PANEL EXPERTS

A presentation was provided by a representative from the library, explaining the range of services that EFSA's Library can provide to the experts.

8. FEED BACK FROM THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND FROM OTHER WGS

The last meeting of the SC was held on 28th April 2010. The draft agenda and minutes of that meeting are available on the EFSA website (http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/event/scaf100428.htm).

9. STANDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

9.1. EMERGING RISKS

An update on the implementation of EFSA's strategy for the identification of emerging risks was presented.

9.2. FEEDBACK FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Feedback from the EC was presented on the opinions adopted during the last two BIOHAZ Plenaries. The Chairs welcomed the feedback.

10. BIOHAZ NETWORKS

The MRA Network will meet on June the 16th in Parma. A date for the TSE Network meeting will be set in the near future.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion took place on a Scientific Committee self task mandate on Risk Assessment terminology and about a SCA working group on training activities on principles and methods of risk assessment in food safety. Two Panel members were nominated to participate in these tasks.

12. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The meeting closed at 14.00.

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ANNEX I

INTERESTS AND ACTIONS RESULTING FROM THE SCREENING OF ADOI OR SDOIS

CONFLICT LEVEL B: In the SDoI filled for the present meeting Dr. Gunter Klein declared the following interest for the agenda item "Request for a scientific opinion and technical assisstance on the public health hazards to be covered by inspection of meat". He declared to have been a Delegate for the German Federal Chamber of Veterinarians at the Round Table Conference on the Revision of Meat Inspection at the European Commission, DG Sanco, May 2010, as an observer. At the Round Table Conference a presentation was given also by EFSA. No involvement with risk management was given.

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests and Implementing documents thereof, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was deemed to represent a conflict of Interest (level B). Pursuant to EFSA's Procedure on Identifying and Handling Declarations of Interest, the said expert incurs the limitations identified under point C.III.b1. That is, he did not take part in the discussions on this agenda item.

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