DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 65TH PLENARY MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS HELD IN PARMA ON 25-26 MAY 2011

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PARTICIPANTS

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

EFSA:
Marta Hugas, Ernesto Liebana, Michaela Hempen, Winy Messens, Pietro Stella, Luis Vivas Alegre, Pablo Romero Barrios, Renata Leuschner (Scientific staff).

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

1. OPENING AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The meeting started at 9:00 a.m. The Vice Chair Herbert Budka opened the meeting and welcomed everyone since the chair was delayed due to the ash cloud. Apologies were received from JD Collins, C. Nguyen-The, and M. Prieto Maradona.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

4. NEW REQUESTS TO EFSA/BIOHAZ

4.1. EVALUATION OF THE SAFETY AND EFFICACY OF CECURE (CETYLPYRIDINIUM CHLORIDE) FOR THE REMOVAL OF MICROBIAL SURFACE CONTAMINATION OF POULTRY

A new mandate submitted by the EC was received in EFSA and allocated to the BIOHAZ Panel and CEF Panel. The terms of reference were discussed in detail. Dr. Prof. John Sofos was appointed as Chair person. The deadline for adoption is 31 December 2011. 1st WG meeting is scheduled for 27th June.

5. DRAFT OPINIONS FOR POSSIBLE ADOPTIONS

5.1. RISK ASSESSMENT OF FOODBORNE VIRUSES

The Draft Opinion was presented by the Chairman of the Working Group, and after a thorough discussion it was adopted by the Panel on the 26/05/2011.

5.2. REVIEW OF SUMMARY OF STUDIES OF THE UK FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY ON THE SAFE PRODUCTION OF SMOKED "SKIN-ON" SHEEP MEAT

The Draft Opinion was presented by the Chairman of the Working Group, and after a thorough discussion it was adopted by the Panel on the 26/05/2011. The Draft Opinion includes chapters to be adopted by the Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain (CONTAM), who will discuss the document in its plenary meeting of 30 May - 1 June 2011.

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

The updated Opinion including new results after employing updated data from the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) was presented by the Chair of the Working Group. The impact of the updated data in the results was minor.

In view that the updated Opinion will now be forwarded to ECDC for consultation, the BIOHAZ Panel agreed to endorse the updated Opinion with the new results and postpone formal adoption until the next Panel meeting.

6. PROGRESS REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ON THE FOLLOWING MANDATES

6.1. RESISTANCE CAUSED BY BACTERIAL STRAINS PRODUCING EXTENDED-SPECTRUM B-LACTAMASES AND/OR AMPC B-LACTAMASES IN FOOD AND FOOD PRODUCING ANIMALS

The last WG meeting took place on the 7/04/2011 in Brussels. The following WG will take place on the 16th June 2011 as a tele meeting. The WG Chair gave an overall picture of the progress within this mandate. An extension of the deadline for this mandate to July 2011 has been agreed with EC.

6.2. PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS TO BE COVERED BY INSPECTION OF SWINE MEAT

The BIOHAZ, CONTAM and AHAW panels are involved in the reply to the mandate received. The BIOHAZ "ad hoc" WG dealing with the inspection of Swine had the last meeting on April 19th in Parma. The next WG meeting is scheduled for June 8th. A request for an extension of the current deadline for the opinion on inspection of Swine to September 2011 has been agreed with EC. The Draft Opinion was presented by the Chairman of the Working Group, and comments were received from Panel members.

6.3. PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS TO BE COVERED BY INSPECTION OF POULTRY MEAT

The BIOHAZ "ad hoc" WG on meat inspection of poultry had a meeting on 16/05/2011 via web conference. The next WG meeting is scheduled for 5th July 2011 in Parma.
The BIOHAZ, CONTAM and AHAW panels are involved in the reply to the mandate received
The deadline for the opinion on meat inspection of poultry is June 2012. The updated decision tree to be used to address the first terms of reference was discussed and agreed upon by Panel members.

6.4. PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS TO BE COVERED BY INSPECTION OF CATTLE MEAT

The changes of the decision tree used for the poultry meat inspection mandate were discussed and deemed to also be appropriate for the generic decision tree to be used for the cattle mandate.

6.5. PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS TO BE COVERED BY INSPECTION OF SHEEP AND GOAT MEAT

The changes of the decision tree used for the poultry meat inspection mandate were discussed and deemed to also be appropriate for the generic decision tree to be used for the sheep and goat mandate.

6.6. PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS TO BE COVERED BY INSPECTION OF FARMED GAME MEAT

The changes of the decision tree used for the poultry meat inspection mandate were discussed and deemed to also be appropriate for the generic decision tree to be used for the farmed game mandate.

6.7. PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS TO BE COVERED BY INSPECTION OF SOLIPED MEAT

The changes of the decision tree used for the poultry meat inspection mandate were discussed and deemed to also be appropriate for the generic decision tree to be used for the solipeds mandate.

6.8. NOROVIRUSES IN OYSTERS: METHODS, LIMITS AND CONTROL OPTIONS

The last WG meeting took place on 6/04/2011 in Brussels. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 June. The deadline for this mandate is December 2011.

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

The last WG meeting took place on 27 April in Barcelona. The next meeting is scheduled for 6 June.

6.10. ESTIMATION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACT OF SETTING A NEW TARGET FOR THE REDUCTION OF *SALMONELLA* IN TURKEYS

The last WG meeting took place in Parma on 23-24/05/2011. The next WG meeting is scheduled for 22-23/09/2011 in Parma. The deadline of the opinion is March 2012.

6.11. AN ASSESSMENT OF EPIDEMIOLOGICAL DATA IN RELATION TO THE HEALTH HAZARD TO THE PRESENCE OF PARASITES IN WILD CAUGHT FISH FROM CERTAIN FISHING GROUNDS IN THE BALTIC SEA

The 1st WG meeting was held in Brussels on 21 February. A teleconference was held on 12 April. The last meeting is scheduled on 8 June in Brussels. The deadline has been extended until 31 July 2011.

6.12. 2011 UPDATE OF THE QPS LIST OF BIOLOGICAL AGENTS INTENTIONALLY ADDED TO FOOD OR FEED

The first WG meeting took place on 17 March. The next meeting is scheduled for 1 June. The deadline for adoption of this opinion is December 2011.

6.13. PUBLIC HEALTH RISKS REPRESENTED BY CERTAIN COMPOSITE PRODUCTS CONTAINING FOOD OF ANIMAL ORIGIN

The WG is being formed. An extension of the deadline until 30/04/2012 has been suggested to the European Commission.

6.14. MINIMUM HYGIENE CRITERIA TO BE APPLIED TO CLEAN SEAWATER AND ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH RISKS AND HYGIENE CRITERIA FOR BOTTLED SEAWATER INTENDED FOR DOMESTIC USE

A new mandate submitted by the EC was received in EFSA and allocated to the BIOHAZ Panel. The terms of reference were discussed in detail. Prof Miguel Prieto Maradona was appointed as Chair person. The deadline for adoption is 31/03/2012.

6.15. EVALUATION OF THE SAFETY AND EFFICACY OF LACTIC ACID FOR THE REMOVAL OF MICROBIAL SURFACE CONTAMINATION OF BEEF CARCASSES, CUTS AND TRIMMINGS

A WG meeting took place in Parma on 15/04/2011, and a web conference meeting took place on 12/05/2011. The next WG meeting is scheduled for 17/06/2011 in Brussels. The deadline for adoption is 31 July 2011. The CEF Panel has adopted the chapter on “the toxicological safety of the substance to humans” on 18/05/2011. The Draft Opinion was presented by the Chair of the Working Group and comments were received from the panel members.

6.16. ABP: EVALUATION OF A NEW PROCESSING METHOD FOR ABP CAT 2 MATERIALS OF FISH ORIGIN

The 1st meeting of the WG took place on 23 November 2010 in Brussels. A request to perform an additional study has been sent to the applicant (Norwegian Food Safety

Authority), results have been received on 9 March 2011, they are considered sufficient to finalize the assessment. A WG meeting/teleconference was held on 7 April. A WG meeting is planned on 9 June in Brussels. The original deadline of the opinion is May 2011, now extended to October 2011.

6.17. ABP: EVALUATION OF HATCHERY WASTE AS ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS

The Chairman of the WG presented the draft document and updated the BIOHAZ members on the progresses with this mandate. The next WG meeting, in the form of a Webconference, is planned for 31st May 2011. The deadline for the adoption of the opinion is 31st July 2011.

6.18. ABP: EVALUATION OF ON-SITE TREATMENT OF PIG CARCASSES

A WG is being set up for addressing the terms of reference in this mandate.

6.19. ABP: EVALUATION OF ISOLATION IN PROOFED PIT ON FARM OF DEAD POULTRY

A WG is being set up for addressing the terms of reference in this mandate.

6.20. ABP: EVALUATION OF COMPOSTING ON FARM OF DEAD POULTRY

A WG is being set up for addressing the terms of reference in this mandate.

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

The last SC Plenary meeting took place on the 5-6 April in Parma. The minutes of that meeting will be available on the EFSA website (http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/event/scaf110405.htm).

8. PRESENTATION OF THE COMMUNITY SUMMARY REPORT 2009.

A presentation on this topic was given to the Panel by the BIOMO unit. A round of questions and answers took place.

9. STANDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

9.1. EMERGING RISKS

Nothing to report

9.2. FEEDBACK FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

A brief update was presented. A full report on feedback will follow during the July Plenary meeting.

9.3. BIOHAZARDS NETWORKS

Nothing to report

10. BRAINSTORMING ON POSSIBLE SELF-TASKING ISSUES

The panel agreed to continue discussions at the next plenary meeting. An electronic discussion group was agreed with some Panel members interested in the area.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing to report

12. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The meeting closed at 14:00 pm.