European Food Safety Authority

EFSA'S MOST RECENT ACTIVITIES

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EFSA Stakeholders Consultative Platform,
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Outcome of the Management Board discussions on stakeholders

- In the recent past, the EFSA Management Board has being discussing many times on how to reinforce the dialogue with the Platform.

- As one of the main tool to reinforce the interaction the Board asked to revise the Terms of Reference at its meeting of the 17th June.

- The main changes of the Terms of Reference proposed, focused: on the refinement of the criteria for the selection of members, the participation of observers to the discussions, the creation of WGs.

Update on recent activities: Risk Assessment

AHAW

- 2 opinions:
  - **African Swine Fever**
  - **Q-fever**

BIOHAZ

- 8 opinions:
  - revision of guidance on removal of microbial surface contamination
  - impact of new targets for reduction of *Salmonella* in laying hens
  - parasites in fishery products
  - analytical sensitivity of TSE rapid tests
  - food safety aspects of Q-fever
  - salmonella in slaughter and breeder pigs
  - *salmonella* criteria at different stages of the poultry production

- 1 statement on food safety considerations of novel **H1N1 influenza virus**

Risk Assessment

CEF

- 4 opinions: - application opinions on flavourings and FCM
  - **melamine** (co-adoption with CONTAM)
  - data requirement for risk assessment of flavourings
- Flavouring workshop with SH (Brussels)
- 2nd ESCO WG on non-Plastic Food Contact Materials meeting (Parma)
- **Bisphenol A meeting with MSs (Parma)**

GMO

- 7 opinions: - 5 GM maize
- - 1 GM cotton
- - molecular characterisation of Rf3 oilseed rape
- Technical meeting with Member States on the **guidance for environmental risk assessment of GM plants**

Risk Assessment

CONTAM

•6 opinions:
- **lead** in food
- melamine in food and feed(co-adoption with CEF)
- ***Ambrosia*** seeds in feed (co-adoption with NDA and PLH)
- Ochratoxin A

•1 urgent request on possible food and feed contamination by **ash-fall** following volcano eruption

FEEDAP

•12 opinions on feed additives authorisations

PPR

•1 opinion on litter layer (Ecoregion mandate)

•1 guidance on emissions from protected crop systems

•Workshop on **protection goals for environmental risk assessment** for pesticides, Parma 15-16 April

•Public consultation on guidance on use of probabilistic methodology for pesticides residues launched

Risk Assessment

NDA

- Technical meeting with stakeholders on recent developments related to **health claims**, 1/06 Parma



State of the art on Claim applications 10/06/2010

Claim type	Received	Withdrawn	Adopted	In progress
Children (Art. 14)	220	35	48 opinions covering 55 applications	5*
Disease risk reduction (Art. 14)	48	8	15	8**
New science/ proprietary (Art. 13.5)	36	8	22	6***
Total - applications	304	51	85 covering 92 applications	19
Art 13 list of health claims	4637	298	1080 (937 published)	3259

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** 4 in clock stop
*** 3 in clock stop

Scientific Cooperation and Assistance

AMU

- 1 guidance document on application of systematic literature review in food and feed safety assessment

SCO

- First meeting of the Information Exchange Platform WG
- 8th Focal Point meeting in Madrid
- Expert database: **2540 experts**, 66 countries (+ improved IT tool)
- Outcome of 13th scientific colloquium “what’s new on Novel Food” published

Scientific Cooperation and Assistance

DATEX

- 7 reports:
  - left-censoring of data
  - veterinary medicines residues
  - acrylamide
  - art.36 reports on exposure of young children to lead, chromium, selenium and food colours

PRAPeR

- 11 pesticides peer review conclusion reports
- 18 reasoned opinions (covering 21 routine MRL applications)
- 1 urgent EFSA statement on presence of **Chlormequat** in Indian grapes

Scientific Cooperation and Assistance

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EmRisk

- 1 technical report on collection of routine analysis of import surveillance data
- Network on emerging risk endorsed by AF during its meeting on 19-20 May and established
- Stakeholders Consultative Group on Em Risk: meeting on the 4th June

Zoonoses

- Community Summary Report on occurrence of antimicrobial resistance in zoonotic bacteria from food and animals in 2004-2007
- Data collection report on EU-wide baseline survey on *Campylobacter* and *Salmonella in broilers*
- Data collection report on risk factors from breeding pigs contaminated with methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*
- Art. 36 report on EU harmonised monitoring and reporting of Q-fever

Scientific Committee and Advisory Forum

Scientific Committee

- New EC **mandate on animal cloning**
- Public consultation on **risk-benefit assessment concluded**, comments are being reviewed

Advisory Forum

- AF meeting in Limassol, Cyprus: - Strategic discussion on **medium terms planning of EFSA - EC – MSs** / cooperation



- impact assessment indicators

EFSA in news

ABC

Europa da venia a todos los componentes de la stevia

Agra Europe

EFSA instructs "special consideration" for Q-fever

le Parisien

CERTAINES BACTÉRIES D'ORIGINE ANIMALE RÉSISTERAIENT AUX ANTIBIOTIQUES

Science

European food watchdog slashes dubious health claims

LE FIGARO

En Europe 75% des poulets contaminés par des bactéries

la Repubblica

Mangialo fa bene", l'Authority europea smaschera i falsi alimenti della salute

REUTERS

Excessive dioxin in 8 pct of European food samples

EFE:

Científicos de la UE estudiarán efecto de nube volcánica en salud alimentaria

FOOD Navigator.com

EFSA lowers ADI for food colour in re-evaluation

LA DÉPÊCHE

La présence de pesticide Chlorméquat dans le raisin peut être dangereuse pour la santé des enfants

Nieuwsbank

EFSA assesses health implications of lead in food

ANSA

Alimentazione: Efsa, valori dietetici

FoodQuality news.com

EFSA cuts melamine TDI by 60 per cent

Publications & Events

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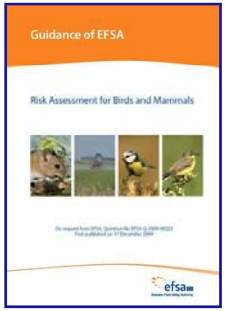
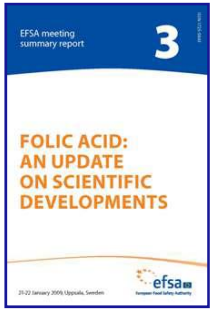
Greater scientific visibility

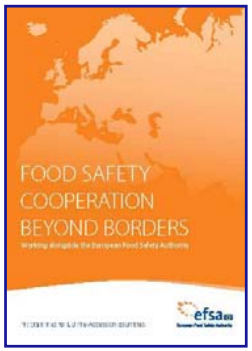
- EFSA Journal products
- Folic acid meeting summary report
- PPR Guidance document on birds & mammals
- EFSA Supplement in the International Journal of Food Microbiology & article in the Proceedings of the Royal Society







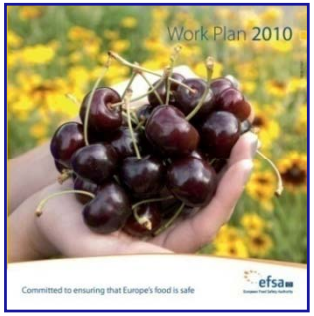




Corporate outreach:

- Annual work plan in all languages
- EU Agencies brochure
- Pre-accession leaflet
- Cibus in Parma, Joint event: '*Can science build a more sustainable food chain?*'
- 5th Ministerial Conference on Environment & Health
- Cibus International Food Fair











Engaging with the local community:

Festa dell l'Europa

Regional school competition

Institutional Relations – Part I

- **EFSA Conference:**

➢ On 10 May, EFSA and DG SANCO hosted in Parma under the auspices of the Italian Government the Conference « **Can science and innovation build a more sustainable food chain** ».

- **EFSA/European Parliament:**

➢ On 11 May, EFSA participated at the LUFPIG (Land Use and Food Policy Intergroup of the European Parliament) conference on the application of the precautionary principle in the area of GMOs in Brussels.

➢ On 9 June, EFSA participated at the Seminar on Nanotechnology organised by the ALDE political Group of the European Parliament in Brussels.

Institutional Relations – Part II

- **EFSA/International partners:**

➢ At the invitation of DG SANCO, EFSA participated in the context of the Shanghai Expo 2010 in China to the Sino-European Food Safety Cooperation Forum, to the Seminar on Research for Healthy life and to the Securing Food Safety for a Healthy Life Day from 4 to 11 June.

- **EFSA/ Pre-Accession and Neighbourhood programmes:**

➢ Seminar on Food Additives and Flavouring for 60 participants from 7 countries in Zagreb, Croatia on 11/12 May.

➢ Food Safety Risk Analysis Conference celebrating the Croatian Food Agency's 5th anniversary on 10 June in Osijek.

➢ ENP seminar on Handling Food Emergencies/Crises in the food chain with 53 participants from 6 ENP countries in Kiev, Ukraine on 28/28 April.