European Food Safety Authority

Update on the Stakeholders Consultative Group on Emerging Risks (StaCGER)

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Mandate of the EFSA on Emerging Risks

REGULATION (EC) No 178/2002 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 28 January 2002

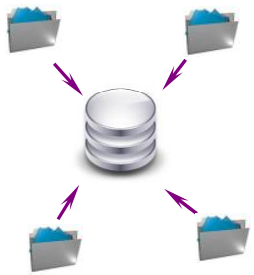
Laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety

Article 34

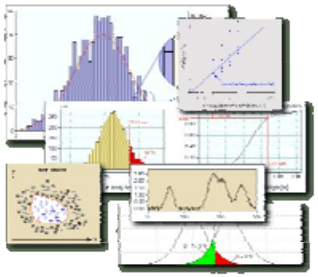
Identification of emerging risks

1. The Authority shall establish **monitoring** procedures for systematic searching for, **collecting**, **collating** and **analysing** information and data **with a view to the identification of emerging risks** in the fields within its mission.

Collecting and collating



Analyse and **filter**





sharing

StaCG-ER – Terms of Reference

- To share information concerning emerging risks and/or signals
- To share methods used to detect them and for the analysis of the collected data
- To help provide information for identifying emerging risks, particularly potential drivers such as new technologies, farming or processing practices within the food and feed areas.

Utility of the group to be reviewed after 1 year.

Deliverables

- Annual report on the methods used by stakeholders for the identification of emerging risks, and potential data sources and drivers of emerging risks.
- Presentation of the StaCG-ER activities at the EFSA Scientific Colloquium on emerging risks to be held in October 2010.

Composition and selection of members

The StaCG-ER shall be composed of a group representing, as far as possible, the whole food chain, from primary production to retail. In particular, experts shall be selected according to the following:

- Expertise in current and novel industrial and agricultural practices, in food and feed technology, primary production, food and feed import, novel foods, food and feed additives, food supplements, food contact materials,
- Expertise and participation in ongoing activities in the area of emerging risks identification.

The selection will also ensure a balanced representation of both industry and consumer concerns.

Members

- Arie Van Der Linden, The Greenery BV, FRESHFEL
- Didier Jans, FEFANA
- Thorsten Guthke, FEFANA
- Helen Raine, AB Agri Ltd., FEFAC
- Stefan Ronsmans, Coca Cola, CIAA
- John O'Brien, Nestlé Research Centre, CIAA
- Rachel Ward, Pepsico International, CIAA.
- Dirk Toet, Unilever, CIAA
- Euros Wyn Jones, ECPA, ECPA
- Hermann-Josef Nienhoff, QS Qualität und Sicherheit GmbH, COPA-COREGA
- Jean Kennedy, EUFIC
- Martino Barbanera, COOP Italia, EUROCOOP
- Nico van Belzen, ILSI Europe
- Noga Zeev, UECBV, CELCAA
- Andreas Varlamos, EKPOIZO, BEUC
- Tanja Pajk Zontar, ZPS, BEUC

Outcome of first meeting (4th June)

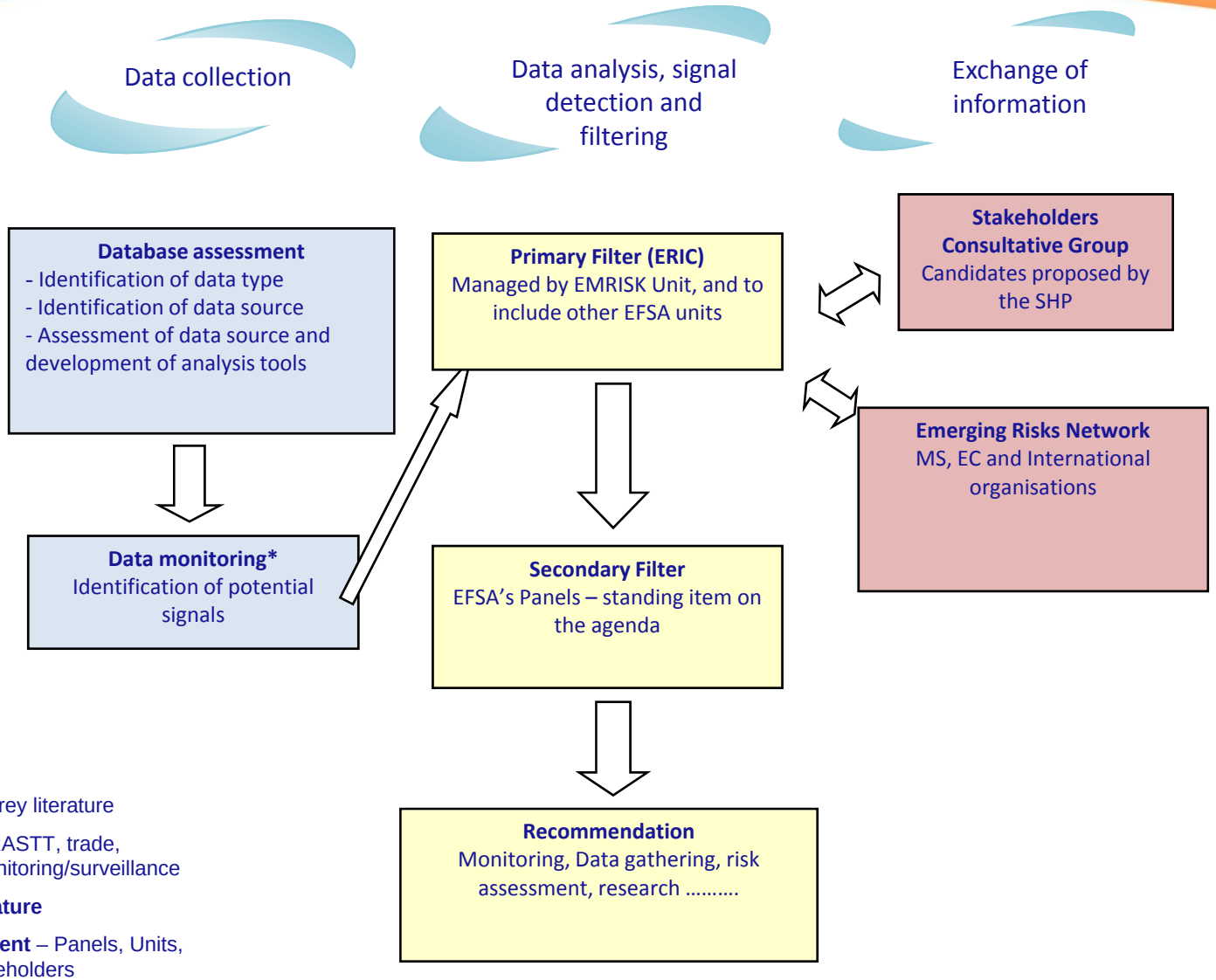
Issues to be addressed in the annual report:

- A description of methodologies and processes used in the emerging risk identification activities of stakeholders;
- A stakeholder perspective on useful data sources for emerging risks identification
- A stakeholders perspective on potential drivers of emerging risks e.g. changes to primary production, processes, influences on food production, activities outside of food production which may introduce contamination into the food chain
- Communication issues specific to potential emerging risks

Signals of emerging risks

- Too early in the process to include these in the annual report
- Nevertheless, where signals of potential emerging risks have been identified by members of StaCGER, they will be fed into the EFSA filtering process.

Emerging risks identification system



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Soft – media, grey literature

Regulatory – RASTT, trade, compulsory Monitoring/surveillance

Scientific literature

Expert judgement – Panels, Units, Networks, Stakeholders

Workplan

- Meetings:
  - 22nd September 2010
  - February 2011
  - April 2011

- Deliverables:
  - Presentation at the EFSA colloquium on emerging risks (Parma, 12-13 October 2010)
  - Annual report of the StaCGER: May 2011, (annexed to the EFSA annual report on emerging risks)