

#### **LEGAL AND POLICY AFFAIRS UNIT**

## **EFSA Pre-Accession Programme 2008**

# HANDLING FOOD CRISES: TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE RISK ASSESSOR

Skopje, 27/28 May 2008

### **AGENDA**

This seminar will include presentation of the EFSA crisis handling plan, how to manage communication in a crisis and a crises exercise. In addition to this speeches by experts from the Member States on specific crises and how they had been handled are foreseen.

Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2008		
14.00 – 14.10	Welcome by Prof. Dr. <i>Stanislava Lazarevska</i> , Director, Food Directorate, Ministry of Health, Macedonia	
14.10 – 14.30	Welcome and introduction by <i>Finn Sheye</i> , Policy Officer, Legal and Policy Affairs Unit, EFSA	
14.30 – 15.00	How to define a crises by <i>Jon Bell</i> , Jon Bell Associates Ltd, United Kingdom	
15.00 – 15.30	EFSA, organised and prepared for handling food crises by <i>Goran Kumric</i> , Policy Officer, Legal and Policy Affairs Unit, EFSA	
15.30 – 16.00	Managing communication in a crises by <i>Karen Talbot</i> , Communications Advisor in the Communications directorate executive office, EFSA	
16.00 – 16.30	Coffee Break	
16.30 – 17.00	How to tackle crises at national level by <i>Geert De Poorter</i> , Director-General Laboratories of the Belgian Food Authorities	
17.00-17.30	Questions and Discussions	
19.00 -20.00	Sightseeing bus tour in Skopje	
20.00	Dinner	



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Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2008	
09.15 – 10.00	A specific case by <i>Geert De Poorter</i> , Director-General Laboratories of the Belgian Food Authorities
10.00 – 10.15	Introduction to Crises Exercise by <i>Jon Bell</i> , Jon Bell Associates Ltd, United Kingdom
10.15 – 10.30	Coffee Break
10.30 – 12.20	Crises Exercise
12.20 – 13.00	Plenum discussion on the Exercise
13.00 – 13.20	Questions and Conclusions by <i>Jon Bell</i> Jon Bell Associates Ltd, United Kingdom
13.20 – 15.00	Lunch