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Scientific Panel on Animals Health and Welfare
Minutes of the 8th meeting of the Working Group on Rift Valley Fever
WEB -conference, 01/03/2013

(Agreed on 01/03/2013)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Jan Arend Stegeman, Hans-Hermann Thulke, Ludovic Plee and Egil Fisher, Anette Bøtner, Eyal Klement
- **EFSA:**
 - Sofie Dhollander

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for 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 Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 01/03/2013.

Scientific topics for discussion:

Topic 1 (Rift Valley Fever-risk assessment): ([EFSA-Q-2012-00496](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/EFSA-Q-2012-00496))

• **TOR 1 and 2**

- Deal with comments of AHAW panel on the draft scientific opinion

• **TOR 3 and 4**

- Deal with comments of AHAW panel on the draft scientific opinion

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Animals Health and Welfare
Minutes of the 7th meeting of the Working Group on Rift Valley Fever
Held on 04/02/2013, Amsterdam.

(Agreed on 04/02/2013)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

- Jan Arend Stegeman, Hans-Hermann Thulke, Ouafaa Fassa Fihri, Ludovic Plee and Egil Fisher, Anette Bøtner,

- **EFSA:**

- Sofie Dhollander

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes³ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests⁴, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for 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 Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 04/02/2013. Scientific topics for discussion:

Topic 1 (Rift Valley Fever-risk assessment): ([EFSA-Q-2012-00496](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/EFSA-Q-2012-00496))

- **TOR 1 and 2**

- Discussion on the maps of vector distribution and formulate conclusions

- **TOR 3 and 4**

- Discussion on the chapter on introduction by vectors and formulate conclusions
- Discussion the results of the endemicity model and formulate conclusions

- **Draft opinion**

- Deal with outstanding comments, formulate conclusions

Next meeting: 01/03/2013

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⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Animals Health and Welfare
Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Working Group on Rift Valley Fever
Held on 31/01/2013, Amsterdam.

(Agreed on 31/01/2013)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Jan Arend Stegeman, Eyal Klement
- **EFSA:**
 - Sofie Dhollander

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes⁵ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests⁶, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for 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 Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 31/01/2013.

Scientific topics for discussion:

Topic 1 (Rift Valley Fever-risk assessment): ([EFSA-Q-2012-00496](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/EFSA-Q-2012-00496))

• **TOR 1 and 2**

- Discussion on the maps of vector distribution and formulate conclusions

• **TOR 3 and 4**

- Discussion on the chapter on introduction by vectors and formulate conclusions
- Discussion the results of the endemicity model and formulate conclusions

• **Draft opinion**

- Deal with outstanding comments, formulate conclusions

5. Next meeting

04/02/2013

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

⁶ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Animals Health and Welfare
Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Working Group on Rift Valley Fever
WEB -conference, 09/01/2013

(Agreed on 09/01/2013)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Jan Arend Stegeman, Eyal Klement, Hans-Hermann Thulke and Egil Fisher
- **EFSA:**
 - Sofie Dhollander

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes⁷ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests⁸, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for 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 Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 09/01/2013.

Scientific topics for discussion:

Topic 1 (Rift Valley Fever-risk assessment): ([EFSA-Q-2012-00496](#))

- **TOR 1 and 2**

- Update on systematic literature review and maps

- **TOR 3 and 4**

- Feed back on expert knowledge elicitation-Workshop
- Feed back on transmission model

- **Draft opinion**

- Discussion contributions on draft background chapters of opinion
- Discussion draft chapter on systematic review protocol
- Discussion contributions on draft chapter on risk assessment methodology and Expert knowledge elicitation workshop methodology

⁷ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

⁸ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

5. Next meeting

31/01/2013

Scientific Panel on Animals Health and Welfare
Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Working Group on Rift Valley Fever
WEB -conference, 10/12/2012

(Agreed on 10/12/2012)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

- Jan Arend Stegeman, Veronique Chevalier, Thierry Baldet, Eyal Klement, Hans-Hermann Thulke, Fisher Egil and Plee Ludovic

- **EFSA:**

- Sofie Dhollander

- **Other:**

- Veerle Versteirt, Else Duchene

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 10/12/2012.

Scientific topics for discussion:

Topic 1 (Rift Valley Fever-risk assessment): ([EFSA-Q-2012-00496](#))

- **TOR 1 and 2**

- Update on systematic literature review and maps

- **TOR 3 and 4**

- Feed back on expert knowledge elicitation Workshop
- Feed back on transmission model

- **Draft opinion**

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¹⁰ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

- Discussion contributions on draft background chapters of opinion
 - Discussion draft chapter on systematic review protocol
 - Discussion contributions on draft chapter on risk assessment methodology and Expert knowledge elicitation workshop methodology
- **Identify data needs and sources**

5. Next meeting

09/01/2011

Scientific Panel on Animals Health and Welfare
Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group on Rift Valley Fever
Held on 23/10/2012, Parma

(Agreed on 23/10/2012)

Participants

• **Working Group Experts:**

- Jan Arend Stegeman, Veronique Chevalier, Thierry Baldet, Eyal Klement, Hans-Hermann Thulke, Fassa Fihri Ouafaa, Plee Ludovic and Egil Fisher

• **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

- Etienne Bonbon, Ramunas Freigofas, Marina Marini

• **EFSA:**

- Sofie Dhollander

• **Other:**

- Veerle Versteirt (AVIA GIS), Else Duchene (AVIA GIS)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 23/10/2012.

Scientific topics for discussion:

Topic 1 (Rift Valley Fever-risk assessment): ([EFSA-Q-2012-00496](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/EFSA-Q-2012-00496))

• **TOR 1 and 2**

- Update on systematic literature review and of maps

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- **TOR 3 and 4**

- Expert knowledge elicitation Workshop- preparation (i.e. finalize documents to be sent to experts)

- **Draft opinion**

- Discussion contributions on draft background chapters of opinion
- Discussion draft chapter on systematic review protocol
- Discussion contributions on draft chapter on risk assessment methodology and expert knowledge elicitation workshop methodology

- **Identify data needs and sources**

5. Next meeting

10/12/2012

Scientific Panel on Animals Health and Welfare
Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group on Rift Valley Fever
Held on 10-11/07/2012, Parma

(Agreed on 11/07/2012)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

- Jan Arend Stegeman, Veronique Chevalier, Thierry Baldet, Eyal Klement, Anette Bøtner, Hans-Hermann Thulke, Fassa Fihri Ouafaa, Plee Ludovic

- **EFSA:**

- Sofie Dhollander, Frank Verdonck

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 11/07/2012.

Scientific topics for discussion:

Topic 1 (Rift Valley Fever-risk assessment): ([EFSA-Q-2012-00496](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerule.pdf))

- **TOR 1 and 2**

- Comments on Systematic Review protocol and update on process

- **TOR 3 and 4**

- Decide on qualitative risk assessment methodology and methodology for Expert Knowledge Elicitation (EKE) workshop

- **Draft opinion**

- Develop outline for draft opinion

- **Identify data needs and sources**

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¹⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

5. Next meeting

23/10/2012

Scientific Panel on Animals Health and Welfare
Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on Rift Valley Fever
Held on 25/05/2012, Parma

(Agreed on 25/05/2012)

Participants

• **Working Group Experts:**

- Jan Arend Stegeman Veronique Chevalier, Thierry Baldet , Eyal Klement, Anette Bøtner , Hans-Hermann Thulke

• **Hearing Experts:**

- Anthony O'Hagan , Gene Rowe

• **EFSA:**

- Sofie Dhollander, Frank Verdonck, Andrea Gervelmeyer

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 25/05/2012.

Scientific topics for discussion:

Topic 1 (Rift Valley Fever risk assessment): ([EFSA-Q-2012-00496](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerule.pdf))

• **TOR 1 and 2**

- Decide on systematic literature review methodology to answer TOR1 (RVF occurrence) and TOR 2 (vector distribution)

• **TOR 3 and 4**

- Decide on qualitative risk assessment methodology and methodology for Expert Knowledge Elicitation (EKE) workshop

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¹⁶ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

- **Draft opinion**
 - Develop outline for draft opinion
- **Identify data needs and sources**

5. Next meeting

10-11/07/2012