

AHAW UNIT

Parma, 30 May 2012

**PANEL ON AHAW**

**Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Bees Health**

**(Adopted by the WG on 30 May 2012)**

**Participants**

WG Experts: Frank Koenen (Chair)

EFSA: Sandra Correia, Frank Verdonck (AHAW), Agnes Rortais (EMRISK), Sybren Vos (PLH)

**1. Welcome and apologies**

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 Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) 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 beginning of this meeting.

**4. Discussions**

The background of the mandate and its terms of reference were discussed including the definition of the areas of expertise needed for each of those ToR. A list of possible external experts was evaluated and agreement was obtained. Initial discussions on a work plan took place.

**5. Next meeting date**

26-27 of June

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AHAW UNIT

Parma, 04 July 2012

**PANEL ON AHAW**

**Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Bees Health**

**(Adopted by the WG on 04 July 2012)**

**Participants**

WG Experts: Frank Koenen (Chair), Marie-Pierre Chauzat, Per Kryger, Wolfgang Ritter, Jeff Pettis

EFSA: Sandra Correia, Frank Verdonck (AHAW), Agnes Rortais (EMRISK)

EC: Pierangelo Bernorio, Laszlo Kuster, Marina Marini

**1. Welcome and apologies**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of interest**

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**4. Discussions**

The background of the mandate and its terms of reference were discussed with the experts and with the European Commission. A possible approach for the risk assessment was introduced and discussed in detailed.

**5. Next meeting date**

10 July

AHAW UNIT

Parma, 17 July 2012

## PANEL ON AHAW

### Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Bees Health

(Adopted by the WG on 17 July 2012)

#### Participants

WG Experts: Frank Koenen (Chair)

EFSA: Franck Berthe (AHAW), Frank Verdonck (AHAW), Agnes Rortais (EMRISK), Sybren Vos (PLH), Didier Verloo (SAS) and Olaf Mosbach-Schulz (SAS)

#### 1. Welcome and apologies

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 Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) 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 beginning of this meeting.

#### 4. Discussions

Possible risk assessment pathways for the entry of *Aethina tumida* and *Tropilaelaps* were discussed. The info required to assess the risk of entry was listed and translated into specific questions for the experts. A strategy was defined regarding the identification and evaluation of existing and possible risk reduction options.

#### 5. Next meeting date

End August 2012 (exact date to be defined)

AHAW UNIT

Parma, 17 August 2012

**PANEL ON AHAW**

**Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Bees Health**

**(Adopted by the WG on 17 August 2012)**

**Participants**

WG Experts: Frank Koenen (Chair), Wolfgang Ritter

EFSA: Per Have (AHAW), Frank Verdonck (AHAW)

**1. Welcome and apologies**

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 Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) 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 beginning of this meeting.

**4. Discussions**

Possible risk assessment pathways for the entry of *Aethina tumida* and *Tropilaelaps* were discussed. The working group identified possible risk factors involved in entry of both pests via natural means and via flight of the small hive beetle.

**5. Next meeting date**

27 August 2012

AHAW UNIT

Parma, 27 August 2012

**PANEL ON AHAW**

**Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Bees Health**

**(Adopted by the WG on 27 August 2012)**

**Participants**

WG Experts: Frank Koenen (Chair), Jeff Pettis

EFSA: Franck Berthe (AHAW), Frank Verdonck (AHAW)

**1. Welcome and apologies**

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 Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) 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 beginning of this meeting.

**4. Discussions**

Existing and possible risk reduction options for the entry of *Aethina tumida* and *Tropilaelaps* were discussed. The working group defined a strategy how to search for published risk reduction options. Once the inventory is made, the risk reduction options will be evaluated on effectiveness and technical feasibility.

**5. Next meeting date**

29 August 2012

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AHAW UNIT

Parma, 29 August 2012

**PANEL ON AHAW**

**Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Bees Health**

**(Adopted by the WG on 29 August 2012)**

**Participants**

WG Experts: Frank Koenen (Chair), Marie-Pierre Chauzat, Per Kryger

EFSA: Franck Berthe (AHAW), Frank Verdonck (AHAW)

**1. Welcome and apologies**

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 Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) 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 beginning of this meeting.

**4. Discussions**

Possible risk assessment pathways for the entry of *Aethina tumida* and *Tropilaelaps* were discussed. The working group identified possible risk factors involved in entry of both pests via import of bees.

**5. Next meeting date**

10 September 2012

AHAW UNIT

Parma, 11 September 2012

**PANEL ON AHAW**

**Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Bees Health**

**(Adopted by the WG on 11 September 2012)**

**Participants**

WG Experts: Frank Koenen (Chair), Marie-Pierre Chauzat, Per Kryger

EFSA: Franck Berthe (AHAW), Frank Verdonck (AHAW), Irena Kralova (AHAW)

**1. Welcome and apologies**

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 Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) 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 beginning of this meeting.

**4. Discussions**

Possible risk assessment pathways for the entry of *Aethina tumida* and *Tropilaelaps* were discussed. The working group identified possible risk factors involved in entry of both pests via import of bee products and non-bee products.

**5. Next meeting date**

26-27 September 2012

AHAW UNIT

Parma, 18 September 2012

**Panel on AHAW**  
**Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Bees Health**  
**(Adopted by the WG on 18 September 2012)**

**Participants**

WG Experts: Frank Koenen (Chair)

EFSA: Frank Verdonck (AHAW), Irena Kralova (AHAW)

**1. Welcome and apologies**

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 Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) 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 beginning of this meeting.

**4. Discussions**

Finalization new draft of the opinion in preparation for the WG meeting end September

**5. Next meeting date**

26-27 September 2012



AHAW UNIT

Parma, 03 October 2012

**PANEL ON AHAW**

**Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Bees Health**

**(Adopted by the WG on 03 October 2012)**

**Participants**

WG Experts: Frank Koenen (Chair), Marie-Pierre Chauzat, Per Kryger, Wolfgang Ritter

EFSA: Frank Verdonck (AHAW), Agnes Rortais (EMRISK), Sybren Vos (PLH), Olaf Mosbach-Schulz (SAS)

**1. Welcome and apologies**

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 Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) 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 beginning of this meeting.

**4. Discussions**

Definitions were made to score the risk on entry of *Aethina tumida* and corresponding uncertainties. These were used to perform a detailed risk assessment on all the risk pathways identified for this pest.

**5. Next meeting date**

08-09-10 October 2012

AHAW UNIT

Parma, 17 October 2012

**PANEL ON AHAW**

**Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Bees Health**

**(Adopted by the WG on 17 October 2012)**

**Participants**

WG Experts: Frank Koenen (Chair), Marie-Pierre Chauzat, Per Kryger, Wolfgang Ritter, Jeff Pettis, Liisa Sihvonen

EFSA: Franck Berthe (AHAW), Frank Verdonck (AHAW), Agnes Rortais (EMRISK), Sybren Vos (PLH), Olaf Mosbach-Schulz (SAS)

**1. Welcome and apologies**

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 Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) 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 beginning of this meeting.

**4. Discussions**

Definitions were made to score the risk on entry of *Tropilaelaps* and corresponding uncertainties. These were used to perform a detailed risk assessment on all the risk pathways identified for this pest. Risk reduction options were identified for *Aethina tumida* and *Tropilaelaps* and scored for effectiveness, technical feasibility and uncertainty, based on agreed definitions.

**5. Next meeting date**

26 October 2012

**AHAW UNIT**

Parma, 30 October 2012

**PANEL ON AHAW**

**Minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Bees Health**

**(Adopted by the WG on 30 October 2012)**

**Participants**

WG Experts: Frank Koenen (Chair), Marie-Pierre Chauzat, Per Kryger, Wolfgang Ritter, Liisa Sihvonen

EFSA: Sofie Dhollander (AHAW), Frank Verdonck (AHAW)

**1. Welcome and apologies**

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 Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) 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 beginning of this meeting.

**4. Discussions**

The draft opinion was prepared to be sent to reviewing bee experts. The sections on the identification and evaluation of risk reduction options for *Aethina tumida* and *Tropilaelaps* were reviewed by the working group and some remaining questions were discussed.

**5. Next meeting date**

21-22-23 November 2012

AHAW UNIT

Parma, 28 November 2012

**PANEL ON AHAW**

**Minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Bees Health**

**(Adopted by the WG on 28 November 2012)**

**Participants**

Working group (WG): Frank Koenen (Chair), Marie-Pierre Chauzat, Per Kryger, Wolfgang Ritter, Jeff Pettis, Franco Mutinelli, Mike Brown, Klaus Depner, Mohan Raj and Hans-Hermann Thulke

EFSA: Frank Verdonck (AHAW), Franck Berthe (AHAW), Agnes Rortais (EMRISK) and Olaf Mosbach-Schulz (SAS)

**1. Welcome and apologies**

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 Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) 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 beginning of this meeting.

**4. Discussions**

A draft version of the scientific opinion was reviewed by Mike Brown, Franco Mutinelli and Peter Neumann. Their comments were discussed in detail and consensus was reached on the action taken for each comment : additional information or arguments were included in the document, sentences were reformulated, text sections were moved to the Appendices or comments were deleted without action when a good rationale was available.

**5. Next meeting date**

Early December

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AHAW UNIT

Parma, 9 January 2013

**PANEL ON AHAW**

**Minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Bees Health**

**(Adopted by the WG on 12 December 2012)**

**Participants**

Working group (WG): Frank Koenen (Chair), Marie-Pierre Chauzat, Per Kryger, Wolfgang Ritter, Liisa Sihvonen

EFSA: Frank Verdonck (AHAW), Franck Berthe (AHAW)

**1. Welcome and apologies**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes. The meeting took place in different sessions on 6, 7 and 11 December.

**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 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 beginning of this meeting.

**4. Discussions**

A draft version of the opinion was reviewed by the AHAW Panel and discussed during the Plenary meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Feedback of this discussion was provided to the WG members. All comments and suggestions were reviewed by the WG and agreement was obtained on the most suitable approach to follow for each case in order to clarify all points.

**5. Next meeting date**

None