

**Scientific Panel on Animal Health and Welfare**  
**Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the guidance on assessing  
alternative stunning methods**  
**Parma, 27-28 06 2013**  
**(Agreed on 01 07 2013)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Howard Browman (chair), Mohan Raj, Antonio Velarde, Charlotte Berg
- **EFSA:**
  - Karen Mackay, Maria Ferrara, 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**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests<sup>2</sup>, 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. Scientific topics for discussion ([EFSA-Q-2013-00532](#))**

The sections of the draft guidance document were discussed and topics were identified that required modifications.

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

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

- **Tasks and deadlines**

Tasks were assigned and deadlines were agreed. The next version of the draft guidance will be submitted to the AHAW panel on 5 July for endorsement for the public consultation of the draft guidance which is foreseen for 15 July to 08 September 2013.