Parma, 26 September 2011

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on electrical requirements of waterbath stunning equipment applicable to poultry

Parma, 23 September 2011

EFSA / AHAW

Agreed by the WG on 26 September 2011

Participants

WG Experts  David Morton (chair), Edmund Peeler
Hearing Experts  Bert Lambooij, Mohan Raj
EFSA:  Andrea Gervelmeyer, Karen Mackay

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/or 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

The hearing experts presented their scientific findings on waterbath stunning of poultry with view to inducing loss of consciousness and sensibility compliant with Article 4, 1. of Council Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009.

5. Next Meeting

October – teleconference – exact date to be determined
SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE

Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Working Group on electrical requirements of waterbath stunning equipment applicable to poultry

Bologna, 08 May 2012

EFSA / AHAW

Agreed by the WG on 07 June 2012

Participants
WG Expert David Morton (chair)
Panel members Don Broom, John Webster, Jorg Hartung
EFSA: Karen Mackay

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 draft Scientific Opinion was discussed. Graphs prepared from the data extracted during the systematic literature review were reviewed and discussed, the results were devised and conclusions formulated.

5. Next meeting date
No more meetings scheduled.
Parma, February 2012

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE

Minutes of the 5th Web meeting of the Working Group on electrical requirements of waterbath stunning equipment applicable to poultry

Parma, 27 February 2012

EFSA / AHAW

Agreed by the WG on 08 March 2012

Participants

WG Experts David Morton (chair)
EFSA: Andrea Gervelmeyer, Karen Mackay

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 working group reviewed and discussed the draft Scientific Opinion.

5. Next meeting date
To be confirmed.
Parma, 09 January 2012

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE

Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Working Group on electrical requirements of waterbath stunning equipment applicable to poultry

Parma, 09 January 2012
EFSA / AHAW

Agreed by the WG on 08 March 2012

Participants

WG Experts  David Morton (chair)
Hearing Experts  Bert Lambooij, Mohan Raj
EFSA:  Andrea Gervelmeyer, Karen Mackay

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 tables prepared from the data extracted during the systematic literature review were presented to the WG and hearing experts.

5. Next Meeting

27 February 2012 – Web conference
Parma, November 2011

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE

Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group on electrical requirements of waterbath stunning equipment applicable to poultry

Parma, 08 November 2011

EFSA / AHAW

Agreed by the WG on 22 November 2011

Participants
WG Experts David Morton (chair)
EFSA: Andrea Gervelmeyer, Karen Mackay

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 progress of the systematic literature review data extraction phase was discussed. The first draft of the introduction chapter of the scientific opinion was reviewed.

5. Next meeting date
Teleconference – 28 November or 02 December 2011.
Parma, 16 February 2012

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON AHAW

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on Tb test
Brussels, 15 February 2012
EFSA / Unit /AHAW

Agreed by the WG on 22 February 2012

Participants

WG Experts A. Stegeman (chair), S. More (rapporteur), J. Alvarez, S. Downs (attended via teleconference)

Observers (EC) F. Reviriego Gordejo, V. Piazza and A. Malta Reis

EFSA: A. Afonso (AHAW) D. Verloo (SAS)

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Eamonn Gormley.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Discussions

a) Presentation of the EFSA Mandate

SM informed the WG about the discussions with EC concerning the TOR. The mandate focus on the assessment of gamma interferon and other newer tests for inclusion as official test in CD 64/432/EC for achieving and retaining herd free status and for animal certification for intra community trade between officially free status. The mandate does not contemplate issues related with disease control or confidence in freedom with different design prevalence values. Sensitivity is the main characteristic to be assessed and in order to be included as an alternative test Se must be equal or superior to the one estimated for the official test included in CD 64/432 i.e. tuberculin skin test. If no evidence is available for test evaluation advice must be given on further studies to be developed.
b) Approach to the mandate

A introduction to the mandate shall be drafted explaining relevant issues for test validation following the OIE guidelines and introducing the issue of confidence in freedom and its implications. A section on scope and objectives would provide the context of the mandate.

c) Available Tb tests: Criteria for test inclusion

Tests to be evaluated should comply with 2 criteria:

a. Be suitable for use in large scale surveys of live animals
b. Sufficient evidence for test performance evaluation

d) Criteria for test evaluation

Tests will be evaluated on the basis of performance (diagnostic Se and Sp) assuming ideal test execution conditions. A qualitative evaluation of the factors that may affect performance will be made based on available published data and expert opinion.

e) Data sources:

- Systematic literature review.
- EU NRL studies
- MS experience
- Public call for data

f) AHAW Network meeting objectives and agenda

The AHAW network will have a technical meeting on Tuberculosis on the 21/2/12.

Next meeting date

Teleconference 26/3/12 10-12h and 14-16h