



ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON ANIMAL HEALTH AND ANIMAL WELFARE

MINUTES OF THE 7th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON WELFARE FARM TO FORK

Held by web conference 9th of December 2020, Parma

(Agreed on 10th of December 2020)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Julio Alvarez
Virginie Michel
Antonio Velarde
Christoph Winckler
Hans Spoolder
Mette Herskin

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not Applicable

■ EFSA:

ALPHA Unit: Denise Candiani, Mimi Kalcheva, Michele Ardizzone, Raquel Garcia, Simona Bottinelli, Sean Ashe, Maria Veggeland, Chiara Fabris, Cristina Rapagnà, Sara Gisella Omodeo



1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Participants were welcomed.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 6th Working Group meetings held by web on 30th of November 2020.

The minutes of the 6th Working Group meeting held on 30th of November 2020 via web, were agreed on 4th of December 2020.

5. Scientific topics for discussion³

The Task Force held a discussion on the revised list of the welfare consequences. Preparation of an exercise on the relevant welfare consequences per husbandry systems that will be performed in each WG was presented and commented on.

6. Next meeting

18th of January 2021 via web

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

³ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2020-00479>



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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 5th Working Group meetings held by web on 24th and 25th of November 2020.

The minutes of the 5th Working Group meeting held on 24th and 25th of November 2020 via web, were agreed on 26th of November 2020.

5. Scientific topics for discussion³

After an overall feedback discussion of the working groups followed by another discussion in regards of the hearing experts expected contributions, the task force reviewed the proposals coming from the working groups on definitions of the welfare consequences.

6. Next meeting

9th of December 2020 via web

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Held by web conference 24th and 25th of November 2020, Parma

(Agreed on 26th of November 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Antonio Velarde
Maryse Guinebretiere (24th of November only)
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 4th Working Group meetings held by web on 9th and 10th of November 2020.

The minutes of the 4th Working Group meeting held on 9th and 10th of November 2020 via web, were agreed on 17th of November 2020.

5. Scientific topics for discussion³

A presentation of the mandate and the terms of reference was discussed with the working group. Along with that the SharePoint sites were presented, commented and agreed upon. The draft structure of the draft opinion was discussed and amendments were proposed.

6. Next meeting

30th of November 2020 via web

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 3rd Working Group meetings held by web on 30th of October 2020.

The minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting held on 30th of October 2020 via web, were agreed on 5th of November 2020.

5. Scientific topics for discussion³

The working group discussed and revised the draft protocol. It was agreed to create a toolbox of methodologies that can be used in order to respond to similar questions, while identifying 3 major categories of questions, which the task force agreed upon. The draft structure of the opinion on pigs was discussed and amendments were proposed. It was agreed to make same changes to the other opinions.

6. Next meeting

30th of November 2020 via web

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² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

³ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/wicket/page?2>



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MINUTES OF THE 3rd MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON WELFARE FARM TO FORK

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Antonio Velarde
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Mette Herskin
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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 2nd Working Group meetings held by web on 5th and 7th of October 2020.

The minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting held on 5th and 7th of October 2020 via web, were agreed on 13th of October 2020.

5. Scientific topics for discussion³

The working group discussed the structure of the draft tables that will be produced to respond to the specific scenarios that are included in each mandate.

A file was created to request clarifications from the EC about the mandates. Planning of the specific sub working groups took place in order to best coordinate with the task force meetings.

6. Next meeting

9th – 10th of November 2020 via web

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³ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/wicket/page?7>



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Antonio Velarde
Christoph Winckler
Hans Spoolder
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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meetings held by web on 25th and 28th September 2020.

The minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 25th and 28th of September via web, were agreed on 2nd October 20.

5. Scientific topics for discussion³

The working group discussed the structure of the outcome tables that will be produced to respond to the common Terms of Reference requesting for a description of main husbandry systems and animal categories. A common list of welfare consequences to be used in all specific mandates (needed to ensure consistency among the five mandates) was produced and, finally, a discussion was started about the specific scenarios that are included as a separate sets in all five mandates.

6. Next meeting

30th October 2020 via web

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Held by web conference 25-28 September 2020, Parma

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Participants

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Antonio Velarde
Christoph Winckler
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Mette Herskin
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4. Scientific topics for discussion³

The mandates were presented, and the working group discussed them at high level in order to define any need for clarification. Several points were then discussed further in depth among which: i) possible sources for figures on EU animal populations for the various species and husbandry systems in which they are kept, ii) need for a common list of welfare consequences to be used in all specific mandates (the experts agreed that a common list is needed to ensure consistency among the five mandates), iii) the difference between preventive and corrective measures was clarified: preventive measures (measures to prevent the welfare consequences acting on the hazards before the welfare consequence occurs) vs corrective measures (measure to correct the welfare consequence acting on the hazards or on the welfare consequence once it occurs), iv) discussion on "common ToRs": in each mandate there is a request for a description of main husbandry systems and animal categories and the working group agreed to respond to this request by the development of summary outcome tables.

5. Next meeting

5th and 8th October 2020 via web

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³ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/wicket/page?77>