

BIOHAZ Unit

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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on Genetic resistance to scrapie in goats in Cyprus

Parma, 10-12 September 2012

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Agreed by the WG on 19 September 2012

Participants

WG Experts	Pier Luigi Acutis, Olivier Andreoletti, Jean-Michel Elsen, Emmanuel Vanopdenbosch (chair)
Hearing experts	(10 September PM) Mike Dawson, Angel Ortiz-Pelaez, Marion Simmons, Otto Windl (EURL for TSEs), Soteria Georgiadou Penelope Papasavva Stylianou (Cypriot Veterinary Services)
Observers	(10 September AM) Fabien Schneegans (European Commission)
EFSA	Pietro Stella (BIOHAZ)

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

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 WG discussed the mandate. The terms of reference were clarified by phone with the European Commission.

On 10 September afternoon, the WG welcomed hearing experts representing the European Union Reference Laboratory for TSEs and the Cypriot Veterinary Services, who presented to the WG the implementation and the preliminary results of the EURL/Cypriot studies under assessment. A discussion followed with the WG, including clarifications on a number of aspects raised by the WG.

On 11 and 12 September the WG discussed the preliminary results of the EURL/Cypriot studies and drafted the EFSA Scientific Report providing an answer to the Terms of Reference of the mandate. Tasks were distributed among experts.

Communication of the preliminary conclusions of the EFSA Scientific Report will be communicated to the European Commission Services by 30 September 2012, and finalisation and publication of the Report is expected by 30 November 2012.

5. Next meeting date

A possible additional meeting of the WG may take place in October 2012 if needed.