

Parma, 21 May 2013

Unit on Biological Monitoring (BIOMO)

Minutes of the Discussion about VTEC of the Working Group on Epidemiological Indicators for Meat Inspection of Cattle

Web-conference, 21 May 2013

(Agreed on 21 May 2013)

Participants

- **Working group Experts:**
 - Geraldine Duffy, Lieven De Zutter
- **Hearing Experts:** -
 - Not applicable
- **European Commission and/or Member States representative:**
 - Not applicable
- **EFSA:**
 - BIOMO unit: Frank Boelaert (chair), Valentina Rizzi

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 Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², 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

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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. Agreement of the minutes of the 9th Working Group meeting held on 29 April 2013 in Brussels

The minutes were agreed on 7 May 2013, and published on the EFSA website on 7 May 2013.

5. Scientific topic for discussion

- 5.1 ToR 1: Define harmonised epidemiological criteria for specific hazards; ToR 2: Provide a summary of comparable data from Member States; ToR 3: Recommend methodologies and minimum monitoring/inspection requirements ([EFSA-Q-2011-01250](#))**

The latest version of the chapter on VTEC of the draft report was discussed and revised. The discussion focused on the proposed epidemiological indicators. The three terms of reference were specifically addressed. Tasks were allocated among the members of the working group for further drafting of the report.

6. Next meeting

No further meeting related to discussion about VTEC is foreseen.

No other meetings are foreseen for this working group.

Parma, 21 May 2013

Unit on Biological Monitoring (BIOMO)

Minutes of the Discussion about *Mycobacteria* of the Working Group on Epidemiological Indicators for Meat Inspection of Cattle

Web-conference, 21 May 2013

(Agreed on 21 May 2013)

Participants

- **Working group Experts:**
 - Javier Dominguez
- **Hearing Experts:**
 - Not applicable
- **European Commission and/or Member States representative:**
 - Not applicable
- **EFSA:**
 - BIOMO unit: Frank Boelaert (chair), Valentina Rizzi

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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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. Agreement of the minutes of the 9th Working Group meeting held on 29 April 2013 in Brussels

The minutes were agreed on 7 May 2013, and published on the EFSA website on 7 May 2013.

5. Scientific topic for discussion

- 5.1 ToR 1: Define harmonised epidemiological criteria for specific hazards; ToR 2: Provide a summary of comparable data from Member States; ToR 3: Recommend methodologies and minimum monitoring/inspection requirements ([EFSA-Q-2011-01250](#))**

The latest version of the chapter on *Mycobacteria* of the draft report was discussed and revised. The discussion focused on the proposed epidemiological indicators. The three terms of reference were specifically addressed. Tasks were allocated among the members of the working group for further drafting of the report.

6. Next meeting

No further meeting related to discussion about *Mycobacteria* is foreseen.

Parma, 17 May 2013

Unit on Biological Monitoring (BIOMO)

Minutes of the Discussion about *Salmonella* of the Working Group on Epidemiological Indicators for Meat Inspection of Cattle

Web-conference, 16 May 2013

(Agreed on 17 May 2013)

Participants

- **Working group Experts:**
 - Mariann Chriel, Lieven De Zutter
- **Hearing Experts:**
 - Not applicable
- **European Commission and/or Member States representative:**
 - Not applicable
- **EFSA:**
 - BIOMO unit: Frank Boelaert (chair), Valentina Rizzi

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. Agreement of the minutes of the 9th Working Group meeting held on 29 April 2013 in Brussels

The minutes were agreed on 7 May 2013, and published on the EFSA website on 7 May 2013.

5. Scientific topic for discussion

- 5.1 **ToR 1: Define harmonised epidemiological criteria for specific hazards; ToR 2: Provide a summary of comparable data from Member States; ToR 3: Recommend methodologies and minimum monitoring/inspection requirements ([EFSA-Q-2011-01250](#))**

The latest version of the chapter on *Salmonella* of the draft report was discussed and revised. The discussion focused on the proposed epidemiological indicators. The three terms of reference were specifically addressed. Tasks were allocated among the members of the working group for further drafting of the report.

6. Next meeting

No further meeting related to discussion about *Salmonella* is foreseen.

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Parma, 7 May 2013

Unit on Biological Monitoring (BIOMO)

Minutes of the 9th meeting of the Working Group on Epidemiological Indicators for Meat Inspection of Cattle

Held on 29 April 2013, Brussels

(Agreed on 7 May 2013)

Participants

- **Working group Experts:**
 - Mariann Chriel, Lieven De Zutter, Javier Dominguez, Pierre Dorny, David Nolan, Claude Saegerman
- **Hearing Experts:**
 - Not applicable
- **European Commission and/or Member States representative:**
 - Not applicable
- **EFSA:**
 - BIOMO unit: Frank Boelaert (chair), Valentina Rizzi

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Geraldine Duffy.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the Discussion about *Mycobacterium bovis* held on 12 April 2013 by teleconference

The minutes were agreed on 12 April 2013, and published on the EFSA website on 24 April 2013.

5. Scientific topic for discussion

- 5.1 **ToR 1: Define harmonised epidemiological criteria for specific hazards; ToR 2: Provide a summary of comparable data from Member States; ToR 3: Recommend methodologies and minimum monitoring/inspection requirements ([EFSA-Q-2011-01250](#))**

The latest version of the draft report was discussed and revised. The discussion focused on the proposed epidemiological indicators. The three terms of reference were specifically addressed. Tasks were allocated among the members of the working group for finalising the drafting of the report.

6. Next meeting

The next meetings are scheduled on 16 and 21 May, by teleconference; they will be separate hazard-specific telemeetings.

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Parma, 12 April 2013

Unit on Biological Monitoring (BIOMO)

Minutes of the Discussion about *Mycobacterium bovis* of the Working Group on Epidemiological Indicators for Meat Inspection of Cattle

Web-conference, 12 April 2013

(Agreed on 12 April 2013)

Participants

- **Working group Experts:**
 - Javier Dominguez, Claude Saegerman
- **Hearing Experts:**
 - Not applicable
- **European Commission and/or Member States representative:**
 - Not applicable
- **EFSA:**
 - BIOMO unit: Frank Boelaert (chair), Valentina Rizzi

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. Agreement of the minutes of the 8th Working Group meeting held on 20-21 March 2013 in Parma

The minutes were agreed on 21 March 2013, and published on the EFSA website on 5 April 2013.

5. Scientific topic for discussion

- 5.1 **ToR 1: Define harmonised epidemiological criteria for specific hazards; ToR 2: Provide a summary of comparable data from Member States; ToR 3: Recommend methodologies and minimum monitoring/inspection requirements ([EFSA-Q-2011-01250](#))**

The latest version of the chapter on *Mycobacterium bovis* of the draft report was discussed and revised. The discussion focused on the proposed epidemiological indicators. The three terms of reference were specifically addressed. Tasks were allocated among the members of the working group for further drafting of the report.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 29 April 2013 in Brussels.

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Parma, 21 March 2013

Unit on Biological Monitoring (BIOMO)

Minutes of the 8th meeting of the Working Group on Epidemiological Indicators for Meat Inspection of Cattle

Held on 20-21 March 2013, Parma

(Agreed on 21 March 2013)

Participants

- **Working group Experts:**
 - Mariann Chriel, Lieven De Zutter, Javier Dominguez, Pierre Dorny, Geraldine Duffy, David Nolan, Claude Saegerman
- **Hearing Experts:**
 - Not applicable
- **European Commission and/or Member States representative:**
 - Not applicable
- **EFSA:**
 - BIOMO unit: Frank Boelaert (chair), Valentina Rizzi

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 Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², 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. Agreement of the minutes of the 7th Working Group meeting held on 31 January 2013 in Parma

The minutes were agreed on 20 February 2013, and published on the EFSA website on 21 February 2013.

5. Scientific topic for discussion

- 5.1 **ToR 1: Define harmonised epidemiological criteria for specific hazards; ToR 2: Provide a summary of comparable data from Member States; ToR 3: Recommend methodologies and minimum monitoring/inspection requirements ([EFSA-Q-2011-01250](#))**

The latest version of the draft report was discussed and revised. The discussion focused on the proposed epidemiological indicators. The three terms of reference were specifically addressed. Tasks were allocated among the members of the working group for further drafting of the report.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 29 April 2013 in Brussels.

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Parma, 20 February 2013

Unit on Biological Monitoring (BIOMO)

Minutes of the 7th meeting of the Working Group on Epidemiological Indicators for Meat Inspection of Cattle

Held on 31 January 2013, Brussels

(Agreed on 20 February 2013)

Participants

- **WG Experts:**
 - Mariann Chriel, Lieven De Zutter, Javier Dominguez, Pierre Dorny, Geraldine Duffy, David Nolan, Claude Saegerman
- **Hearing Experts:**
 - Not applicable
- **European Commission and/or Member States representative:**
 - Not applicable
- **EFSA:**
 - BIOMO unit: Frank Boelaert (chair), Valentina Rizzi

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 Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests, 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. Agreement of the minutes of the 6th Working Group meeting held on 12-13 December 2012 in Parma

The minutes were agreed on 13 December 2012, and published on the EFSA website on 15 February 2013.

5. Scientific topic for discussion

5.1 Discussion of the draft report and experts' contributions (EFSA-Q-2011-01250)

The latest version of the draft report was discussed and revised. The discussion focused on the proposed epidemiological indicators. The three terms of reference were specifically addressed. Tasks were allocated among the members of the working group for further drafting of the report.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 20-21 March 2013 in Parma.

Parma, 13 December 2012

UNIT ON BIOLOGICAL MONITORING

**Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Working Group on
Epidemiological Indicators for Meat Inspection of cattle**

Parma, 12-13 December 2012

Agreed by the WG on 13 December 2012

Participants

WG Experts: Lieven De Zutter, Javier Dominguez, Geraldine Duffy, David Nolan, Claude Saegerman

Hearing Experts: Martin Wierup

Observers: NA

EFSA: Frank Boelaert (chair), Valentina Rizzi, Luis Vivas-Alegre (BIOHAZ).

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes. Apologies were received from Mariann Chriel and Pierre Dorny.

3. Declarations of interest (DoI)

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 the meeting.

4. Discussions

The expert's contributions to the draft report were discussed. Tasks were allocated among the members of the working group for further drafting of the report.

5. Next meeting date

The next meeting will be held on 31 January 2013 in Brussels.

Parma, 13 November 2012

UNIT ON BIOLOGICAL MONITORING

**Minutes of the Discussion about *Cysticercus*, Working Group on
Epidemiological Indicators for Meat Inspection of cattle**

Web-conference, 13 November 2012

Agreed by the WG on 13 November 2012

Participants

WG Experts: Javier Dominguez, Pierre Dorny
Hearing Experts: NA
Observers: NA
EFSA: Frank Boelaert (chair), Valentina Rizzi

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest (DoI)

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 the meeting.

4. Discussions

The expert's contributions to the section on *Cysticercus* of the draft report were discussed. Tasks were allocated among the members of the working group for further drafting of the report.

5. Next meeting date

The working group will meet again on 12 and 13 December 2012 in Parma (lunch to lunch meeting).

London, 3 October 2012

UNIT ON BIOLOGICAL MONITORING

**Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Working Group on
Epidemiological Indicators for Meat Inspection of cattle**

London, 3 October 2012

Agreed by the WG on 3 October 2012

Participants

WG Experts: Mariann Chriel, Lieven De Zutter, Javier Dominguez, Geraldine Duffy, Claude Saegerman

Hearing Experts: NA

Observers: NA

EFSA: Frank Boelaert (chair), Valentina Rizzi

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes. Apologies were received from Pierre Dorny and David Nolan.

3. Declarations of interest (DoI)

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 the meeting.

4. Discussions

The expert's contributions to the draft report were discussed. Tasks were allocated among the members of the working group for further drafting of the report.

5. Next meeting date

The members of the working group will agree by email on the date of the next meeting, which will take place in Parma.

Parma, 31 July 2012

UNIT ON BIOLOGICAL MONITORING

**Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Working Group on
Epidemiological Indicators for Meat Inspection of cattle**

Parma, 31 July 2012

Agreed by the WG on 31 July 2012

Participants

WG Experts: Mariann Chriel, Lieven De Zutter, Javier Dominguez, Pierre Dorny,
David Nolan, Claude Saegerman

Hearing Experts: NA

Observers: NA

EFSA: Frank Boelaert (chair), Valentina Rizzi

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes. Apologies were received from Geraldine Duffy.

3. Declarations of interest (DoI)

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 the meeting.

4. Discussions

The expert's contributions to the draft report were discussed. Tasks were allocated among the members of the working group for further drafting of the report.

5. Next meeting date

The members of the working group will agree on the date and venue of the next meeting, by email.

UNIT ON BIOLOGICAL MONITORING

Parma, 6 June 2012

UNIT ON BIOLOGICAL MONITORING

**Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group on
Epidemiological Indicators for Meat Inspection of cattle**

Web-Conference, 6 June 2012

EFSA / Unit on Biological Monitoring

Agreed by the Working Group on 6 June 2012

Participants

WG Experts:	Mariann Chriel, Lieven De Zutter, Javier Dominguez, Pierre Dorny, Geraldine Duffy, David Nolan, Claude Saegerman
Hearing Experts:	John Sofos (chair of the BIOHAZ WG on Meat Inspection of bovines)
Observers:	NA
EFSA:	Frank Boelaert (chair), Valentina Rizzi, Marios Georgiadis, Luis Vivas-Alegre (BIOHAZ)

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest (DoI)

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 the meeting.

4. Discussions

The expert's contributions to the draft report were discussed. Tasks were allocated among the members of the working group for further drafting of the report.

5. Next meeting date

The next meeting will be held in Brussels in July 2012. The members of the working group will finally agree on the exact date of the next meeting by email.

UNIT ON BIOLOGICAL MONITORING

Ghent, 3 April 2012

UNIT ON BIOLOGICAL MONITORING

**Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group on
Epidemiological Indicators for Meat Inspection of cattle**

Ghent, 3 April 2012

Agreed by the WG on 3 April 2012

Participants

WG Experts: Mariann Chriel, Lieven De Zutter, Javier Dominguez, Pierre Dorny, Geraldine Duffy, David Nolan, Claude Saegerman

Hearing Experts: NA

Observers: NA

EFSA: Frank Boelaert (chair), Valentina Rizzi

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest (DoI)

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 the meeting.

4. Discussions

The expert's contributions to the draft report were discussed. Tasks were allocated among the members of the working group for further drafting of the report.

5. Next meeting date

The next meeting will be held on 6 June 2012 as a web-conference.

Parma, 31 January 2012

UNIT ON BIOLOGICAL MONITORING

**Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on
Epidemiological Indicators for Meat Inspection of cattle**

Web-Conference, 31 January 2012

EFSA

Agreed by the WG on 31 January 2012

Participants

WG Experts: Mariann Chriel, Lieven De Zutter, Javier Dominguez, Pierre Dorny, Geraldine Duffy, David Nolan, Claude Saegerman

Hearing Experts: NA

Observers: NA

EFSA: Frank Boelaert (chair), Valentina Rizzi, Marios Georgiadis, Elena Mazzolini and Anca Stoicescu (BIOMO), Luis Vivas-Alegre (BIOHAZ)

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest (DoI)

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 the meeting.

4. Discussions

The mandate from the European Commission was discussed. The draft report was reviewed and data availability discussed. Tasks were allocated among the Experts and EFSA staff for further drafting of the report.

5. Next meeting date

The WG agreed to meet again on 3 April 2012.