

Parma, 25 March 2013

## Unit on Biological Monitoring (BIOMO)

### Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> subgroup meeting on *Mycobacteria* – Working Group on Epidemiological Indicators for Meat Inspection of small ruminants

Web-conference, 19 March 2013

(Agreed on 25 March 2013)

#### Participants

- **Working group Expert:**
  - Mike Sharp
- **Hearing Experts:**
  - Not applicable
- **European Commission and/or Member States representative:**
  - Not applicable
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOMO unit: Giusi Amore
  - BIOHAZ unit: Pablo Romero Barrios (chair)

#### 1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participant. This is an *ad hoc* subgroup web-meeting on *Mycobacteria* (under the working group on epidemiological indicators for meat inspection of small ruminants). Only the expert responsible of drafting the *Mycobacteria* sections of the report was invited.

#### 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. Agreement of the minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> subgroup meeting on mycobacteria held on 15 January 2013, Parma

The minutes were agreed on 31 January 2013 and published on the EFSA website on 15 February 2013.

### 5. Scientific topic for discussion

#### 5.1 Discussion of the *Mycobacteria* sections included in the draft report and related expert's contributions ([EFSA-Q-2012-00879](#))

The latest version of the *Mycobacteria* sections included in the draft report on harmonised epidemiological indicators for meat inspection of small ruminants were discussed and revised during the web-meeting. The discussion focused on the proposed epidemiological indicators for *Mycobacteria*. The three terms of reference were specifically addressed. Tasks were allocated among the participants for further drafting of the report.

### 6. Next meeting

The next meeting of the working group on epidemiological indicators for meat inspection of small ruminants will be held on 10 April 2013, in Brussels.

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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>

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Parma, 23 January 2013

## UNIT ON BIOLOGICAL MONITORING

### Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> subgroup meeting on *Mycobacteria* - Working Group on Epidemiological Indicators for Meat Inspection of small ruminants

**Meeting, 15 January 2013**

**(Adopted on 31 January 2013)**

#### Participants

WG Experts:	Mike Sharp
Hearing Experts:	-
Observers:	-
EFSA:	Pablo Romero Barrios (chair, BIOHAZ), Giusi Amore, (BIOMO).

#### 1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the invited expert to this *ad hoc* subgroup meeting on *Mycobacteria* (within the working group on epidemiological indicators for meat inspection of small ruminants).

#### 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 the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the expert invited to participate in 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 mandate from the European Commission and the work done by previous and ongoing working groups on meat inspections were discussed. The discussion focused on the potential epidemiological indicators for *Mycobacteria* in meat inspection of small ruminants. Tasks were allocated among the participants for the further drafting of the report.

## **5. Next meeting date**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> WG meeting will be held in Edinburgh on 25 February 2013.

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