

UNIT ON BIOLOGICAL MONITORING (BIOMO)

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Minutes of the 1st meeting of the subgroup on predictive models for *Listeria* growth of the Working Group on the analysis of the baseline survey on the prevalence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in certain RTE foods

Web-conference, 24 September 2013

(Agreed on 15 October 2013)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Mieke Uyttendaele, Kostas Koutsoumanis, Martin Wagner
- **Hearing Experts (participated via web-conference):**
 - Marc Aerts, Ruth Nysen and Trias Wahyuni Rakhmawati
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
 - BIOMO unit: Marios Georgiadis (chair), Frank Boelaert
 - BIOHAZ unit: Winy Messens

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Nathalie Gnanou-Besse and from Rosa Peran (European Commission, DG SANCO).

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

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

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 meeting of the Working Group on the analysis of the baseline survey on the prevalence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in certain RTE foods, held on 09 September 2013 in Parma.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the entire WG had been agreed on 20 September 2013. In the current meeting of the subgroup on predictive models for *Listeria* growth those minutes were briefly presented.

5. Scientific topic for discussion

5.1. Discussion of the draft EFSA Scientific Report, part B (EFSA-Q-2011-00405), ToR 4

ToR 4: 'Development of predictive models for the microbial growth of LM under various storage conditions' was discussed. Some preliminary results of applying predictive models for the microbial growth of *L. monocytogenes* were considered. Tasks on providing further information on the discussed approaches were allocated among the experts, together with related timelines.

6. Any Other Business

No other business was discussed

7. Next meeting

No other meetings of the subgroup on predictive models for *Listeria* growth were scheduled at the current meeting. The 8th meeting of the Working Group on the analysis of the baseline survey on the prevalence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in certain RTE foods will be held in Parma on 25th October 2013.

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>