

Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards

Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Working Group on “the request for scientific and technical assistance concerning the revision of the BSE monitoring regime in Croatia”

Held via web-conference 7 January 2016

(Agreed on 11 January 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Marion Simmons (BIOHAZ Panel), Giuseppe Ru (BIOHAZ Panel)

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Valentina Rizzi (Chair), Pietro Stella, Angel Ortiz Peláez

AMU Unit: Ana Belén García

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA’s Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest,² EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest and the Specific Declarations of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Review draft scientific report: latest amendments

The WG reviewed the latest version of the draft scientific report, with the main emphasis on the results, conclusions, recommendations and Appendix B. A number of modifications and additions were agreed.

5. Any Other Business

A final round of contributions was agreed with deadline for submission to the EFSA Secretariat: 12 January 2016.

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Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group on “the request for scientific and technical assistance concerning the revision of the BSE monitoring regime in Croatia”

Held via web-conference 24 November 2015

(Agreed on 30 November 2015)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Marion Simmons (BIOHAZ Panel), Giuseppe Ru (BIOHAZ Panel)

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Valentina Rizzi (Chair), Pietro Stella, Angel Ortiz Peláez

AMU Unit: Ana Belén García

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Actions from previous meetings: progress report³

The actions from the previous meeting and clarifications with the EC and the contractor were reviewed. The milestones and deliverables of the procurement contract NP/EFSA/BIOCONTAM/2015/04 with the Animal Plant and Health Agency (APHA) were also reviewed.

4.2. Review: final report submitted by the subcontractor

The WG discussed the results included in the final report submitted by the contractor.

4.3. Draft scientific report

The WG reviewed the current version of the draft scientific report, including the introduction, data and methodologies, assessment, conclusions, recommendations and appendices. A number of modifications and additions were agreed.

4.4. Task and deadlines

Tasks and deadlines were discussed and agreed, as well as the work plan until submission for adoption to the BIOHAZ Panel.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable.

6. Next meeting(s)

It was agreed to book a provisional date for another meeting in case it is needed.

4th meeting: 7 January 2016 14:00-17:00. Web-conference (TBC)

³ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00350>

Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group on “the request for scientific and technical assistance concerning the revision of the BSE monitoring regime in Croatia”

Held on 22-23 October 2015, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 27 October 2015)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Marion Simmons (BIOHAZ Panel), Giuseppe Ru (BIOHAZ Panel)

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Valentina Rizzi (Chair), Pietro Stella, Yves Van der Stede, Angel Ortiz Peláez

AMU Unit: Ana Belén García

- **Others:**

Robin Simmons (APHA, UK - EFSA's contractor)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Actions from previous meetings: progress report³

The actions from the previous meeting were reviewed and the milestones and deliverables of the procurement contract NP/EFSA/BIOCONTAM/2015/04 with the Animal Plant and Health Agency (APHA) were also reviewed.

4.2. Presentation of the C-TSEMM model and results

One of the developers of the C-TSEMM model attended a specific session of the meeting to give a presentation on the progress of the update of the model and to report the preliminary results. The WG discussed the results in a Q&A session. Some actions were agreed with the contractor for further delivery.

4.3. Draft scientific report

The WG reviewed the current version of the draft scientific report, including the introduction, data and methodologies, assessment, conclusions, recommendations and appendices. A number of modifications and additions were agreed.

4.4. Task and deadlines

Tasks and deadlines were discussed and agreed, in parallel with the delivery of the final report by the contractor, as well as the workplan.

4.5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable.

5. Next meeting(s)

3rd meeting: 24 November 10:00-14:00h. Web-conference.

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Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on “the request for scientific and technical assistance concerning the revision of the BSE monitoring regime in Croatia”

Held via web-conference 16 September 2015

(Agreed on 23 September 2015)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Marion Simmons (BIOHAZ Panel), Giuseppe Ru (BIOHAZ Panel)

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Valentina Rizzi (Chair), Pietro Stella, Angel Ortiz Pelaez

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts:
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Mandate, background, terms of reference⁴

The mandate and terms of reference, as received from and agreed with the EC, were presented, together with the legal background of the application by the Member State (MS).

4.2. Documentation included in the mandate

The documents and data provided by the applying MS were presented.

4.3. Procurement: update C-TSEMM

The terms of reference of the contract signed with the C-TSEMM developers were presented to the WG, as well as the progress report and preliminary report as per deliverables.

4.4. Assessment and methodology

The WG discussed the technical aspects of the terms of reference of the mandate and the input data used by the contractor to produce preliminary results.

4.5. Draft Technical Report: Table of Contents

The table of contents proposed by the Secretariat was discussed and a number of modifications were agreed.

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5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable.

6. Next meeting(s)

2nd meeting: 22 October 2015 pm and 23 October 2015 am. Physical meeting in Parma.