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**BIOHAZ UNIT**

**Scientific Panel on BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS**

**Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on public health risks related to mechanically separated meat (MSM) derived from poultry and swine**

**Held on 12 February 2013  
by TELE-conference**

**(Agreed on 12 February 2013)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**

John Sofos (Chair), Kostas Koutsoumanis, Declan Bolton, Miroslaw Michalski, Massimiliano Petracci, Matthias Upmann

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

- Arie OTTEVANGER (DG SANCO) (connected until 16.30)

- **EFSA:**

- BIOHAZ Unit: Alessandro Broglia, Fulvio Barizzzone

**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**

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.

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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>

**4. Agreement of the minutes of the 3<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 10 January 2013.**

**5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

**5.1 Topic n°1 ([EFSA-Q-2012-00752](#))**

**6. Next meeting(s)**

No further meetings foreseen.

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**Minutes of the 3rd meeting on public health risks related to mechanically separated meat (MSM) derived from poultry and swine.**

**(Q-EFSA-2012-00752)**

**10 JANUARY 2013**

**(ADOPTED BY THE WG ON 10 JANUARY 2013)**

**Participants**

- **WG members:** John Sofos (Chair), Kostas Koutsoumanis, Declan Bolton, Mirosław Michalski, Massimiliano Petracci, Matthias Upmann

- **EFSA:** Alessandro Broglia

**EC:** Arie Ottevanger

**1. Welcome and apologies**

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies received.

**2. Adoption of the 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 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. Discussion**

The opinion was presented to EC, the draft opinion was discussed and the tasks distributed.

PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

**Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on public health risks related to mechanically separated meat (MSM) derived from poultry and swine.**

**(Q-EFSA-2012-00752)**

**27 NOVEMBER 2012**

**(ADOPTED BY THE WG ON 27 NOVEMBER 2012)**

**Participants**

1. **WG members:** John Sofos (Chair), Kostas Koutsomanis, Declan Bolton, Mirosław Michalski, Massimiliano Petracci, Matthias Upmann
2. **Hearing experts:** Jean Philippe Coton, Bart Aarts, Lex Van Loon, Paul Lopez
3. **EFSA:** Alessandro Broglia, Marta Hugas, Luis Vivas, Fulvio Barizzzone, Pietro Stella, Mariano Lopez

**4. Welcome and apologies**

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies received.

**5. Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**6. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and 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.

**7. Discussion**

Data were presented by hearing experts, the outline of the opinion was discussed and the tasks distributed.

**8. Next meeting**

A physical meeting is foreseen in January in Brussels.

PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

**Minutes of the 1st meeting on public health risks related to mechanically separated meat (MSM) derived from poultry and swine.**

**(Q-EFSA-2012-00752)**

**23 OCTOBER 2012**

**(ADOPTED BY THE WG ON 23 OCTOBER 2012)**

**Participants**

1. **WG members:** John Sofos (Chair), Kostas Koutsomanis, Declan Bolton, Miroslaw Michalski, Massimiliano Petracci (hearing expert), Kathy Groves (hearing expert, online)
2. **EFSA:** Alessandro Broglia

**3. Welcome and apologies**

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies received.

**4. Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**5. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and 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.

**6. Discussion**

Data were presented by hearing experts, the outline of the opinion was discussed and the tasks distributed.

**7. Next meeting**

A tele meeting is foreseen on 27<sup>th</sup> November at 14.00-17.00 and a physical meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January in Brussels.