

**BIOCONTAM UNIT**

**Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards**  
**Minutes of the 17th meeting of the Working Group on**  
**risk posed by pathogens in food of non-animal origin. Part 2**  
**Held on 26/09/2014, Parma, 8:30 to 16:00**  
**(Agreed on 26/09/2014)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Ana Allende, Nigel Cook, Paul Cook, Jim McLauchlin (Chair), Birgit Nørrung, Mieke Uyttendaele.
- **Hearing experts:**
  - Raf de Blaiser (for item EFSA-Q-2013-00176, only from 14:30 to 16:00);  
Francesco Delfanti (for item EFSA-Q-2013-00176, only from 14:30 to 16:30)
- **European Commission:**
  - Sylvie Coulon (DG SANCO) (only from 9:30 to 12:00)
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOCONTAM Unit: Teresa Felício.

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Christophe Nguyen-The.

**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 (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting.

For further details on the outcome of the screening of the SDoI, please refer to Annex I. ODols were asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

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

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in leafy greens eaten raw as salads (EFSA-Q-2012-00238)

This draft opinion was adopted by the BIOHAZ Panel on 6 March 2014 and published on 27 March 2014.

### 5.2 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in berries (EFSA-Q-2013-00179)

This draft opinion was adopted by the BIOHAZ Panel on 22 May 2014 and was published on 18 June 2014.

### 5.3 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in tomatoes (EFSA-Q-2013-00177)

This question was adopted by the BIOHAZ Panel on 11 September 2014 and will be published by 2 October 2014.

### 5.4 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* in melons (EFSA-Q-2013-00178)

This question was adopted by the BIOHAZ Panel on 11 September 2014 and will be published by 2 October 2014.

### 5.5 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella*, *Yersinia*, *Shigella* and Norovirus in bulb and stem vegetables and carrots (EFSA-Q-2013-00176)

Representatives from the industry gave presentations on the production in the EU of green/spring onions and garlic which were followed by discussion with the experts. Following to the contributions provided since the previous meeting, the experts further discussed and improved the contents of the draft opinion. The future work ahead was discussed, and new tasks were allocated to the WG experts and EFSA's Secretariat.

## 7. Next meetings

The WG Experts agreed to hold the next meeting on **24 October 2014** (8:00-19:30) in Murcia, Spain.

## Annex I (depending on the interest declared and number of the Annexes adapt numbering)

### Interests and actions resulting from the screening of Specific Declaration of Interests (SDoI)<sup>3</sup>

- a) **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** In the SDoI filled for the present meeting by **DR. MIEKE UYTENDAELE** a current *ad hoc* consultancy activity for a non-food safety organisation in the specific area of irrigation water was identified. 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, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was deemed to represent a conflict of Interest.

This results in the impossibility for the expert to be present when this specific topic (irrigation water) is discussed in the meeting, voted on or in anyway processed by that concerned scientific group.

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<sup>3</sup> The Annual Declarations of Interests have been screened and approved before inviting the experts to the meeting, in accordance with the Decision of the Executive Director implementing the Policy on Independence regarding Declarations of Interests.

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**BIOCONTAM UNIT**

**Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards**  
**Minutes of the 16th meeting of the Working Group on**  
**risk posed by pathogens in food of non-animal origin. Part 2**  
**2/09/2014, web conference, 9:00 to 12:00 (Parma time)**  
**(Agreed on 2/09/2014)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Ana Allende, Nigel Cook, Birgit Nørrung (Chair), Mieke Uyttendaele.
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOCONTAM Unit: Teresa Felício.

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Paul Cook, Sylvie Coulon, Jim McLauchlin, Christophe Nguyen-The.

**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 (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting.

For further details on the outcome of the screening of the SDoI, please refer to Annex I. ODols were asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

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

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#### **5.1 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in leafy greens eaten raw as salads (EFSA-Q-2012-00238)**

This draft opinion was adopted by the BIOHAZ Panel on 6 March 2014 and published on 27 March 2014.

#### **5.2 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in berries (EFSA-Q-2013-00179)**

This draft opinion was adopted by the BIOHAZ Panel on 22 May 2014 and was published on 18 June 2014.

#### **5.3 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in tomatoes (EFSA-Q-2013-00177)**

This question was not addressed during this meeting.

#### **5.4 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* in melons (EFSA-Q-2013-00178)**

This question was not addressed during this meeting.

#### **5.5 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella*, *Yersinia*, *Shigella* and Norovirus in bulb and stem vegetables and carrots (EFSA-Q-2013-00176)**

Following to the contributions provided since the previous meeting, the experts further discussed and improved the contents of the draft opinion. The future work ahead was discussed, and new tasks were allocated to the WG experts and EFSA's Secretariat.

### **7. Next meetings**

The WG Experts agreed to hold the next meeting on **26 September 2014** (8:30-16:00) in Parma.

## **Annex I (depending on the interest declared and number of the Annexes adapt numbering)**

### **Interests and actions resulting from the screening of Specific Declaration of Interests (SDoI)<sup>3</sup>**

- a) **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** In the SDoI filled for the present meeting by **DR. MIEKE UYTENDAELE** a current *ad hoc* consultancy activity for a non-food safety organisation in the specific area of irrigation water was identified. 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, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was deemed to represent a conflict of Interest.

This results in the impossibility for the expert to be present when this specific topic (irrigation water) is discussed in the meeting, voted on or in anyway processed by that concerned scientific group.

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**BIOCONTAM UNIT**

**Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards**  
**Minutes of the 15th meeting of the Working Group on**  
**risk posed by pathogens in food of non-animal origin. Part 2**  
**22/08/2014, web conference, 9:00 to 12:00 (Parma time)**  
**(Agreed on 22/08/2014)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Jim McLauchlin (Chair) and Christophe Nguyen-The.
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOCONTAM Unit: Teresa Felício.

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

**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 (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting.

For further details on the outcome of the screening of the SDoI, please refer to Annex I. ODols were asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

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

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**5.1 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in leafy greens eaten raw as salads (EFSA-Q-2012-00238)**

This draft opinion was adopted by the BIOHAZ Panel on 6 March 2014 and published on 27 March 2014.

**5.2 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in berries (EFSA-Q-2013-00179)**

This draft opinion was adopted by the BIOHAZ Panel on 22 May 2014 and was published on 18 June 2014.

**5.3 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in tomatoes (EFSA-Q-2013-00177)**

Following to the contributions provided since the previous meeting, the experts further discussed and improved the contents of the draft opinion. The future work ahead was discussed, and new tasks were allocated to the WG experts and EFSA's Secretariat.

**5.4 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* in melons (EFSA-Q-2013-00178)**

Following to the contributions provided since the previous meeting, the experts further discussed and improved the contents of the draft opinion. The future work ahead was discussed, and new tasks were allocated to the WG experts and EFSA's Secretariat.

**5.5 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella*, *Yersinia*, *Shigella* and Norovirus in bulb and stem vegetables and carrots (EFSA-Q-2013-00176)**

This question was not addressed during this meeting.

**7. Next meetings**

The WG Experts agreed to hold the next web conference on **2 September 2014** (9:00-12:00, Parma times).



## **Annex I (depending on the interest declared and number of the Annexes adapt numbering)**

### **Interests and actions resulting from the screening of Specific Declaration of Interests (SDoI)<sup>3</sup>**

- a) **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** In the SDoI filled for the present meeting by **DR. MIEKE UYTENDAELE** a current *ad hoc* consultancy activity for a non-food safety organisation in the specific area of irrigation water was identified. 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, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was deemed to represent a conflict of Interest.

This results in the impossibility for the expert to be present when this specific topic (irrigation water) is discussed in the meeting, voted on or in anyway processed by that concerned scientific group.

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<sup>3</sup> The Annual Declarations of Interests have been screened and approved before inviting the experts to the meeting, in accordance with the Decision of the Executive Director implementing the Policy on Independence regarding Declarations of Interests.

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**BIOCONTAM UNIT**

**Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards**  
**Minutes of the 14th meeting of the Working Group on**  
**risk posed by pathogens in food of non-animal origin. Part 2**  
**15/07/2014, web conference, 9:00 to 12:00 (Parma time)**  
**(Agreed on 15/07/2014)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Ana Allende, Nigel Cook, Paul Cook, Jim McLauchlin (Chair) and Birgit Nørrung (only from 9 to 10 am).
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOHAZ Unit: Teresa Felício.
- **European Commission:**
  - DG Sanco: Sylvie Coulon.

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Christophe Nguyen-The and Mieke Uyttendaele.

**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 (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting.

For further details on the outcome of the screening of the SDoI, please refer to Annex I. ODols were asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

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

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**5.1 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in leafy greens eaten raw as salads (EFSA-Q-2012-00238)**

This draft opinion was adopted by the BIOHAZ Panel on 6 March 2014 and published on 27 March 2014.

**5.2 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in berries (EFSA-Q-2013-00179)**

This draft opinion was adopted by the BIOHAZ Panel on 22 May 2014 and was published on 18 June 2014.

**5.3 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in tomatoes (EFSA-Q-2013-00177)**

This question was not addressed during this meeting.

**5.4 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* in melons (EFSA-Q-2013-00178)**

Following to the contributions provided since the previous meeting, the experts further discussed and improved the contents of the draft opinion. The future work ahead was discussed, and new tasks were allocated to the WG experts and EFSA's Secretariat.

**5.5 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella*, *Yersinia*, *Shigella* and Norovirus in bulb and stem vegetables and carrots (EFSA-Q-2013-00176)**

This question was not addressed during this meeting.

**7. Next meetings**

The WG Experts agreed to hold the next web conference on **2 September 2014** (9:00-12:00, Parma times).

## **Annex I (depending on the interest declared and number of the Annexes adapt numbering)**

### **Interests and actions resulting from the screening of Specific Declaration of Interests (SDoI)<sup>3</sup>**

- a) **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** In the SDoI filled for the present meeting by **DR. MIEKE UYTENDAELE** a current *ad hoc* consultancy activity for a non-food safety organisation in the specific area of irrigation water was identified. 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, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was deemed to represent a conflict of Interest.

This results in the impossibility for the expert to be present when this specific topic (irrigation water) is discussed in the meeting, voted on or in anyway processed by that concerned scientific group.

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**BIOCONTAM UNIT**

**Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards**  
**Minutes of the 13th meeting of the Working Group on**  
**risk posed by pathogens in food of non-animal origin. Part 2**  
**14/07/2014, web conference, 9:00 to 12:00 (Parma time)**  
**(Agreed on 14/07/2014)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Ana Allende, Nigel Cook, Paul Cook, Jim McLauchlin (Chair) and Birgit Nørrung (only from 9 to 10 am).
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOHAZ Unit: Teresa Felício.

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Christophe Nguyen-The and Mieke Uyttendaele.

**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 (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting.

For further details on the outcome of the screening of the SDoI, please refer to Annex I. ODols were asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

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

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**5.1 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in leafy greens eaten raw as salads (EFSA-Q-2012-00238)**

This draft opinion was adopted by the BIOHAZ Panel on 6 March 2014 and published on 27 March 2014.

**5.2 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in berries (EFSA-Q-2013-00179)**

This draft opinion was adopted by the BIOHAZ Panel on 22 May 2014 and was published on 18 June 2014.

**5.3 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in tomatoes (EFSA-Q-2013-00177)**

Following to the contributions provided since the previous meeting, the experts further discussed and improved the contents of the draft opinion. The future work ahead was discussed, and new tasks were allocated to the WG experts and EFSA's Secretariat.

**5.4 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* in melons (EFSA-Q-2013-00178)**

This question was not addressed during this meeting.

**5.5 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella*, *Yersinia*, *Shigella* and Norovirus in bulb and stem vegetables and carrots (EFSA-Q-2013-00176)**

This question was not addressed during this meeting.

**7. Next meetings**

The WG Experts agreed to hold the next web conferences on **15 July 2014** (9:00-12:00, Parma times) and **2 September 2014** (9:00-12:00, Parma times).

## **Annex I (depending on the interest declared and number of the Annexes adapt numbering)**

### **Interests and actions resulting from the screening of Specific Declaration of Interests (SDoI)<sup>3</sup>**

- a) **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** In the SDoI filled for the present meeting by **DR. MIEKE UYTENDAELE** a current *ad hoc* consultancy activity for a non-food safety organisation in the specific area of irrigation water was identified. 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, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was deemed to represent a conflict of Interest.

This results in the impossibility for the expert to be present when this specific topic (irrigation water) is discussed in the meeting, voted on or in anyway processed by that concerned scientific group.

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**BIOCONTAM UNIT**

**Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards  
Minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on  
risk posed by pathogens in food of non-animal origin. Part 2  
Brussels, 10/06/2014  
(Agreed on 10/06/2014)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Ana Allende, Paul Cook, Jim McLauchlin (Chair) and Mieke Uyttendaele.
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOCONTAM Unit: Teresa Felício.
- **Hearing experts: (only from 9:00 to 11:00)**
  - Gysbrecht Gunter (for item EFSA-Q-2013-00176), Marleen Plasman (for item EFSA-Q-2013-00176) and Frédéric Rosseneu (for item EFSA-Q-2013-00176).
- **European Commission:**
  - DG Sanco: Sylvie Coulon.

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Nigel Cook, Christophe Nguyen-The and Birgit Nørrung.

**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 (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting.

For further details on the outcome of the screening of the SDoI, please refer to Annex I. ODols were asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

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

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### **5.1 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in leafy greens eaten raw as salads (EFSA-Q-2012-00238)**

This draft opinion was adopted by the BIOHAZ Panel on 6 March 2014 and published on 27 March 2014.

### **5.2 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in tomatoes (EFSA-Q-2013-00177)**

Following to the contributions provided since the previous meeting, the experts further discussed and improved the contents of the draft opinion. The future work ahead was discussed, and new tasks were allocated to the WG experts and EFSA's Secretariat.

### **5.3 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* in melons (EFSA-Q-2013-00178)**

Following to the contributions provided since the previous meeting, the experts further discussed and improved the contents of the draft opinion. The future work ahead was discussed, and new tasks were allocated to the WG experts and EFSA's Secretariat.

### **5.4 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in berries (EFSA-Q-2013-00179)**

This draft opinion was adopted by the BIOHAZ Panel on 22 May 2014 and will be published on 18 June 2014.

### **5.5 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella*, *Yersinia*, *Shigella* and Norovirus in bulb and stem vegetables and carrots (EFSA-Q-2013-00176)**

Representatives from the industry gave presentations on the production in the EU of onions and carrots, which were followed by discussion with the experts. The future work ahead was discussed as well as the preliminary outline of this draft opinion and new tasks were allocated to the WG experts and EFSA's Secretariat.

## **7. Next meetings**

The WG Experts agreed to hold the next web conference on **15 July 2014** (9:00-12:00, Parma times). An additional web conference will be also scheduled during the same week (date and time still to be defined).

## Annex I (depending on the interest declared and number of the Annexes adapt numbering)

### Interests and actions resulting from the screening of Specific Declaration of Interests (SDoI)<sup>3</sup>

- a) **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** In the SDoI filled for the present meeting by **DR. MIEKE UYTENDAELE** a current *ad hoc* consultancy activity for a non-food safety organisation in the specific area of irrigation water was identified. 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, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was deemed to represent a conflict of Interest.

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**BIOCONTAM UNIT**

**Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards**  
**Minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on**  
**risk posed by pathogens in food of non-animal origin. Part 2**  
**Parma, 29 to 30/04/2014**  
**(Agreed on 30/04/2014)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Ana Allende, Nigel Cook, Paul Cook, Jim McLauchlin (Chair), Christophe Nguyen-The, Birgit Nørrung and Mieke Uyttendaele.
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOCONTAM Unit: Teresa Felício.

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Sylvie Coulon (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 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 (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting.

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

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**5.1 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in leafy greens eaten raw as salads (EFSA-Q-2012-00238)**

This draft opinion was adopted by the BIOHAZ Panel on 6 March 2014 and published on 27 March 2014.

**5.2 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in tomatoes (EFSA-Q-2013-00177)**

This question was not addressed during this meeting.

**5.3 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* in melons (EFSA-Q-2013-00178)**

This question was not addressed during this meeting.

**5.4 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in berries (EFSA-Q-2013-00179)**

Following to the contributions provided since the previous meeting, the experts further discussed and improved the contents of the draft opinion. The future work ahead was discussed, and new tasks were allocated to the WG experts and EFSA's Secretariat.

**5.5 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella*, *Yersinia*, *Shigella* and Norovirus in bulb and stem vegetables and carrots (EFSA-Q-2013-00176)**

This question was not addressed during this meeting.

**7. Next meetings**

The WG Experts agreed to hold the next meeting on **10 June 2014** (8:00-18:30 am, Brussels).

## **Annex I (depending on the interest declared and number of the Annexes adapt numbering)**

### **Interests and actions resulting from the screening of Specific Declaration of Interests (SDoI)<sup>3</sup>**

- a) **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** In the SDoI filled for the present meeting by **DR. MIEKE UYTENDAELE** a current *ad hoc* consultancy activity for a non-food safety organisation in the specific area of irrigation water was identified. 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, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was deemed to represent a conflict of Interest.

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**BIOCONTAM UNIT**

**Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards**  
**Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on**  
**risk posed by pathogens in food of non-animal origin. Part 2**  
**Web conference, 2/04/2014**  
**(Agreed on 2/04/2014)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Ana Allende, Nigel Cook, Paul Cook, Jim McLauchlin (Chair) and Christophe Nguyen-The.
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOCONTAM Unit: Teresa Felício.

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Sylvie Coulon (DG Sanco), Mieke Uyttendaele and Birgit Nørrung.

**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 (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting.

For further details on the outcome of the screening of the SDoI, please refer to Annex I. ODols were asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

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

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**5.1 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in leafy greens eaten raw as salads (EFSA-Q-2012-00238)**

This draft opinion was adopted by the BIOHAZ Panel on 6 March 2014 and published on 27 March 2014.

**5.2 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in tomatoes (EFSA-Q-2013-00177)**

This question was not addressed during this meeting.

**5.3 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* in melons (EFSA-Q-2013-00178)**

This question was not addressed during this meeting.

**5.4 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in berries (EFSA-Q-2013-00179)**

Following to the contributions provided since the previous meeting, the experts further discussed and improved the contents of the draft opinion. The future work ahead was discussed, and new tasks were allocated to the WG experts and EFSA's Secretariat.

**5.5 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella*, *Yersinia*, *Shigella* and Norovirus in bulb and stem vegetables and carrots (EFSA-Q-2013-00176)**

This question was not addressed during this meeting.

**7. Next meetings**

The WG Experts agreed to hold the next meeting in Parma on **29 (8:30-17:30) to 30 April 2014 (8:30-15:30)**.

## **Annex I (depending on the interest declared and number of the Annexes adapt numbering)**

### **Interests and actions resulting from the screening of Specific Declaration of Interests (SDoI)<sup>3</sup>**

- a) **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** In the SDoI filled for the present meeting by **DR. MIEKE UYTENDAELE** a current *ad hoc* consultancy activity for a non-food safety organisation in the specific area of irrigation water was identified. 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, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was deemed to represent a conflict of Interest.

This results in the impossibility for the expert to be present when this specific topic (irrigation water) is discussed in the meeting, voted on or in anyway processed by that concerned scientific group.

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**BIOCONTAM UNIT**

**Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards**  
**Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on**  
**risk posed by pathogens in food of non-animal origin. Part 2**  
**Web conference, 31/03/2014**  
**(Agreed on 31/03/2014)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Ana Allende, Nigel Cook, Paul Cook, Jim McLauchlin (Chair), Christophe Nguyen-The and Mieke Uyttendaele.
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOCONTAM Unit: Teresa Felício.

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Sylvie Coulon (DG Sanco) and Birgit Nørrung.

**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 (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting.

For further details on the outcome of the screening of the SDoI, please refer to Annex I. ODols were asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

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

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#### **5.1 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in leafy greens eaten raw as salads (EFSA-Q-2012-00238)**

This draft opinion was adopted by the BIOHAZ Panel on 6 March 2014 and published on 27 March 2014.

#### **5.2 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in tomatoes (EFSA-Q-2013-00177)**

This question was not addressed during this meeting.

#### **5.3 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* in melons (EFSA-Q-2013-00178)**

This question was not addressed during this meeting.

#### **5.4 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in berries (EFSA-Q-2013-00179)**

Following to the contributions provided since the previous meeting, the experts further discussed and improved the contents of the draft opinion. The future work ahead was discussed, and new tasks were allocated to the WG experts and EFSA's Secretariat.

#### **5.5 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella*, *Yersinia*, *Shigella* and Norovirus in bulb and stem vegetables and carrots (EFSA-Q-2013-00176)**

This question was not addressed during this meeting.

### **7. Next meetings**

The WG Experts agreed to hold the next meeting on **2 April 2014** (9:00-12:00 am, web conference).

## **Annex I (depending on the interest declared and number of the Annexes adapt numbering)**

### **Interests and actions resulting from the screening of Specific Declaration of Interests (SDoI)<sup>3</sup>**

- a) **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** In the SDoI filled for the present meeting by **DR. MIEKE UYTENDAELE** a current *ad hoc* consultancy activity for a non-food safety organisation in the specific area of irrigation water was identified. 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, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was deemed to represent a conflict of Interest.

This results in the impossibility for the expert to be present when this specific topic (irrigation water) is discussed in the meeting, voted on or in anyway processed by that concerned scientific group.

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**BIOCONTAM UNIT**

**Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards**  
**Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on**  
**risk posed by pathogens in food of non-animal origin. Part 2**  
**Web conference, 24/02/2014**  
**(Agreed on 24/02/2014)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Ana Allende, Nigel Cook, Paul Cook, Jim McLauchlin (Chair), Christophe Nguyen-The, Birgit Nørrung and Mieke Uyttendaele.
- **European Commission:**
  - Sylvie Coulon (DG SANCO)
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOCONTAM Unit: Teresa Felício and Liese van Gompel.

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received Sylvie Coulon (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 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 (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting.

For further details on the outcome of the screening of the SDoI, please refer to Annex I. ODols were asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

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

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

#### **5.1 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in leafy greens eaten raw as salads (EFSA-Q-2012-00238)**

Following to the contributions provided since the previous meeting, the experts further discussed and improved the contents of the draft opinion, which is tabled for possible adoption at the next BIOHAZ Panel plenary meeting.

#### **5.2 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in tomatoes (EFSA-Q-2013-00177)**

Following to the contributions provided since the previous meeting, the future work ahead was discussed, and new tasks were allocated to the WG experts and EFSA's Secretariat.

#### **5.3 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* in melons (EFSA-Q-2013-00178)**

Following to the contributions provided since the previous meeting, the future work ahead was discussed, and new tasks were allocated to the WG experts and EFSA's Secretariat.

#### **5.4 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in berries (EFSA-Q-2013-00179)**

Following to the contributions provided since the previous meeting, the experts further discussed and improved the contents of the draft opinion. The future work ahead was discussed, and new tasks were allocated to the WG experts and EFSA's Secretariat.

#### **5.5 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella*, *Yersinia*, *Shigella* and Norovirus in bulb and stem vegetables and carrots (EFSA-Q-2013-00176)**

This question was not addressed during this meeting.

### **7. Next meetings**

The WG Experts agreed to hold the next meeting on **31 March 2014** (9:00-12:30 am, web conference).

## **Annex I (depending on the interest declared and number of the Annexes adapt numbering)**

### **Interests and actions resulting from the screening of Specific Declaration of Interests (SDoI)<sup>3</sup>**

- a) **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** In the SDoI filled for the present meeting by **DR. MIEKE UYTENDAELE** a current *ad hoc* consultancy activity for a non-food safety organisation in the specific area of irrigation water was identified. 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, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was deemed to represent a conflict of Interest.

This results in the impossibility for the expert to be present when this specific topic (irrigation water) is discussed in the meeting, voted on or in anyway processed by that concerned scientific group.

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<sup>3</sup> The Annual Declarations of Interests have been screened and approved before inviting the experts to the meeting, in accordance with the Decision of the Executive Director implementing the Policy on Independence regarding Declarations of Interests.

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**BIOCONTAM UNIT**

**Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards**  
**Minutes of the 7th meeting of the Working Group on**  
**risk posed by pathogens in food of non-animal origin. Part 2**  
**Web conference, 15/01/2014**  
**(Agreed on 15/01/2014)<sup>1</sup>**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts<sup>2</sup>:**
  - Ana Allende, Nigel Cook, Paul Cook, Jim McLauchlin (Chair), Christophe Nguyen-The and Mieke Uyttendaele.
- **European Commission:**
  - Sylvie Coulon (DG SANCO)
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOCONTAM Unit: Teresa Felício, Ernesto Liebana (9:30 to 10:30 am) and Liese van Gompel.

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Birgit Nørrung and Sylvie Coulon (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 Processes<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting.

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For further details on the outcome of the screening of the SDol, please refer to Annex I. ODols were asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in leafy greens eaten raw as salads (EFSA-Q-2012-00238)

Following to the contributions provided since the previous meeting, the experts further discussed and improved the contents of the draft opinion. The future work ahead was discussed, and new tasks were allocated to the WG experts and EFSA's Secretariat.

### 5.2 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in tomatoes (EFSA-Q-2013-00177)

Following to the contributions provided since the previous meeting, the experts further discussed and improved the contents of the draft opinion. The future work ahead was discussed, and new tasks were allocated to the WG experts and EFSA's Secretariat.

### 5.3 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* in melons (EFSA-Q-2013-00178)

Following to the contributions provided since the previous meeting, the experts further discussed and improved the contents of the draft opinion. The future work ahead was discussed, and new tasks were allocated to the WG experts and EFSA's Secretariat.

### 5.4 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in berries (EFSA-Q-2013-00179)

Following to the contributions provided since the previous meeting, the experts further discussed and improved the contents of the draft opinion. The future work ahead was discussed, and new tasks were allocated to the WG experts and EFSA's Secretariat.

### 5.5 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella*, *Yersinia*, *Shigella* and Norovirus in bulb and stem vegetables and carrots (EFSA-Q-2013-00176)

This question was not addressed during this meeting.

## 7. Next meetings

The WG Experts agreed to hold the next meeting on **24 January 2014** (9:00-12:30 am, web conference).



## **Annex I (depending on the interest declared and number of the Annexes adapt numbering)**

### **Interests and actions resulting from the screening of Specific Declaration of Interests (SDoI)<sup>5</sup>**

- a) **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** In the SDoI filled for the present meeting by **DR. MIEKE UYTENDAELE** a current *ad hoc* consultancy activity for a non-food safety organisation in the specific area of irrigation water was identified. 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, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was deemed to represent a conflict of Interest.

This results in the impossibility for the expert to be present when this specific topic (irrigation water) is discussed in the meeting, voted on or in anyway processed by that concerned scientific group.

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<sup>5</sup> The Annual Declarations of Interests have been screened and approved before inviting the experts to the meeting, in accordance with the Decision of the Executive Director implementing the Policy on Independence regarding Declarations of Interests.

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**BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS UNIT**

**Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards**  
**Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Working Group on**  
**risk posed by pathogens in food of non-animal origin. Part 2**  
**Web conference, 18/11/2013**  
**(Agreed on 18/11/2013)<sup>1</sup>**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts<sup>2</sup>:**
  - Ana Allende, Nigel Cook, Jim McLauchlin (Chair), Christophe Nguyen-The, Birgit Nørrung (from 9 to 10 am) and Mieke Uyttendaele.
- **European Commission:**
  - Sylvie Coulon (DG SANCO)
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOHAZ Unit: Teresa Felício

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

**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>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting.

For further details on the outcome of the screening of the SDoI, please refer to Annex I. ODIs were asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

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

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#### **5.1 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in leafy greens eaten raw as salads (EFSA-Q-2012-00238)**

Following to the contributions provided since the previous meeting, the experts further discussed and improved the contents of the draft opinion. The future work ahead was discussed, and new tasks were allocated to the WG experts and EFSA's Secretariat.

#### **5.2 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella*, *Yersinia*, *Shigella* and Norovirus in bulb and stem vegetables and carrots (EFSA-Q-2013-00176)**

This question was not addressed during this meeting.

#### **5.3 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in tomatoes (EFSA-Q-2013-00177)**

This question was not addressed during this meeting.

#### **5.4 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* in melons (EFSA-Q-2013-00178)**

This question was not addressed during this meeting.

#### **5.5 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in berries (EFSA-Q-2013-00179)**

This question was not addressed during this meeting.

### **7. Next meetings**

The WG Experts agreed to hold the next meeting on **15 January 2014** (9:30-12:30 am, web conference).

## **Annex I (depending on the interest declared and number of the Annexes adapt numbering)**

### **Interests and actions resulting from the screening of Specific Declaration of Interests (SDoI)<sup>5</sup>**

- a) **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** In the SDoI filled for the present meeting by **DR. MIEKE UYTENDAELE** a current *ad hoc* consultancy activity for a non-food safety organisation in the specific area of irrigation water was identified. 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, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was deemed to represent a conflict of Interest.

This results in the impossibility for the expert to be present when this specific topic (irrigation water) is discussed in the meeting, voted on or in anyway processed by that concerned scientific group.

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<sup>5</sup> The Annual Declarations of Interests have been screened and approved before inviting the experts to the meeting, in accordance with the Decision of the Executive Director implementing the Policy on Independence regarding Declarations of Interests.

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**BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS UNIT**

**Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards**  
**Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Working Group on**  
**risk posed by pathogens in food of non-animal origin. Part 2**  
**Brussels, 25 to 26/09/2013**  
**(Agreed on 26/09/2013)<sup>1</sup>**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts<sup>2</sup>:**
  - Ana Allende, Nigel Cook, Jim McLauchlin (Chair), Christophe Nguyen-The, Birgit Nørrung and Mieke Uyttendaele.
- **Hearing Experts:**
  - Gianluca Savini (for item EFSA-Q-2013-179), Marie Carmen Morales (for item EFSA-Q-2013-178), Raf De Blaiser (for item EFSA-Q-2013-177) and Frédéric Rosseneu, (for items EFSA-Q-2013-177, EFSA-Q-2013-178 and EFSA-Q-2013-179).
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOHAZ Unit: Teresa Felício

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Birgit Nørrung (25/09/2013) and Tine Hald (25 and 26/09/2013).

**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>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding

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Declarations of Interests<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting.

For further details on the outcome of the screening of the SDoI, please refer to Annex I.

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in leafy greens eaten raw as salads (EFSA-Q-2012-00238)

Following to the contributions provided since the previous meeting, the experts further discussed and improved the contents of the draft opinion. The future work ahead was discussed, and new tasks were allocated to the WG experts and EFSA's Secretariat.

### 5.2 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella*, *Yersinia*, *Shigella* and Norovirus in bulb and stem vegetables and carrots (EFSA-Q-2013-00176)

This question was not addressed during this meeting.

### 5.3 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in tomatoes (EFSA-Q-2013-00177)

Representatives from the industry gave presentations on the production in the EU of tomatoes which were followed by discussion with the experts. The future work ahead was discussed, and new tasks were allocated to the WG experts and EFSA's Secretariat.

### 5.4 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* in melons (EFSA-Q-2013-00178)

Representatives from the industry gave presentations on the production in the EU of melons which were followed by discussion with the experts. The future work ahead was discussed, and new tasks were allocated to the WG experts and EFSA's Secretariat.

### 5.5 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in berries (EFSA-Q-2013-00179)

Representatives from the industry gave presentations on the production in the EU of berries which were followed by discussion with the experts. The future work ahead was discussed, and new tasks were allocated to the WG experts and EFSA's Secretariat.

## 7. Next meetings

The WG Experts agreed to hold the next meeting on **18 November 2013** (9-12 am, web conference).

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## Annex I (depending on the interest declared and number of the Annexes adapt numbering)

### Interests and actions resulting from the screening of Specific Declaration of Interests (SDoI)<sup>5</sup>

- a) **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** In the SDoI filled for the present meeting by **DR. MIEKE UYTENDAELE** a current *ad hoc* consultancy activity for a non-food safety organisation in the specific area of irrigation water was identified. 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, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was deemed to represent a conflict of Interest.

This results in the impossibility for the expert to be present when this specific topic (irrigation water) is discussed in the meeting, voted on or in anyway processed by that concerned scientific group.

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<sup>5</sup> The Annual Declarations of Interests have been screened and approved before inviting the experts to the meeting, in accordance with the Decision of the Executive Director implementing the Policy on Independence regarding Declarations of Interests.

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**BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS UNIT**

**Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards**  
**Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Working Group on**  
**risk posed by pathogens in food of non-animal origin. Part 2**  
**Web conference on 2/07/2013**  
**(Agreed on 2/07/2013)<sup>1</sup>**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts<sup>2</sup>:**
  - Ana Allende, Nigel Cook, Tine Hald, Jim McLauchlin (Chair), Christophe Nguyen-The, Birgit Nørrung and Mieke Uyttendaele.
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOHAZ Unit: Teresa Felício, Ernesto Liebana, Mariano Lopez Romano

**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>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting.

For further details on the outcome of the screening of the SDoI, please refer to Annex I.

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

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**5.1 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in leafy greens eaten raw as salads (EFSA-Q-2012-00238)**

Following to the contributions provided since the previous meeting, the experts further discussed and improved the contents of the draft opinion. The future work ahead was discussed, and new tasks were allocated to the WG experts and EFSA's Secretariat.

**5.2 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella*, *Yersinia*, *Shigella* and Norovirus in bulb and stem vegetables and carrots (EFSA-Q-2013-00176)**

This question was not addressed during this meeting.

**5.3 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in tomatoes (EFSA-Q-2013-00177)**

This question was not addressed during this meeting.

**5.4 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* in fruit and vegetables grown on soil, intended to be eaten raw (EFSA-Q-2013-00178)**

This question was not addressed during this meeting.

**5.5 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in berries (EFSA-Q-2013-00179)**

This question was not addressed during this meeting.

**7. Next meetings**

The WG Experts agreed to hold the next meeting on:

- 25 to 26 September 2013 (1.5 days meeting, Brussels, Belgium).

## **Annex I (depending on the interest declared and number of the Annexes adapt numbering)**

### **Interests and actions resulting from the screening of Specific Declaration of Interests (SDoI)<sup>5</sup>**

- a) **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** In the SDoI filled for the present meeting by **DR. MIEKE UYTENDAELE** a current *ad hoc* consultancy activity for a non-food safety organisation in the specific area of irrigation water was identified. 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, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was deemed to represent a conflict of Interest.

This results in the impossibility for the expert to be present when this specific topic (irrigation water) is discussed in the meeting, voted on or in anyway processed by that concerned scientific group.

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**BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS UNIT**

**Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards**  
**Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group on**  
**risk posed by pathogens in food of non-animal origin. Part 2**  
**Barcelona, 6 to 7/06/2013**  
**(Agreed on 7/06/2013)<sup>1</sup>**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts<sup>2</sup>:**
  - Ana Allende, Arie Havelaar, Jim McLauchlin (Chair), Christophe Nguyen-The, Birgit Nørrung and Mieke Uyttendaele.
- **Hearing Experts:**
  - Els Cornelissen (for items EFSA-Q-2012-238 and EFSA-Q-2013-176), Joyce Ligtvoet (for items EFSA-Q-2012-238 and EFSA-Q-2013-176), Bengt Petersén (for items EFSA-Q-2012-238 and EFSA-Q-2013-176) and Frédéric Rosseneu, (for items EFSA-Q-2012-238 and EFSA-Q-2013-176).
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOHAZ Unit: Teresa Felício, Marta Hugas, Ernesto Liebana, Mariano Lopez Romano

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Nigel Cook and Tine Hald.

**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>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding

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Declarations of Interests<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting.

For further details on the outcome of the screening of the SDoI, please refer to Annex I.

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in leafy greens eaten raw as salads (EFSA-Q-2012-00238)

Representatives from the industry gave presentations on the production in the EU of leafy greens eaten raw as salads which were followed by discussion with the experts. Following to the contributions provided since the previous meeting, the experts further discussed and improved the contents of the draft opinion. The future work ahead was discussed, and new tasks were allocated to the WG experts and EFSA's Secretariat.

### 5.2 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella*, *Yersinia*, *Shigella* and Norovirus in bulb and stem vegetables and carrots (EFSA-Q-2013-00176)

Representatives from the industry gave presentations on the production in the EU of bulb and stem vegetables and carrots, which were followed by discussion with the experts.

### 5.3 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in tomatoes (EFSA-Q-2013-00177)

This question was not addressed during this meeting.

### 5.4 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* in fruit and vegetables grown on soil, intended to be eaten raw (EFSA-Q-2013-00178)

This question was not addressed during this meeting.

### 5.5 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in berries (EFSA-Q-2013-00179)

This question was not addressed during this meeting.

## 7. Next meetings

The WG Experts agreed to hold the next meetings on:

- 2 July 2013 (9-12 am) and
- 25 to 26 September 2013 (1.5 days meeting, Brussels, Belgium).

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## **Annex I (depending on the interest declared and number of the Annexes adapt numbering)**

### **Interests and actions resulting from the screening of Specific Declaration of Interests (SDoI)<sup>5</sup>**

- a) **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** In the SDoI filled for the present meeting by **DR. MIEKE UYTENDAELE** a current *ad hoc* consultancy activity for a non-food safety organisation in the specific area of irrigation water was identified. 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, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was deemed to represent a conflict of Interest.

This results in the impossibility for the expert to be present when this specific topic (irrigation water) is discussed in the meeting, voted on or in anyway processed by that concerned scientific group.

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<sup>5</sup> The Annual Declarations of Interests have been screened and approved before inviting the experts to the meeting, in accordance with the Decision of the Executive Director implementing the Policy on Independence regarding Declarations of Interests.

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**BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS UNIT**

**Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards**  
**Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Working Group on**  
**risk posed by pathogens in food of non-animal origin. Part 2**  
**Web conference on 22/05/2013**  
**(Agreed on 22/05/2013)<sup>1</sup>**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts<sup>2</sup>:**
  - Ana Allende, Nigel Cook, Tine Hald, Jim McLauchlin (Chair), Christophe Nguyen-The, Birgit Nørrung and Mieke Uyttendaele.
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOHAZ Unit: Teresa Felício, Ernesto Liebana, Mariano Lopez Romano

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Arie Havelaar.

**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>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting.

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

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**5.1 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in leafy greens eaten raw as salads (EFSA-Q-2012-00238)**

The clarifications provided by Commission on the mandate were presented to the WG Experts. Following to the contributions provided since the previous meeting, the experts further discussed and improved the contents of the draft opinion. The future work ahead was discussed, and new tasks were allocated to the WG experts and EFSA's Secretariat.

**5.2 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella*, *Yersinia*, *Shigella* and Norovirus in bulb and stem vegetables and carrots (EFSA-Q-2013-00176)**

This question was not addressed during this meeting.

**5.3 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in tomatoes (EFSA-Q-2013-00177)**

This question was not addressed during this meeting.

**5.4 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* in fruit and vegetables grown on soil, intended to be eaten raw (EFSA-Q-2013-00178)**

This question was not addressed during this meeting.

**5.5 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in berries (EFSA-Q-2013-00179)**

This question was not addressed during this meeting.

**7. Next meetings**

The WG Experts agreed to hold the next meetings on:

- Beginning of July 2013 (3 h web conference, exact date still to be defined) and
- 25 to 26 September 2013 (1.5 days meeting, Brussels, Belgium).

## **Annex I (depending on the interest declared and number of the Annexes adapt numbering)**

### **Interests and actions resulting from the screening of Specific Declaration of Interests (SDoI)<sup>5</sup>**

- a) **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** In the SDoI filled for the present meeting by **DR. MIEKE UYTENDAELE** a current *ad hoc* consultancy activity for a non-food safety organisation in the specific area of irrigation water was identified. 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, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was deemed to represent a conflict of Interest.

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**BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS UNIT**

**Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards**  
**Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Working Group on**  
**risk posed by pathogens in food of non-animal origin. Part 2**  
**Held on 11/04/2013, Parma**  
**(Agreed on 11/04/2013)<sup>1</sup>**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts<sup>2</sup>:**
  - Ana Allende, Nigel Cook, Jim McLauchlin (Chair), Christophe Nguyen-The, Mieke Uyttendaele.
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOHAZ Unit: Teresa Felício, Ernesto Liebana, Mariano Lopez Romano

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Tine Hald, Arie Havelaar and Birgit Nørrung.

**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>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting.

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

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#### **5.1 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in leafy greens eaten raw as salads (EFSA-Q-2012-00238)**

The mandate was discussed by the WG Experts. An approach to address these ToRs was identified and the WG agreed on the table of contents of the preliminary draft opinion. This will be considered as a template to be adapted for all the other scientific outputs indicated below in the scope of this mandate. Tasks were identified and distributed among the WG Experts and EFSA's Secretariat. The WG also agreed on a list of questions to be provided to Freshfel and addressed by their representatives during the first technical consultation.

#### **5.2 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella*, *Yersinia*, *Shigella* and Norovirus in bulb and stem vegetables and carrots (EFSA-Q-2013-00176)**

The mandate was discussed by the WG Experts. An approach to address these ToRs was identified. The WG agreed on additional questions to be provided to Freshfel and addressed by their representatives during the first technical consultation.

#### **5.3 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in tomatoes (EFSA-Q-2013-00177)**

The mandate was discussed by the WG Experts. An approach to address these ToRs was identified.

#### **5.4 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* in fruit and vegetables grown on soil, intended to be eaten raw (EFSA-Q-2013-00178)**

The mandate was discussed by the WG Experts. An approach to address these ToRs was identified.

#### **5.5 Risk posed by pathogens in FoNAO - *Salmonella* and Norovirus in berries (EFSA-Q-2013-00179)**

The mandate was discussed by the WG Experts. An approach to address these ToRs was identified.

### **7. Next meetings**

The WG Experts agreed to hold the next meetings on:

- 22 May 2013 (2 h web conference, Parma time) and
- 6 to 7 June 2013 (1.5 days meeting, Barcelona, Spain).

**Annex I (depending on the interest declared and number of the Annexes adapt numbering)**

**Interests and actions resulting from the screening of Specific Declaration of Interests (SDoI)<sup>5</sup>**

- a) **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** In the SDoI filled for the present meeting by **DR. MIEKE UYTENDAELE** a current *ad hoc* consultancy activity for a non-food safety organisation in the specific area of irrigation water was identified. 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, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was deemed to represent a conflict of Interest.

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Parma, 21 January 2013

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS**

**Minutes of the 1st WG meeting for the BIOHAZ Panel mandate: “Risk posed by pathogens in food of non-animal origin”**

**EFSA-Q-2012-00238**

**Brussels, 18 January 2013**

**EFSA / BIOHAZ Unit**

**Adopted by the WG on 21 January 2013**

**Participants**

WG Experts: Jim McLauchlin (Chair)  
EFSA: Marta Hugas, Ernesto Liebana.  
Commission: Sylvie Coulon, Kris de Smet, Sabine Osaer

**1. Welcome and apologies**

Commission welcomed EFSA staff. Apologies were received from the Chair due to railway disruptions in the UK. Nevertheless, he was able to participate via teleconference.

**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 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. Discussions**

The mandate and terms of reference (ToRs) for the part 2 of this mandate were reviewed and clarified with representatives of DG Sanco. An updated version of these ToRs will be provided to EFSA.

**5. Next meeting date**

No new meetings are scheduled at present.