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Plant Health Unit

Minutes of the technical meeting with USDA APHIS representatives to discuss Citrus Canker

VIDEO-conference, 20 March 2013

(Agreed on 16 July 2013)

Participants

- **Citrus canker working group experts:**

Claude Bragard, Charles Manceau, Olivier Pruvost, Jan Schans, Christian Vernière.

- **PLH Panel experts:**

Michael Jeger, Johan Coert Van Lenteren, David Makowski, Irene Vloutoglou.

- **Hearing experts:**

Robert Griffin: Laboratory Director, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Center for Plant Health Science and Technology, (CPHST), Plant Epidemiology and Risk Analysis Laboratory (PERAL).

Timothy Gottwald: Research Leader and Plant Pathologist, Agricultural Research Service, US Horticultural Research Laboratory.

Edward Podleckis: Risk Manager (APHIS), Plant Health Programs.

Tara Holtz: Risk Analyst (APHIS) CPHST, PERAL.

- **European Commission observer:**

Guillermo Cardon.

- **EFSA:**

Giuseppe Stancanelli (Chair), Svetla Kozelska, Doreen Russell.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Giuseppe Stancanelli (Chair of the technical meeting) welcomed all the participants to the technical meeting on Citrus canker. A tour de table followed with each meeting participant introducing themselves.

The Chair explained that minutes and an event report of the meeting would be produced which would be shared with all participants. Once agreed, the minutes and the event report would be published on the EFSA website.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda for this technical hearing was adopted. For details of the agenda please refer to Appendix B of the report, registered in the EFSA register of questions as EFSA-Q-2013-00519, entitled “Technical meeting with USDA APHIS on Citrus Canker, published on the EFSA website at <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/supporting/pub/477e.htm>

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 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. Scientific topic for discussion

The discussion from this technical hearing is available in the output registered in the EFSA register of questions as EFSA-Q-2013-00519, entitled “Technical meeting with USDA APHIS on Citrus Canker” published on the EFSA website at <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/supporting/pub/477e.htm>

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

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