Joint AESAN/EFSA Workshop

Science supporting Risk Surveillance of Imports

10 February 2010, Seville (Spain)

Programme

Time line & structure

Wednesday 10th February: morning session		
Welcome		
9:00 – 9:10	Welcome by Executive Director of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)	Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle Executive Director of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)
9:10 – 9:20	Welcome by the President of the Spanish Food Safety and Nutrition Agency (AESAN)	Roberto Sabrido President of the Spanish Food Safety and Nutrition Agency (AESAN)
State of Play ***Chair*:** Riitta Maijala, Director of Risk Assessment (RA), European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)		
9:20 – 9:30	Summary of the previous Workshop on "Health in risk assessment in the context of food, animal and plant imports in the EU" held on 3rd October 2008 in Paris	Valerie Baduel French Food Safety Agency (AFSSA)
9:30 – 10:05 (30+5 min)	State of the art and challenges of scientific methodologies used for Import Risk Assessment	Howard Pharo Risk Analysis Group Ministry of agriculture and forestry (MAF) Biosecurity, New Zealand
10:05 – 10:20	Discussion	Valerie Baduel Howard Pharo
10:20-10:40 Coffee break		

Current Systems for Identification of Risks Related to Imports: Data needs (including exchange of data / databases and common assumption / models) ***Chair:*** Riitta Maijala, Director of Risk Assessment (RA), European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)		
10:40 – 11:05 (20+5 min)	Data sources needed to assess animal health risk: The US National Animal Health Surveillance and Monitoring Systems	Sarah Tomlinson Assistant Center Director of Centres for Epidemiology and Animal Health (CEAH)'s National Surveillance Unit United States Department of Agriculture (USDA-APHIS / CEAH NSU) USA
11:05 – 11:30 (20+5 min)	Overview of scientific aspects related to Plant Health Alert Systems, examples and perspectives from a national, EU and EPPO scale	Alan MacLeod Food and Environment Research Agency (Fera), UK
11:30 – 11:55 (20+5 min)	Data availability for Import Risk Assessment	Evangelos Pongas Statistical Officer - External Trade Network Implementation (XT-Net) and User support - Head of section International Trade-Production (G5) EUROSTAT
11:55 – 12:15	Discussion	Sarah Tomlinson Alan MacLeod Evangelos Pongas
12:15 – 12:30	Conclusions of the morning sessions	Riitta Maijala European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)
12:30-13:30 Lunch break		

Wednesday 10th February: Afternoon session		
Currently applied methods for Import Risk Assessment (including Harmonization / Synergy and Quality Control for Standards) ***Chair:*** Hubert Deluyker, Director of Scientific Cooperation and Assistance (SCA), European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)		
13:30 – 13:55 (20+5 min)	The importance of harmonised analytical methods to provide reliable data	Piotr Robouch Institute for Reference Materials and Measurements (IRMM) of the Joint Research Centre (JRC)
13:55 – 14:20 (20+5 min)	Assessing the risk of key pests species by modelling pest establishment	Rebecca Ganley, Scion, Forest Protection New Zealand Forest Research Institute Ltd. New Zealand
14:20 – 14:45 (20+5 min)	Scientific models to assess new plant pests risk: NCSU APHIS Plant Pest Forecasting System (NAPPFAST)	Glenn Fowler North Carolina State University (NCSU) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Plant Pest Forecasting Systems (NAPPFAST) USA
14:45 – 15:00	Discussion	Piotr Robouch Rebecca Ganley, Glenn Fowler
15:00-15:20 Coffee break		

New Scientific Developments in Import Risk Assessment: Examples (including Use of New Methods / Research Activities) ***Chair:*** Hubert Deluyker, Director of Scientific Cooperation and Assistance (SCA), European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)		
15:20 – 15:40 (15+5 min)	What did we learn so far from data resulting from dioxin monitoring?	Peter Fürst Chemical and Veterinary Analytical Institute, Münster, (CVUA-MEL) Germany
15:40 – 16:00 (15+5 min)	Disease interactions between farmed and wild aquatic populations	Ed Peeler Centre for Environment Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas) UK
16:00 – 16:20 (15+5 min)	New diagnostic tools to identify quarantine organisms in plant health	Peter Bonants QBOL project – Coordinator Plant Research International BV, Wageningen UR The Netherlands
16:20 – 16:40 (15+5 min)	Tools for analyzing data from alert systems	Declan P. Naughton Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences Research Group Kingston University, UK
16:40 – 16:55	Discussion	Peter Fürst Ed Peeler Peter Bonants Declan P. Naughton

Conclusions & Closing		
17:00 – 17:40	Conclusions of the afternoon sessions and Panel discussion	Michael Scannell, Adviser DG SANCO European Commission Valerie Baduel, AFSSA, FR Howard Pharo, MAF, NZ Hubert Deluyker, EFSA, EU
17:40 – 18:00	Official closure of the workshop	Carlos Escribano Director General – Agriculture and Animal resources Ministry of Environment, Rural and Marine Environment, Spain
Networking Cocktail		

Acronyms

AESAN: Spanish Food Safety and Nutrition Agency

AFSSA: French Food Safety Agency

APHIS: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services

CEAH: Centres for Epidemiology and Animal Health

CVUA-MEL: Chemische und Veterinäruntersuchungsamt Münsterland – Emscher – Lippe

MAF: Ministry of agriculture and forestry

NAPPFAST: NCSU APHIS Plant Pest Forecasting Systems

NCSU: North Carolina State University

NSU: National Surveillance Unit

QBOL Project: Plant Research International BV Quarantine Barcode of Life project

USDA: United States Department of Agriculture