

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE  
158<sup>th</sup> Panel Plenary meeting**



2-3 July 2024  
14:30-18:30 and 9:00-16:00

**Location:** EFSA, Parma / Teleconference

**Chair:** Sofie Dhollander

**Day 1 - 2 July**

**No. Item**

**1 Welcome and Apologies for absence**

**2 Adoption of the agenda**

**3 Declarations of interest**

**4 Agreement of the minutes of the 157th Panel plenary meeting held on 21-22 May 2024**

**5 Report on written procedure**

5.1 Written adoption of Art. 29 - Request for a Scientific Opinion concerning the use of high-expansion foam for stunning and killing pigs and poultry (EFSA-Q-2022-00344).

**10 AOB**

10.1 Presentation of the BIOHAW Unit

10.2 Round table presentations of Panel members and staff

10.3 Presentation AHAW Panel remit and workplan

10.4 Rules for elections and confirmation candidates of chair/vice chair AHAW Panel

10.5 Overview of Animal Welfare activities

**6 Scientific outputs submitted for discussion/ adoption.**

6.1 Art. 29 - Scientific Opinion on welfare of horses during slaughter ([EFSA-Q-2023-00310](#))

6.2 Art. 29 - Request for a Scientific Opinion concerning the protection of beef cattle – ([EFSA-Q-2023-00535](#)) –  
Art 31 – Technical assistance concerning the welfare of beef cattle ([EFSA-Q-2024-00127](#))

6.3 Art. 29 – Request for a Scientific Opinion concerning the protection of turkeys on farm ([EFSA-Q-2023-00647](#))  
Art 31 – Technical assistance concerning the welfare of turkeys on farm – ([EFSA-Q-2023-00648](#))



## Day 2- 3 July

### No. Item

#### 10 Any Other business

10.6 Election of chair/vice chair AHAW Panel

10.7 Best practices

10.8 Uncertainty

#### 6 Scientific outputs submitted for discussion (continuation).

- 6.4 Art. 29 - Request for a Scientific Opinion concerning the welfare of animals kept for fur production – ([EFSA-Q-2023-00869](#))  
Art 31 – Technical assistance concerning the welfare of animals kept for fur production – ([EFSA-Q-2024-00126](#))
- 6.5 Art. 29- Scientific Opinion concerning the use of Diathermic Syncope for stunning cattle – (EFSA-Q-2023-00085).

Coffee break

- 6.6 Art. 29 - Request for a Scientific Opinion concerning the welfare of horses – terms of reference - ([EFSA-Q-2024-00188](#))  
Art. 29 - Request for a Scientific Opinion concerning the welfare of donkeys and their hybrids – terms of reference - ([EFSA-Q-2024-00189](#))  
  
Art. 31 - Request for a Technical Report on common husbandry systems for the keeping of Equidae – terms of reference - ([EFSA-Q-2024-00187](#))
- 6.7 Overview of Animal Health activities  
  
Joint mandate EFSA-ECDC on Avian Influenza: enhancing preparedness, prevention and control measures to better manage the risks pertaining to animal and public health due to the current and potentially evolving avian influenza situation
- 6.8 Art. 29 - Task 2. Scientific Opinion on zoonotic avian influenza– ([EFSA-Q-2024-00172](#))
- 6.10 Art. 31 - Task 4. Guidelines on zoonotic avian influenza outbreak investigation, when there is a human involvement (exposed and/or infected), and its management according to a One Health approach– ([EFSA-Q-2024-00173](#))
- 6.11 Art. 31 - Mandate for scientific and technical assistance for a coordinated surveillance system under the One Health approach for cross-border pathogens threatening the Union – ([EFSA-M-2022-00084](#))



- 6.12 Art 31 - Risk and protective factors for ASF and mitigating measures for wild boar in the EU- ([EFSA-Q-2022-00381](#))
- 6.13 Art. 31 – Annual report on the epidemiological analysis of African swine fever in the European Union- ([EFSA-Q-2022-00380](#))
- 6.14 Art 29 - Application of Slovenia for the recognition of the negligible risk status of classical scrapie. – ([EFSA-Q-2024-00183](#))
- 6.15 Art. 31 – Annual report on the data collection: transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSE) in the European Union- ([EFSA-Q-2021-00767](#))
- 6.18 Art. 31 – Quarterly monitoring report of avian influenza in poultry and wild birds in the European Union- (M-2024-00009)

**7 Other scientific topics for information/discussion (continuation)**

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