

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

174th Panel Plenary meeting – OPEN to observers



4-5 December 2024

09:00-17:00 / 09:00-17:00

AGENDA

Location: Teleconference

Chair: Ana Allende

Open Session (4 December from 09:00 to 13:00 and 5 December from 09:00 to 17:00)

No.	item
1	Welcome and Apologies for absence
2	Adoption of the agenda
3	Declarations of interest
4	Brief introduction of Panel members to Observers
5	Presentation of EFSA Guidelines for Observers
6	Agreement of the minutes of the 173rd Panel plenary meeting held on 23 and 24 October 2024
7	Scientific outputs submitted for adoption/endorsement
7.1	Scientific opinion on microbiological hazards associated with the use of water in postharvest handling and processing operations of fresh and frozen fruits, vegetables and herbs – parts 2-5 (EFSA-Q-2023-00073 , EFSA-Q-2023-00074 , EFSA-Q-2023-00075 and EFSA-Q-2023-00076), including associated outsourcing activities (OC/EFSA/BIOCONTAM/2021/02)
7.2	Statement on the update of the list of QPS-recommended biological agents intentionally added to food or feed as notified to EFSA. 21: Suitability of taxonomic units notified to EFSA until September 2024 (EFSA-Q-2021-00773)
8	Scientific outputs submitted for discussion
8.1	Scientific opinion on the update of the list of QPS-recommended biological agents intentionally added to food or feeds as notified to EFSA (EFSA-Q-2023-00054)
8.2	Guidance on the submission of data for the evaluation of the safety and efficacy of substances for the removal of microbial surface contamination of foods of animal origin (EFSA-Q-2024-00020)
8.3	Scientific opinion(s) on the current status of the occurrence and spread of carbapenemase-producing Enterobacterales in the food chain in the EU/EFTA (EFSA-Q-2024-00149)
8.4	Scientific opinion on the equivalence of an alternative heat treatment process of feathers and down (EFSA-Q-2024-00169)
8.5	Scientific opinion on the presence of biological and chemical hazards in ash from Category 1 material after incineration, co-incineration, and combustion (EFSA-Q-2024-00278)
8.6	Scientific opinion on the microbiological safety of ungulates meat intended to be frozen (EFSA-Q-2024-00663)



9 Update on new mandates

10 Feedback from the Scientific Committee, other Scientific Panels, EFSA and the European Commission

10.1 Scientific Committee

10.2 European Commission

10.3 Rapid Outbreak Assessments and related activities

11 Other topics for information and/or discussion

11.1 Implementation of the guidance on uncertainty analysis in scientific assessments

11.2 Topics of scientific concern in the area of biological hazards

12 Answers to questions from Observers

13 AOB

Closed Session (4 December from 14:00 to 17:00)

No.	Item
8	Scientific outputs submitted for discussion
8.7	Application for alternative processing method for animal by-products: alkaline hydrolysis under atmospheric pressure (EFSA-Q-2024-00286)
8.8	Application for Fluidized Catalytic Cracking co-processing for the production of renewable fuels (EFSA-Q-2024-00539)
8.9	Update of the scientific opinion 'Evaluation of the safety and efficacy of Listex TM P100 for reduction of pathogens on different ready-to-eat (RTE) food products' (EFSA-Q-2024-00551)