

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group on AVIAN INFLUENZA MONITORING Art.31

(EFSA-Q-2017-00825)

05 March 2018, Parma

(Agreed on 15 March 2018)

Meeting date: 05/03/2018 (9:00-13:00)

Participants:

- **Working Group Members:**

Adam BROUWER, Paolo MULATTI, Thijs KUIKEN, Krzysztof SMIETANKA, Christoph STAUBACH, Preben WILLEBERG

- **Other:**

Cornelia ADLHOCH (ECDC)

- **EFSA:**

Francesca BALDINELLI, Frank VERDONCK, Laura AMATO (ALPHA)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Paolo MULATTI.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of

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Interest and the Specific Declarations of Interest (SDoI) filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting.

For further details on the outcome of the screening of the ADoI or the SDoI, please refer to Annex. Oral Declaration of Interest was asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

4. Scientific topics for discussion

The draft report was discussed in detail. The WG agreed to increase the readability of the report by reducing the introduction section (most info now in an appendix) and moving the conclusions & suggestions to the beginning of the document. The cases in captive birds were clarified and only H5 and H7 outbreaks/events are included. The definition of poultry as given in the legislation will be added. The evolution of the HPAI A(H5N6) virus has been discussed and a figure on the origin of the variant circulating in Europe will be included in the report. It was agreed to review the risk of introduction from Africa and the Middle East via wild birds and trade, starting from the latest EFSA scientific opinion on avian influenza. The A(H7N4) human case has been described and the section on human vaccination has been updated based on the outcomes of the recent vaccine composition meeting. Finally, conclusions and suggestions were drafted.

Annex

Interests and actions resulting from the screening of Annual Declarations of Interest (ADoI) or Specific Declarations of Interest (SDoI)

In the ADoI or in the SDoI filled for the present meeting, Dr Adam Brouwer, declared the following interest: he has involvement in risk assessment activities at national level; Dr. Paolo Mulatti declared the following interest: he has involvement in risk assessment activities at national level; Dr. Krzysztof Smietanka declared the following interest: he has involvement in risk assessment activities at national level; Dr. Christoph Staubach declared the following interest: he has involvement in risk assessment activities at national level. In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest⁴, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, a waiver was granted.

Therefore the concerned experts shall be allowed to take part in the discussions and in the drafting phase of the EFSA Scientific report on Avian influenza monitoring November 2017 – February 2018.

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Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on AVIAN INFLUENZA MONITORING Art.31

(EFSA-Q-2017-00825)

8-9 February 2018, Parma

(Agreed on 15 February 2018)

Meeting date: 8-9/02/2018 (9:00-13:00)

Participants:

- **Working Group Members:**

Adam BROUWER, Paolo MULATTI, Thijs KUIKEN, Adeline HUNEAU, Krzysztof SMIETANKA (TC on 08/02), Christoph STAUBACH, Jan Arend STEGEMAN, Preben WILLEBERG (TC on 08/02)

- **Other:**

Pasi PENTTINEN (ECDC)

- **EFSA:**

Francesca BALDINELLI, Frank VERDONCK, Laura AMATO (ALPHA)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Ian Brown.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topics for discussion

4.1. Report III, timeline and contents

The third report on AI monitoring (Art.31) was discussed. The report will cover the period from 16 November 2017 to 15 February 2018 and should be published by end of March, preferably on 23 March. The following timeline to produce the third report was proposed and agreed by the WG experts:

- assembling the first draft, 16-22 Feb;
- reviewing of the first draft, 23 Feb to 1 March;
- WG meeting to discuss first draft, 5 March;
- finalising the report, 5-12 March;
- approving the report, 12-21 March.

The WG agreed in keeping, where it is possible, the structure of the previous reports and to update the different sections with the new information available; the data reported in the third report will be linked to the ones presented in the second report. Actually in the EU, AI is mainly detected in wild birds and the WG agreed in reporting more information on the wild birds events (adapting the structure of the report), and to describe and reason the different epidemiological patterns observed in UK and NL. A follow up of the situation described in IT in the second report will be provided. The importance of collecting information on negative control holdings and on people exposed to poultry outbreaks was raised once again.

The WG has been informed on which MSs are involved in the collection of data to characterise the occurrence of HPAI outbreaks in poultry holding.

4.2. Planning main activities and WG meetings for report IV, V, VI

The main activities and the timeline of next reports on AI monitoring (Art.31) for 2018 were shared and agreed according to the information reported in the following table:

Report	Time covered	First draft to be circulated	WG to discuss 1° draft	Publication
IV	16/02-15/05	23/05	4/06 (physical/web)	29/06
V	16/05-15/08	24/08	3/09 (web)	28/09
VI	16/08-15/11	23/11	4/12 (web)	21/12

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