

# Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Working Group on AVIAN INFLUENZA MONITORING Art.31

(EFSA-Q-2017-00649)

**30 November 2017, web-meeting**

**(Agreed on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017)**

**Meeting date: 30/11/2017 (9:00-13:00)**

## **Participants:**

- **Working Group Members:**

Preben WILLEBERG, Ian BROWN, Paolo MULATTI, Christoph STAUBACH, Thijs KUIKEN, David STROUD, Ole Roland THERKILDSEN, Cornelia ADLHOCH

- **Other:**

Cornelia ADLHOCH (ECDC)

- **EFSA:**

Francesca BALDINELLI, Frank VERDONCK (ALPHA)

## **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were presented for Krzysztof SMIETANKA.

## **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 Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director

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

implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests<sup>2</sup>, 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 topics for discussion**

### **4.1. Second report on AI monitoring**

#### **4.1.1. Discussion on updated sections**

The draft of the second report on monitoring AI (art.31) was reviewed and the main comments were discussed and clarification provided by the experts where required. A description of LPAI poultry outbreak in time and space will be added to the document, some figures and tables describing HPAI outbreaks will be updated with data covering the period 1<sup>st</sup> July-15<sup>th</sup> November 2017. Some clarification on secondary spread in Italy and on applied prevention and control measures were discussed. A description of the risk of AI spread from third countries to the EU will be added under section 3.3.6.

#### **4.1.2. Updating conclusions and suggestions**

The sections on conclusion and suggestions have been updated by the experts during the meeting.

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

## Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Working Group on AVIAN INFLUENZA MONITORING Art.31

(EFSA-Q-2017-00649)

**12-13 October 2017, Parma**

**(Agreed on 20 October 2017)**

**Meeting date: 12-13/10/2017**

### **Participants:**

- **Working Group Members:**

Preben WILLEBERG, Ian BROWN, Thijs KUIKEN

- **Member States representatives:**

Adeline HUNEAU SALAUN, Aleksandra MITEVA

- **Other:**

Cornelia ADLHOCH (ECDC)

- **EFSA:**

Francesca BALDINELLI, Frank VERDONCK (ALPHA)

### **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were presented for Paolo MULATTI, Krzysztof SMIETANKA, Christoph STAUBACH, Olivia BESSI, Stig MELLERGAARD, Pernille Dahl NIELSEN, Sokratis PERDIKARIS, Helen ROBERTS, Eoin RYAN, Marcel SPIERENBURG, Claudiu STROE and Alexandru SUPEANU.

### **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 Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests<sup>2</sup>, 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 topics for discussion

### 4.1. Second report on AI monitoring: structure and timelines

The structure of the second report on monitoring AI (art.31) was intensively discussed. The WG agreed in keeping the same structure of the first report and to only update it with new information/data available. In case of no new information, that would be specified under the specific section. Only for the Conclusions and Suggestions chapters, the content of the first report will be reported in the second report and revised according to the new information provided.

The second report will cover the period from September 1 to 15 November 2017. An initial background section will enable to link the data reported in the first report the ones presented in the second report.

#### Data model

The EFSA data model was discussed and reviewed by the WG and the following changes will be implemented.

'Survey' will be excluded as answer for the variable 'Sampling programme type' as this answer was not selected by any MS in the previous data collection and since there is an overlap among this activity and those conducted in the framework of the active surveillance.

For the 'Outbreak detection' variables (by mortality, clinical signs, drop egg production, drop feed/water intake, non-clinical indicators) the WG suggested to explain the reason for that question, to clarify that more than one answer is allowed and to add 'not applicable' (na) as possible answer only for 'by egg production drop'.

The variable 'Secondary outbreak based on epi data' has changed into 'Secondary outbreak' and the text in the question in 'Are there convincing data...'.

The WG agreed on adding a new variable close to 'Holding production category' to identify the outbreak occurred into a zoo and to define zoos according to existing regulatory provisions (i.e. Council Directive

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1999/22/CEE). That will allow characterising the HPAI affected zoo separately from commercial and non-commercial poultry holding.

A new free text variable will be added in addition to 'Most likely source' where convincing evidence supporting the most likely source of infection should be reported. Also the definition of the 'Most likely source' has been slightly amended as '...If there is indication that relevant wild bird species, particularly including waterbirds, or infected poultry have had access to the production unit...'

It has been proposed to collect information on pathogenicity of the AI circulating viruses using the EFSA data model.

#### **4.2. Target list of wild birds species for AI surveillance**

The target list of wild bird species for passive surveillance of H5 HPAI viruses in the EU was reviewed on the basis of the data reported in ADNS from 2005 to 2017. The purpose of this updated list is to provide information on which bird species to focus in order to achieve the most effective testing of dead birds for detection of H5 HPAI viruses (early detection). The criterion used to revise the list was the percentage of positive wild birds out of those tested by species, and a 0.2% cut off value was chosen to include or exclude species from the list.

#### **4.3. Joining the AHAW Network meeting- discussion on animal disease data collection**

The WG joined the AHAW Network meeting where the discussion focussed on the need of collecting harmonized data by MSs on poultry population to perform analytical epidemiological analysis at EU level, the implementation of automated data validation and the provision of pre-filled tables and maps to MSs when submitting data to EFSA.

### **5. Any Other Business**

Next meeting: web meeting on November 30 (9:00-13:00 CET)