

Animal and Plant Health Unit (ALPHA UNIT)

**Scientific Panel on Animal Health and Welfare (AHAW)**

**Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Reduction of antimicrobials  
(support to the RONAFAs scientific opinion)**

**Parma, 18 January 2016**

**(Agreed on 18 March 2016)**

**Participants**

• **Working Group Members:**

Simon More (Chair), Antonio Velarde, Margaret Good, Preben Willeberg, Virginie Michel, Andrew Butterworth, Soren Saxmose Nielsen, Hans Spoolder

EFSA:

AHAW Unit: Denise Candiani

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

**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 on Declarations of Interest<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest 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. Agreement of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 15 January 2016.**

The minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting were agreed by oral procedure on 18 January 2016.

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## **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

### **5.1 Contributions to the scientific opinion “RONAFA” (Reduction Of the Need of Antimicrobial in Food producing Animals – scientific opinion led by the BIOHAZ Panel of EFSA) (M-2015-0081)<sup>3</sup>**

AHAW contributions to chapter 1.8 on “Circumstances and diseases where AM are mostly used”, chapter 3.2. on “Alternative options for reducing the need for AM” were discussed with special focus on chapter 3.2. on the alternative options linked to animal health and welfare. Separate paragraphs were produced on primary, secondary and tertiary prevention, including specific sections on herd health plans, housing, nutrition, level of stress, animal genetics, awareness raising, rethinking of the farming system and examples of successful stories. The chapters on vaccination and disease eradication were discussed and revised.

## **6. Next meeting**

Next meeting will be held by webconference on 8th of April 2016.

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**4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

- 4.1 Presentation of the scientific opinion "RONAFAs" (Reduction Of the Need of Antimicrobial in Food producing Animals – scientific opinion led by the BIOHAZ Panel of EFSA) (M-2015-0081)<sup>3</sup>

The scientific opinion on the reduction of the need of antimicrobial in food producing animals has been requested by the European Commission and is jointly developed by EFSA and EMA. In EFSA, the work is led by the BIOHAZ Panel with collaboration from AHAW and FEEDAP Panel. At the first meeting of this sub WG of AHAW panel members, the structure of the RONAFAs opinion was presented and tasks were distributed for producing contributions to chapter 1.8 on "Circumstances and diseases where AM are mostly used",

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chapter 3.2. on “Alternative options for reducing the need for AM” and chapter 3.3. on “Recommendations for options for a reduced usage of AM”.

## **5. Next meeting**

Next meeting will take in Parma on 18th of January 2016.

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