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Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Working Group on the preparation of a data collection system of welfare indicators in EU broiler slaughterhouses

**Parma, 05/06/2013
(Agreed on 30/07/2013)**

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Gerard van Breukelen
 - Toby Knowles
 - Virginie Michel
 - Charlotte Berg

- **EFSA:**
 - AHAW Unit: Maria Ferrara
 - SAS Unit: José Cortiñas Abrahantes

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

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², 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

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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 topic for discussion ([EFSA-Q-2012-01002](#))

Based on the agreed methodology, the Working Group carried out the assessment of the sufficient sample sizes for Member States that provided EFSA with the requested data. For those Member States where all the necessary information was available, the Working Group also prepared possible sampling plans. The draft reports were discussed and finalised accordingly.

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Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Working Group on the preparation of a data collection system of welfare indicators in EU broiler slaughterhouses

**WEB-conference, 17/05/2013
(Agreed on 04/06/2013)**

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Gerard van Breukelen
 - Toby Knowles
 - Virginie Michel
 - Charlotte Berg

- **European Commission:**
 - Paolo Dalla Villa (DG SANCO)

- **EFSA:**
 - AHAW Unit: Maria Ferrara
 - SAS Unit: José Cortiñas Abrahantes

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participant.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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Declarations of Interests², 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 topic for discussion ([EFSA-Q-2012-01002](#))

The Working Group discussed the final results of the statistical simulations based on available case studies and how to develop a three stage sampling schemes, taking into account of differences and variability at slaughterhouse, flock and broilers level. The draft reports were discussed and the next steps agreed.

5. Next meetings

6th WG meeting: 5 June 2013

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Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Working Group on the preparation of a data collection system of welfare indicators in EU broiler slaughterhouses

**WEB-conference, 12/04/2013
(Agreed on 04/06/2013)**

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Gerard van Breukelen
 - Toby Knowles
 - Virginie Michel
 - Charlotte Berg has participated physically in Parma

- **Hearing Experts:**
 - Laure Bignon

- **European Commission:**
 - Terence Cassidy (DG SANCO)
 - Patrick Caruana (DG SANCO)
 - Vania Loyola (DG SANCO)

- **EFSA:**
 - AHAW Unit: Maria Ferrara
 - SAS Unit: José Cortiñas Abrahantes

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participant.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Scientific topic for discussion ([EFSA-Q-2012-01002](#))

The Working Group discussed the first results of the statistical simulations run on the basis of available case studies, with particular focus on the between-slaughterhouses and between-flocks variability identified for the main indicators of the draft data collection. On this basis, the Working Group discussed how to integrate such variability parameters in the sample size equation to be designed for this data collection. The structures of the general methodological report and of the report to reply to Commission's mandate were also discussed, and next steps agreed.

5. Next meetings

5th WG meeting: 17 May 2013 Web-conference

6th WG meeting: 5 June 2013

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Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group on the preparation of a data collection system of welfare indicators in EU broiler slaughterhouses

**WEB-conference, 1/03/2013
(Agreed on 9/04/2013)**

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Gerard Van Breukelen
 - Toby Knowles
 - Virginie Michel
 - Charlotte Berg

- **European Commission:**
 - Paolo Dalla Villa (DG SANCO)

- **EFSA:**
 - AHAW Unit: Maria Ferrara
 - SAS Unit: José Cortiñas Abrahantes

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participant.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding

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Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. Due to health reasons in the days before the meeting as well as technical problems, one expert was unable to submit his SDol. Nevertheless, 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 topic for discussion ([EFSA-Q-2012-01002](#))

Following the presentation of statistical simulations based on the data so far available, discussions focused on the methodological approach to be taken, in particular in relation to the advantages of applying a random sampling scheme with no stratification, reducing potential bias, in comparison to a stratified sampling protocol, which is likely to be very variable. The structure of the methodological document was also discussed and next steps agreed.

5. Next meetings

4th WG meeting: 12 April 2013 Teleconference

5th WG meeting: 17 May 2013 Teleconference

6th WG meeting: 5 June 2013

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Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group on the preparation of a data collection system of welfare indicators in EU broiler slaughterhouses

**Held on 25-26/02/2013, Maastricht
(Agreed on 27/02/2013)**

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Gerard Van Breukelen

- **EFSA:**
 - SAS Unit: José Cortiñas Abrahantes

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participant.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Scientific topic for discussion ([EFSA-Q-2012-01002](#))

Discussions focused on the approach to be taken, in relation to the issues on pre-stratification factors, sample size calculations based on the hierarchical structure of the

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population and the samples to be taken. The sample size calculation for indicators that considered the whole animal population within a flock, and the relation between the two mortality indicators were as well discussed. The structure of the methodological document was also outlined.

5. Next meetings

3rd WG meeting: 1 March 2013 Teleconference

4th WG meeting: 12 April 2013 Teleconference

5th WG meeting: 17 May 2013 Teleconference

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Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on the preparation of a data collection system of welfare indicators in EU broiler slaughterhouses

**Held on 8/02/2013, Brussels
(Agreed on 21/02/2013)**

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Toby Knowles
 - Virginie Michel
 - Gerard Van Breukelen

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 - Paolo Dalla Villa (DG SANCO)
 - Marina Marini (DG SANCO)
 - Vasco Antunes (DG SANCO)
 - Ignacio Carro Perez (DG SANCO)
 - Minerva Laranjo Gonzalez (DG SANCO)

- **EFSA:**
 - AHAW Unit: Maria Ferrara
 - SAS Unit: José Cortinas Abrahantes

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Charlotte Berg.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Scientific topic for discussion ([EFSA-Q-2012-01002](#))

EFSA staff explained the role and working procedures of the Authority to reply to Commission mandates, with particular focus on requests for technical assistance as foreseen by Art 31 of Council Regulation 178/2002 establishing EFSA. The technical assistance mandate for the preparation of a data collection system of welfare indicators in EU broilers' slaughterhouses was presented and discussed with Commission representatives. The WG discussed a possible statistical methodological approach and scenarios for the analysis to be carried as well as the needed data gathering, in order to reply to the request from the Commission. Plan for next meeting and roadmap of activities were also discussed.

5. Next meetings

2nd WG meeting: 25-26 February 2013

3rd WG meeting: 1 March 2013 Teleconference

4th WG meeting: 12 April 2013 Teleconference

5th WG meeting: 17 May 2013 Teleconference

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