

ALPHA UNIT

Scientific Panel on animal health and welfare

Minutes of the 9th meeting of the working group on the use of perches for poultry

Held on 13-20-22 04 2015, webconference

(Agreed on 22 04 2015)

Participants

• **Working Group Members:**

Virginie Michel

Christine Nicol

Inma Estevez

Lars Schrader

Hans Spoolder

• **EFSA:**

Denise Candiani

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received for Hans-Hermann Thulke.

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 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.

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 8th Working Group meeting held on 2-4-17 03 2015, webconference.

The minutes of the of the 8th Working Group meeting held on 2-4-17 03 2015 in Parma were agreed.

5. Scientific topic for discussion ([EFSA-Q-2014-00242](#))

Finalisation of section on results and section on conclusions and recommendations.

ALPHA UNIT

Scientific Panel on animal health and welfare

Minutes of the 8th meeting of the working group on the use of perches for poultry

Held on 2-4-17 03 2015, webconference

(Agreed on 30 03 2015)

Participants

• **Working Group Members:**

- Virginie Michel
- Christine Nicol
- Inma Estevez
- Lars Schrader
- Hans Spoolder
- Hans-Hermann Thulke

• **EFSA:**

- Denise Candiani

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 7th Working Group meeting held on 24-25 02 2015, webconference.

The minutes of the of the 7th Working Group meeting held on 24-25 02 2015 in Parma were agreed.

5. Scientific topic for discussion ([EFSA-Q-2014-00242](#))

Drafting of the section on criteria and ABMs to assess perch adequacy.

6. Next meetings

Web-conferences on 13 20 22 04 2015

Scientific Panel on animal health and welfare

Minutes of the 8th meeting of the working group on the use of perches for poultry

Held on 2-4-17 03 2015, webconference

(Agreed on 30 03 2015)

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 - Virginie Michel
 - Christine Nicol
 - Inma Estevez
 - Lars Schrader
 - Hans Spoolder
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The Chair welcomed the participants.

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9. Agreement of the minutes of the 7th Working Group meeting held on 24-25 02 2015, webconference.

The minutes of the of the 7th Working Group meeting held on 24-25 02 2015 in Parma were agreed.

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Drafting of the section on criteria and ABMs to assess perch adequacy.

11. Next meetings

Web-conferences on 13 20 22 04 2015

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Scientific Panel on animal health and welfare

Minutes of the 7th meeting of the working group on the use of perches for poultry

Held on 24-25 02 2015, Parma

(Agreed on 02 03 2015)

Participants

• **Working Group Experts:**

- Virginie Michel
- Christine Nicol
- Inma Estevez has participated via webconference
- Lars Schrader
- Hans Spoolder
- Hans-Hermann Thulke

• **Hearing experts**

- Rob Boomstra
- Valentina Ferrante
- Patrick Guillou
- Andrew Joret
- Linda Keeling
- Giuliano Maltoni
- Knut Niebuhr
- José Luis Puerta Villegas

• **EFSA:**

- Denise Candiani
- Olaf Mosbach-Schulz
- Sanel Ramović
- Gabriele Zancanaro

12. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

13. Adoption of agenda

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15. Agreement of the minutes of the 6th Working Group meeting held on 12-18 02 2015, webconference.

The minutes of the of the 6th Working Group meeting held on 12-18 02 2015 via webconference were agreed.

16. Hearing Experts

The experts Rob Boomstra, Valentina Ferrante, Patrick Guillou, Andrew Joret, Linda Keeling, Giuliano Maltoni, Knut Niebuhr, José Luis Puerta Villegas were invited to present their views for the Expert Knowledge Elicitation exercise on various perch heights and design features during the present meeting.

17. Scientific topics for discussion

Technical hearing meeting with hearing experts for Expert Knowledge Elicitation exercise on various perch heights and design features (24th February 2015) and follow up with working group only (25th February 2015).

18. Next meeting

Web-conferences on 2-4-17 03 2015

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Minutes of the 6th meeting of the working group on the use of perches for poultry

Held on 12-18 02 2015, webconference

(Agreed on 25 02 2015)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

Virginie Michel

Christine Nicol

Inma Estevez

Lars Schrader

Hans Spoolder

- **EFSA:**

Denise Candiani

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Hans-Hermann Thulke.

2. Adoption of agenda

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during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 5th Working Group meeting held on 22-23 01 2015, Parma.

The minutes of the of the 5th Working Group meeting held on 22-23 01 2015 in Parma.were agreed.

5. Scientific topic for discussion ([EFSA-Q-2014-00242](#))

Revision of minimum and maximum height for perches to be proposed in the draft scientific opinion and preparation of the draft opinion for AHAW Panel discussion.

6. Next meeting(s)

24-25 02 2015

ALPHA UNIT

Scientific Panel on animal health and welfare

Minutes of the 5th meeting of the working group on the use of perches for poultry

Held on 22-23 01 2015, Parma

(Agreed on 24 02 2015)

Participants

• **Working Group Members:**

- Virginie Michel
- Christine Nicol has participated via webconference
- Inma Estevez has participated via webconference
- Lars Schrader
- Hans Spoolder

• **EFSA:**

- Denise Candiani
- Olaf Mosbach-Schulz
- Sanel Ramović

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

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during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 4th Working Group meeting held on 10-11 12 2014, Parma.

The minutes of the of the 4th Working Group meeting held on 10-11 12 2014 in Parma were agreed.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion ([EFSA-Q-2014-00242](#))

Discussion on the draft opinion and drafting of the scenarios on perch height and design to be presented to the technical hearing experts for the EKE meeting.

6. Next meeting(s)

12-18 02 2015 webconferences

AHAW UNIT

Scientific Panel on animal health and welfare

Minutes of the 4th meeting of the working group on the use of perches for poultry

Held on 10-11 12 2014, webconference

(Agreed on 22-23 01 2015)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

- Virginie Michel
- Christine Nicol
- Inma Estevez
- Lars Schrader
- Hans Spoolder

- **EFSA:**

- Denise Candiani

7. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

8. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

9. Declarations of interest

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10. Agreement of the minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting held on 03-04 11 2014, Parma.

The minutes of the of the 3rd Working Group meeting held on 03-04 11 2014 in Parma were agreed.

11. Scientific topic(s) for discussion ([EFSA-Q-2014-00242](#))

Discussion of draft opinion and of the eventual need for an Expert Knowledge Elicitation (EKE) exercise to gather data on perch height and design.

12. Next meeting(s)

22-23 01 2015

AHAW UNIT

Scientific Panel on animal health and welfare

Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the working group on the use of perches for poultry

Held on 3-4 11 2014, Parma

(Agreed on 10 12 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

- Virginie Michel
- Christine Nicol
- Inma Estevez
- Lars Schrader
- Hans Spoolder

- **EFSA:**

- 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

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting held on 09-11-19-30 09 2014, webconference.

The minutes of the of the 2nd Working Group meeting held on 09-11-19-30 09 2014 via webconference were agreed.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion ([EFSA-Q-2014-00242](#))

Discussion of output and of outcomes from literature scoping review and systematic review about perch height and design.

6. Next meeting(s)

Web-conferences on 10-11 12 2014

AHAW UNIT

Scientific Panel on animal health and welfare

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the working group on the use of perches for poultry

Held on 09-11-19-30 09 2014, webconference

(Agreed on 03 11 2014)

Participants

• **Working Group Members:**

- Virginie Michel
- Christine Nicol
- Inma Estevez
- Lars Schrader
- Hans Spoolder

• **EFSA:**

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 9-10 July 2014, Parma.

The minutes of the of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 9-10 July 2014 were agreed by written procedure on 17 September 2014.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion ([EFSA-Q-2014-00242](#))

Finalisation of the criteria and ABMs to assess perch adequacy in terms of height and design.

6. Next meeting

3-4 11 2014

ALPHA UNIT

Scientific Panel on animal health and welfare

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the working group on the use of perches for poultry

Held on 09-10 07 2014, Parma

(Agreed on 17 09 2014)

Participants

• **Working Group Members:**

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- Christine Nicol
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4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

Overall presentation of the mandate on the use of perches for poultry ([EFSA-Q-2014-00242](#)) including outline of the opinion and task subdivision. Drafting of the criteria and ABMs to assess perch adequacy as a basis for the scoping literature review.

5. Next meeting(s)

Web-conferences on 09-11-19-30 09 2014

Scientific Panel on animal health and welfare

Minutes of the 7th meeting of the working group on the use of perches for poultry

Held on 24-25 02 2015, Parma

(Agreed on 02 03 2015)

Participants

• **Working Group Experts:**

- Virginie Michel
- Christine Nicol
- Inma Estevez has participated via webconference
- Lars Schrader
- Hans Spooler
- Hans-Hermann Thulke

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10. Agreement of the minutes of the 6th Working Group meeting held on 12-18 02 2015, webconference.

The minutes of the of the 6th Working Group meeting held on 12-18 02 2015 via webconference were agreed.

11. Hearing Experts

The experts Rob Boomstra, Valentina Ferrante, Patrick Guillou, Andrew Joret, Linda Keeling, Giuliano Maltoni, Knut Niebuhr, José Luis Puerta Villegas were invited to present their views for the Expert Knowledge Elicitation exercise on various perch heights and design features during the present meeting.

12. Scientific topics for discussion

Technical hearing meeting with hearing experts for Expert Knowledge Elicitation exercise on various perch heights and design features (24th February 2015) and follow up with working group only (25th February 2015).

13. Next meeting

Web-conferences on 2-4-17 03 2015

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 5th Working Group meeting held on 22-23 01 2015, Parma.

The minutes of the of the 5th Working Group meeting held on 22-23 01 2015 in Parma.were agreed.

5. Scientific topic for discussion ([EFSA-Q-2014-00242](#))

Revision of minimum and maximum height for perches to be proposed in the draft scientific opinion and preparation of the draft opinion for AHAW Panel discussion.

6. Next meeting(s)

24-25 02 2015

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Scientific Panel on animal health and welfare

Minutes of the 5th meeting of the working group on the use of perches for poultry

Held on 22-23 01 2015, Parma

(Agreed on 24 02 2015)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
 - Virginie Michel
 - Christine Nicol has participated via webconference
 - Inma Estevez has participated via webconference
 - Lars Schrader
 - Hans Spoolder

- **EFSA:**
 - Denise Candiani
 - Olaf Mosbach-Schulz
 - Sanel Ramović

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The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 4th Working Group meeting held on 10-11 12 2014, Parma.

The minutes of the of the 4th Working Group meeting held on 10-11 12 2014 in Parma were agreed.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion ([EFSA-Q-2014-00242](#))

Discussion on the draft opinion and drafting of the scenarios on perch height and design to be presented to the technical hearing experts for the EKE meeting.

6. Next meeting(s)

12-18 02 2015 webconferences

AHAW UNIT

Scientific Panel on animal health and welfare

Minutes of the 4th meeting of the working group on the use of perches for poultry

Held on 10-11 12 2014, webconference

(Agreed on 22-23 01 2015)

Participants

• **Working Group Members:**

- Virginie Michel
- Christine Nicol
- Inma Estevez
- Lars Schrader
- Hans Spoolder

• **EFSA:**

- Denise Candiani

7. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

8. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

9. Declarations of interest

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11. Scientific topic(s) for discussion ([EFSA-Q-2014-00242](#))

Discussion of draft opinion and of the eventual need for an Expert Knowledge Elicitation (EKE) exercise to gather data on perch height and design.

12. Next meeting(s)

22-23 01 2015

AHAW UNIT

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Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the working group on the use of perches for poultry

Held on 3-4 11 2014, Parma

(Agreed on 10 12 2014)

Participants

• **Working Group Members:**

- Virginie Michel
- Christine Nicol
- Inma Estevez
- Lars Schrader
- Hans Spoolder

• **EFSA:**

- Denise Candiani

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2. Adoption of agenda

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5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion ([EFSA-Q-2014-00242](#))

Discussion of output and of outcomes from literature scoping review and systematic review about perch height and design.

6. Next meeting(s)

Web-conferences on 10-11 12 2014

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 9-10 July 2014, Parma.

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5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion ([EFSA-Q-2014-00242](#))

Finalisation of the criteria and ABMs to assess perch adequacy in terms of height and design.

6. Next meeting

3-4 11 2014

ALPHA UNIT

Scientific Panel on animal health and welfare

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the working group on the use of perches for poultry

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Overall presentation of the mandate on the use of perches for poultry ([EFSA-Q-2014-00242](#)) including outline of the opinion and task subdivision. Drafting of the criteria and ABMs to assess perch adequacy as a basis for the scoping literature review.

5. Next meeting(s)

Web-conferences on 09-11-19-30 09 2014