

Unit on Biological Monitoring (BIOMO)

**Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Working Group on
food-borne outbreak reporting specifications**

Held on 30 September 2013, Parma

(Agreed on 2 October 2013)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - John Cowden (chair), Bob Adak, Gilles Delmas, Darina O’Flanagan, Dirk Werber, Katelijne Dierick.
- **Hearing Experts:**
 - Not applicable
- **European Commission and/or Member States representative:**
 - Not applicable
- **ECDC:**
 - Celine Gossner
- **EFSA:**
 - BIOMO Unit: Pia Mäkelä, Valentina Rizzi, Roisin Rooney.

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Lone Jannok Porsbo.

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 Processes and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests, 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. Agreement on the minutes of the 1st WG Meeting held on 26 March 2013

The minutes were agreed on 26 March 2013 and published on the EFSA website on 5 April 2013.

5. Scientific topics for discussion

5.1 Suggested revised objectives of the system for harmonized reporting of food-borne outbreaks (EFSA-Q-2013-00095)

The objectives of the current reporting system were reviewed and suggestions for their revision were discussed.

5.2 Suggested revised framework for the summary of food-borne outbreaks (EFSA-Q-2013-00095)

The current structure of the summary of food-borne outbreaks was analysed and the proposal for a revised framework was discussed.

5.3 Proposed amendments to the food-borne outbreak reporting specifications (EFSA-Q-2013-00095)

The proposed amendments to the food-borne outbreaks reporting system were discussed. The plan is to finalise the report on the revised technical specifications by mid December for the consultation of the Task Force on Zoonoses Data Collection.

6. Any Other Business

No additional topic was discussed.

7. Next meetings

No other meetings are foreseen for this working group.

Parma, 26 March 2013

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Held on 26 March 2013, Parma

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Participants

- **Working group Experts:**
 - John Cowden (chair), Bob Adak, Gilles Delmas, Celine Gossner, Darina O'Flanagan, Annette Reinecke, Dirk Werber.
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4. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting

Not applicable.

5. Scientific topic for discussion

5.1 Review of current outbreak reporting specifications ([EFSA-Q-2013-00095](#)) and Current and future surveillance output ([EFSA-Q-2013-00095](#))

The mandate from the European Commission was discussed. Tasks were allocated among the members of the working group for further drafting of the report.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting of the working group on food-borne outbreak reporting specifications will be held in autumn 2013, if needed.

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

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