

## Assessment and Methodological Support Unit

### Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the analysis of the baseline survey on the prevalence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in certain RTE foods

Web-conference, 14 May 2014

(Agreed on 8 August 2014)

#### Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Lieven De Zutter, Kostas Koutsoumanis, Apostolos Angelidis, Micheal O'Mahony, Mieke Uyttendaele
- **Hearing Experts: -**
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -**
- **EFSA:**
  - AMU unit: Marios Georgiadis (chair), Gabriele Zancanaro

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Nathalie Gnanou-Besse and Martin Wagner. Also, from Winy Messens (EFSA) and from Rosa Peran (European Commission, DG SANCO).

#### 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<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

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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 14<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 28 April 2014, by web-conference.**

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 13 May 2014 and published on the EFSA website on 23 May 2014.

#### **5. Scientific topic for discussion**

##### **5.1. Discussion on the EFSA Scientific Report, part B (EFSA-Q-2011-00405)**

The current draft of the EFSA Scientific Report, part B was presented, discussed and updated. Several pending issues in the draft Report were discussed. Special attention was given to the drafting of the 'Conclusions and recommendations' section.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

#### **7. Next meetings**

No other meetings are scheduled for this Working Group.

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### Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the analysis of the baseline survey on the prevalence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in certain RTE foods

Web-conference, 28 April 2014

(Agreed on 13 May 2014)

#### Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Lieven De Zutter, Kostas Koutsoumanis, Apostolos Angelidis, Martin Wagner, Micheal O'Mahony, Mieke Uyttendaele
- **Hearing Experts: -**
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -**
- **EFSA:**
  - AMU unit: Marios Georgiadis (chair), Gabriele Zancanaro
  - DATA unit: Klaudia Chrzastek

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Nathalie Gnanou-Besse. Also, from Winy Messens (EFSA) and from Rosa Peran (European Commission, DG SANCO).

#### 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 13<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 7-8 April 2014, Parma.**

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 24 April 2014 and published on the EFSA website on 2 May 2014.

#### **5. Scientific topic for discussion**

##### **5.1. Discussion on the EFSA Scientific Report, part B (EFSA-Q-2011-00405)**

The current draft of the EFSA Scientific Report, part B was presented, discussed and updated. Several sections of the draft Report were considered, including a discussion on several of the pending issues in the draft Report. Special attention was given to the drafting of a 'Conclusions and recommendations' section. A few ideas were proposed for inclusion in this section, but further development and editing are necessary. Tasks were allocated among the WG experts, together with the related timelines.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

#### **7. Next meetings**

The 15<sup>th</sup> WG meeting will be held as a Web-conference on a date that will be decided by e-mail communication with the WG experts.

## Assessment and Methodological Support Unit

### Minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the analysis of the baseline survey on the prevalence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in certain RTE foods

Held on 7-8 April 2014, Parma

(Agreed on 24 April 2014)

#### Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Lieven De Zutter, Kostas Koutsoumanis, Apostolos Angelidis, Martin Wagner, Micheal O'Mahony
- **Hearing Experts:** -
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:** -
- **EFSA:**
  - AMU unit: Marios Georgiadis (chair), Gabriele Zancanaro

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Mieke Uyttendaele and Nathalie Gnanou-Besse. Also, from Winy Messens (EFSA) and from Rosa Peran (European Commission, DG SANCO).

#### 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<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

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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 12<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 19-20 February 2014, Parma.**

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 4 April 2014 and published on the EFSA website on 15 April 2014.

#### **5. Scientific topic for discussion**

##### **5.1. Discussion on the EFSA Scientific Report, part B (EFSA-Q-2011-00405)**

The current draft of the EFSA Scientific Report, part B was presented, discussed and updated. It was decided that the current 'Results' and 'Discussion' sections should be merged into one section. Special attention was given to the presentation and interpretation of the findings. The terms of reference were specifically discussed and tasks were allocated, together with the related timelines.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

#### **7. Next meetings**

The 14<sup>th</sup> WG meeting will be held either on the 28<sup>th</sup> or on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April 2014, as a Web-conference.

## Assessment and Methodological Support Unit

### Minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the analysis of the baseline survey on the prevalence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in certain RTE foods

Held on 19-20 February 2014, Parma

(Agreed on 4 April 2014)

#### Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Lieven De Zutter, Mieke Uyttendaele, Apostolos Angelidis, Martin Wagner, Nathalie Gnanou-Besse, Micheal O'Mahony
- **Hearing Experts: -**
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -**
- **EFSA:**
  - AMU unit: Marios Georgiadis (chair), Gabriele Zancanaro

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Kostas Koutsoumanis as well as from Winy Messens (EFSA) and from Rosa Peran (European Commission, DG SANCO).

#### 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 11<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 20 January 2014, by web-conference.**

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 17 February 2014 and published on the EFSA website on 24 February 2014.

#### **5. Scientific topic for discussion**

##### **5.1. Discussion on the EFSA Scientific Report, part B (EFSA-Q-2011-00405)**

The current draft of the EFSA Scientific Report, part B was presented and discussed. Discussions focused on the content, structure as well as on the presentation and discussion of the results in the EFSA Scientific Report, part B. The terms of reference were specifically discussed and tasks were allocated, together with the related timelines.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

#### **7. Next meetings**

The 13<sup>th</sup> WG meeting will be held on 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> of April 2014, in Parma.



## Assessment and Methodological Support Unit

### Minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the analysis of the baseline survey on the prevalence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in certain RTE foods

Web-conference, 20 January 2014

(Agreed on 17 February 2014)

#### Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Lieven De Zutter, Mieke Uyttendaele, Apostolos Angelidis, Kostas Koutsoumanis, Martin Wagner
- **Hearing Experts: -**
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -**
- **EFSA:**
  - AMU unit: Marios Georgiadis (chair), Gabriele Zancanaro
  - DATA unit: Klaudia Chrzastek

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Nathalie Gnanou-Besse, Micheal O'Mahony, Winy Messens (EFSA) and from Rosa Peran (European Commission, DG SANCO).

#### 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 10<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 16-17 December 2013, Parma.**

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 17 January 2014 and published on the EFSA website on 30 January, 2014.

#### **5. Scientific topic for discussion**

##### **5.1. Discussion on the EFSA Scientific Report, part B (EFSA-Q-2011-00405)**

The current draft of the EFSA Scientific Report, part B was presented and discussed. Discussions focused on the content, structure as well as on the presentation and discussion of the results in the EFSA Scientific Report, part B. The terms of reference were specifically discussed and tasks were allocated, together with the related timelines.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

#### **7. Next meetings**

The 12<sup>th</sup> WG meeting will be held on 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> of February 2014, in Parma.

## Assessment and Methodological Support Unit

### Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the analysis of the baseline survey on the prevalence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in certain RTE foods

Held on 16-17 December 2013, Parma

(Agreed on 17 January 2014)

#### Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Lieven De Zutter, Mieke Uyttendaele, Apostolos Angelidis, Nathalie Gnanou-Besse, Kostas Koutsoumanis, Micheal O'Mahony, Martin Wagner
- **Hearing Experts (participated via web-conference):**
  - Marc Aerts, Ruth Nysen
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
  - BIOMO unit: Marios Georgiadis (chair), Frank Boelaert, Klaudia Chrzastek
  - SAS unit: Gabriele Zancanaro, José Cortiñas Abrahantes

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Winy Messens (EFSA) and from Rosa Peran (European Commission, DG SANCO).

#### 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<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding

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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. Agreement of the minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 25 November 2013 by web-conference.**

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 13 December 2013 and published on the EFSA website on 3 January, 2014.

#### **5. Scientific topic for discussion**

##### **5.1. Discussion on the EFSA Scientific Report, part B (EFSA-Q-2011-00405)**

The current results of the analysis of factors potentially associated with the occurrence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in certain ready-to-eat foods, as well as some issues concerning the analysis related to *Listeria monocytogenes* growth modelling were discussed. The scope and approach of the work for the development of predictive models for compliance with *Listeria monocytogenes* food safety criteria in foods were also discussed. The terms of reference were specifically addressed and tasks were allocated, together with the related timelines.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

No other business was discussed

#### **7. Next meetings**

The 11<sup>th</sup> WG meeting will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2014 as a Web-conference. The 12<sup>th</sup> WG meeting will be held on 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> of February 2014, in Parma

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**UNIT ON BIOLOGICAL MONITORING (BIOMO)**

**Unit on Biological Monitoring**

**Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the analysis of the baseline survey on the prevalence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in certain RTE foods**

**Web-conference, 25 November 2013**

**(Agreed on 13 December 2013)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Lieven De Zutter, Mieke Uyttendaele, Apostolos Angelidis, Nathalie Gnanou-Besse, Kostas Koutsoumanis, Micheal O'Mahony, Martin Wagner
- **Hearing Experts:**
  - Marc Aerts, Ruth Nysen
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
  - BIOMO unit: Marios Georgiadis (chair), Klaudia Chrzastek
  - SAS unit: Gabriele Zancanaro

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Winy Messens (EFSA) and from Rosa Peran (European Commission, DG SANCO).

**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<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding

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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. Agreement of the minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 25 October 2013 in Parma.**

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 22 November 2013 and published on the EFSA website on 2 December, 2013.

#### **5. Scientific topic for discussion**

##### **5.1. Discussion of the draft EFSA Scientific Report, part B (EFSA-Q-2011-00405)**

The current results of the analysis of factors potentially associated with the occurrence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in certain ready-to-eat foods, as well as some issues concerning the analysis related to *Listeria monocytogenes* growth modelling were discussed. Some preliminary discussions regarding the scope of the work for the development of predictive models for compliance with *Listeria monocytogenes* food safety criteria in foods were carried out. The terms of reference were specifically addressed and tasks were allocated, together with the related timelines.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

No other business was discussed

#### **7. Next meetings**

The 10<sup>th</sup> WG meeting will be held on 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> of December 2013, in Parma

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**UNIT ON BIOLOGICAL MONITORING (BIOMO)**

**Unit on Biological Monitoring**

**Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the analysis of the baseline survey on the prevalence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in certain RTE foods**

**Held on 25 October 2013, Parma**

**(Agreed on 22 November 2013)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Lieven De Zutter, Mieke Uyttendaele, Apostolos Angelidis, Nathalie Gnanou-Besse, Kostas Koutsoumanis, Micheal O'Mahony, Martin Wagner
- **Hearing Experts:**
  - Marc Aerts
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
  - BIOMO unit: Marios Georgiadis (chair), Frank Boelaert
  - SAS unit: Gabriele Zancanaro, José Cortiñas Abrahantes

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Winy Messens (EFSA) and from Rosa Peran (European Commission, DG SANCO).

**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<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding

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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. Agreement of the minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 9 September 2013 in Parma.**

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 20 September 2013 and published on the EFSA website on 30 September, 2013.

#### **5. Scientific topic for discussion**

##### **5.1. Discussion of the draft EFSA Scientific Report, part B (EFSA-Q-2011-00405)**

The current results of the analysis of factors potentially associated with *Listeria monocytogenes* in certain ready-to-eat foods, as well as some preliminary results of the analysis related to *Listeria monocytogenes* growth modelling were discussed. The terms of reference were specifically addressed and tasks were allocated, together with the related timelines.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

No other business was discussed

#### **7. Next meetings**

The 9<sup>th</sup> WG meeting will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2013 as a Web Conference. The 10<sup>th</sup> WG meeting will be held on 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> of December 2013, in Parma

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**UNIT ON BIOLOGICAL MONITORING (BIOMO)**

**Unit on Biological Monitoring**

**Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the Analysis of the baseline survey on the prevalence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in certain RTE foods**

**Held on 09 September 2013, Parma**

**(Agreed on 20 September 2013)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Lieven De Zutter, Mieke Uyttendaele, Apostolos Angelidis, Nathalie Gnanou-Besse, Kostas Koutsoumanis, Micheal OMahony, Martin Wagner
- **Hearing Experts (participated via web-conference):**
  - Marc Aerts, Ruth Nysen and Trias Wahyuni Rakhmawati
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
  - BIOMO unit: Marios Georgiadis (chair), Giusi Amore, Frank Boelaert
  - BIOHAZ unit: Winy Messens
  - SCER unit: Maria-Eleni Filippitzi

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Rosa Peran (European Commission, DG SANCO).

**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<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding

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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. Agreement of the minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 25 April 2013 as WEB-conference.**

The minutes were agreed on 8 May 2013 and published on the EFSA website 17 May 2013.

#### **5. Scientific topic for discussion**

##### **5.1. Discussion of the draft EFSA Scientific Report, part B (EFSA-Q-2011-00405)**

The preliminary analysis of the factors potentially associated with *Listeria* in certain ready-to-eat foods, as well as the proposal of applying predictive models for the microbial growth of *L. monocytogenes* were discussed. The terms of reference were specifically addressed. The expert's contributions to the draft report were discussed and tasks were allocated for starting drafting of the Scientific Report part B, together with the related timelines.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

No other business was discussed

#### **7. Next meeting**

The 8<sup>th</sup> WG meeting will be held in Parma on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

An *ad hoc* subgroup meeting may be scheduled as web-conference in September 2013 to specifically discuss some aspects of the statistical analysis.

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## Unit on Biological Monitoring (BIOMO)

### Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the Analysis of the baseline survey on the prevalence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in certain RTE foods (Report A)

Held by WEB-conference, 25 April 2013

(Agreed on 8 May 2013)

#### Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Lieven De Zutter, Mieke Uyttendaele, Apostolos Angelidis, Mats Lindblad, Nathalie Gnanou-Besse
- **Hearing Experts: -**
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -**
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOMO unit: Frank Boelaert (chair), Marios Georgiadis

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Micheal OMahony, Martin Wagner, Marc Aerts (hearing expert) and Rosa Peran (European Commission, DG SANCO)

#### 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<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding

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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. Agreement of the minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 9 April 2013, Ghent**

The minutes were agreed on 25 April 2013 and published on the EFSA website on 30 April 2013.

#### **5. Scientific topic for discussion**

##### **5.1 Discussion of the draft Report A (EFSA-Q-2011-00137)**

Current findings on prevalence estimations as well as qualitative and quantitative survey results were presented and discussed. Additional emphasis was given to the presentation of results and the discussion and conclusions sections. The two terms of reference were specifically addressed. The expert's contributions to the draft report were discussed and tasks were allocated for further drafting and finalisation of the report, together with the related timelines.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

#### **7. Next meeting**

No other meeting was scheduled.

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Parma, 21 May 2012

**UNIT ON BIOLOGICAL MONITORING**

**Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the Analysis of the baseline survey on the prevalence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in certain RTE foods (Report A)**

**Web-Conference, 21 May 2012**

**EFSA**

**Agreed by the WG on 21 May 2012**

**Participants**

WG Experts: Micheal OMahony, Lieven De Zutter, Mieke Uyttendaele, Apostolos Angelidis, Nathalie Gnannou-Besse, Martin Wagner, Mats Lindblad

Hearing Experts: NA

Observers: NA

EFSA: BIOMO: Frank Boelaert (chair), Marios Georgiadis, Elena Mazzolini and Giusi Amore, BIOHAZ: Winy Messens

**1. Welcome and apologies**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of interest (DoI)**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) 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 beginning of the meeting.

**4. Discussions**

The mandate from the European Commission was discussed. An overview of the EU-wide baseline surveys was given. The design of the *Listeria* baseline survey was briefly presented and the plan of analysis, along with proposed timelines, was discussed.

**5. Next meeting date**

The date of the next WG meeting was not fixed but it was agreed that a mutually agreeable date will be sought soon.

Parma, 3 December 2012

UNIT ON BIOLOGICAL MONITORING

**Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the Analysis of the baseline survey on the prevalence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in certain RTE foods (Report A)**

Parma, 3 December 2012

EFSA/BIOMO Unit

Agreed by the WG on 3 December 2012

**Participants**

WG Experts:	Micheal OMahony, Lieven De Zutter, Mieke Uyttendaele, Apostolos Angelidis, Nathalie Gnanou-Besse, Martin Wagner, Mats Lindblad
Hearing Experts:	NA
Observers:	NA
EFSA:	BIOMO: Frank Boelaert (chair), Marios Georgiadis and Giusi Amore, BIOHAZ: Winy Messens
EFSA's contractor:	Marc Aerts

**1. Welcome and apologies**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received Rosa Peran (European Commission).

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of interest (DoI)**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and/or Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) 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 beginning of this meeting.

#### **4. Discussions**

An overview of the EU-wide baseline survey data validation was given. The plan of analysis of the prevalence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in certain RTE foods was presented, as were the preliminary results. The expert's contributions to the draft report were discussed and tasks were allocated for further drafting of the report.

#### **5. Next meeting date**

The next WG meeting will take place on 30 January 2013 in Brussels.

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Parma, 11 March 2013

## Unit on Biological Monitoring (BIOMO)

### Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the Analysis of the baseline survey on the prevalence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in certain RTE foods (Report A)

Held on 30 January 2013, Brussels

(Agreed on 11 March, 2013)

#### Participants

- **WG Experts:**
  - Micheal OMahony, Lieven De Zutter, Mieke Uyttendaele, Apostolos Angelidis, Nathalie Gnanou-Besse, Martin Wagner, Mats Lindblad
- **Hearing Experts:**
  - Marc Aerts has participated via teleconference
- **European Commission and/or Member States representative:**
  - Rosa Peran (DG SANCO)
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOMO unit: Frank Boelaert (chair), Marios Georgiadis
  - BIOHAZ unit: Winy Messens

#### 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 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. Agreement of the minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 3 December 2012, Parma**

The minutes were agreed on 3 December 2012 and published on the EFSA website on 5 December 2012.

### **5. Scientific topic for discussion**

#### **5.1 Discussion of the draft Report A and experts' contributions (EFSA-Q-2011-00137)**

An overview of the EU-wide baseline survey data validation and of the cleaned dataset was given. The revised plan of analysis of the prevalence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in certain RTE foods for report A was presented, as were the preliminary results. A list of questions that had been prepared before the meeting for the consideration of the experts was discussed. Current findings on prevalence estimations as well as qualitative and quantitative survey results were presented and discussed, as were also some preliminary conclusions and recommendations. The needs for additional clarifications and analyses were identified. The two terms of reference were specifically addressed. The expert's contributions to the draft report were discussed and tasks were allocated for further drafting of the report, together with the related timelines.

### **6. Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

### **7. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 11-12 March, 2013 in Parma.

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

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

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## Unit on Biological Monitoring (BIOMO)

### Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the Analysis of the baseline survey on the prevalence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in certain RTE foods (Report A)

Held on 11-12 March 2013, Parma

(Agreed on 9 April 2013)

#### Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Micheal OMahony, Lieven De Zutter, Mieke Uyttendaele, Apostolos Angelidis, Mats Lindblad
- **Hearing Experts: -**
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -**
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOMO unit: Frank Boelaert (chair), Marios Georgiadis
  - BIOHAZ unit: Winy Messens

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Nathalie Gnanou-Besse, Martin Wagner and Rosa Peran (European Commission, DG SANCO)

#### 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<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding

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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. Agreement of the minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 30 January 2013, Brussels**

The minutes were agreed on 11 March 2013 and published on the EFSA website on 13 March 2013.

#### **5. Scientific topic for discussion**

##### **5.1 Discussion of the draft Report A (EFSA-Q-2011-00137)**

A list of questions that had been prepared before the meeting for the consideration of the experts was discussed. Current findings on prevalence estimations as well as qualitative and quantitative survey results were presented and discussed, as were also some preliminary conclusions and recommendations. The two terms of reference were specifically addressed. The expert's contributions to the draft report were discussed and tasks were allocated for further drafting of the report, together with the related timelines.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

#### **7. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 9 April, 2013 in Ghent.

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## Unit on Biological Monitoring (BIOMO)

### Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on the Analysis of the baseline survey on the prevalence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in certain RTE foods (Report A)

Held on 9 April 2013, Ghent

(Agreed on 25 April 2013)

#### Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Micheal O'Mahony, Lieven De Zutter, Mieke Uyttendaele, Apostolos Angelidis, Mats Lindblad, Martin Wagner
- **Hearing Experts:**
  - Marc Aerts has participated via teleconference
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -**
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOMO unit: Frank Boelaert (chair), Marios Georgiadis

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Nathalie Gnanou-Besse, and Rosa Peran (European Commission, DG SANCO)

#### 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<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding

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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. Agreement of the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 11-12 March 2013, Parma**

The minutes were agreed on 9 April 2013 and published on the EFSA website on 11 April 2013.

#### **5. Scientific topic for discussion**

##### **5.1 Discussion of the draft Report A (EFSA-Q-2011-00137)**

A list of questions that had been prepared before the meeting for the consideration of the experts was discussed. Current findings on prevalence estimations as well as qualitative and quantitative survey results were presented and discussed, as were also some preliminary conclusions and recommendations. The two terms of reference were specifically addressed. The expert's contributions to the draft report were discussed and tasks were allocated for further drafting of the report, together with the related timelines.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

#### **7. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held by teleconference on Thursday 25 April 2013.

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