

**BIOHAZ UNIT**

**Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards**  
**Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Bioreduction application**  
**Parma 23 09 2013**  
**(Agreed on 23 09 2013)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Avelino Álvarez-Ordóñez, Reinhard Böhm, John Griffin (Chair) and Christophe Nguyen-The.
- **Hearing Experts:**
  - NA
- **European Commission:**
  - NA
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOHAZ Unit: Fulvio Barizzone
- **Others:**
  - NA

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

**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.

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

##### **4.1 Bioreduction application ([EFSA-Q-2013-00609](#))**

An updated draft document was presented together with the feedback received from the BIOHAZ Plenary Members.

The draft opinion was discussed and amendments were made to the text. Preliminary conclusions and recommendations were drafted.

Tasks were allocated among the WG members in order to further develop the assessment.

#### **5. Next meeting(s)**

It was agreed to have the next WG meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> November as a web-conference.

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**BIOHAZ UNIT**

**Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards**  
**Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Bioreduction application**  
**WEB-conference 29 08 2013**  
**(Agreed on 29 08 2013)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Avelino Álvarez-Ordóñez, Reinhard Böhm, John Griffin (Chair) and Christophe Nguyen-The.
- **Hearing Experts:**
  - NA
- **European Commission:**
  - NA
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOHAZ Unit: Fulvio Barizzzone and Pietro Stella
- **Others:**
  - NA

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##### **4.1 Bioreduction application ([EFSA-Q-2013-00609](#))**

The mandate was presented and discussed in detail.

The available documentation was reviewed.

The approach to the mandate was agreed together with the backbone document to be used to perform the assessment.

Avelino Álvarez-Ordóñez was proposed as a rapporteur.

Tasks were allocated among the WG members in order to develop the assessment.

#### **5. Next meeting(s)**

It was agreed to have the next WG meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> September in Parma.