

Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards
Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on Clarification on the
Scientific Opinion on public health risk related to the maintenance of the cold
chain during storage and transport of meat (Part I and Part II)
Held on 29 April 2015, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 05 May 2015)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
 - Declan Bolton
 - Kostas Koutsoumanis
 - Laurent Guillier
- **EFSA:**
 - BIOCONTAM Unit: Michaela Hempen

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 of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest 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.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

- 4.1 Clarification on public health risk related to the maintenance of the cold chain during storage and transport of meat (Part I and Part II)
<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00162>

The replies to the clarification requests are the main part of the draft document. The draft replies were already discussed in the January 2015 meeting of the BIOHAZ Panel. The replies will be expanded and scientific references will be added.

5. Next meeting

No further meetings are planned.

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