
BIOHAZ UNIT

Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards

Minutes of the 12th meeting of the Working Group on public health hazards to be covered by inspection of meat (bovines)

**Held on 29/04/2013, Parma
(Agreed on 29/04/2013)**

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Declan Bolton, Sava Buncic, Arie Havelaar, Truls Nesbakken and John Sofos.

- **EFSA:**
 - BIOHAZ Unit: Luis Vivas-Alegre.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Pierre Dorny and Eva Warns-Petit.

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.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the (10)th Working Group meeting held on 06-07/02/2013, Parma.

The minutes were agreed on the 07/02/2013 and published on the EFSA website on the 14/02/2013.

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

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

5. Scientific topic for discussion

5.1 Public health hazards to be covered by inspection of meat - bovine ([EFSA-Q-2011-00364](#))

The draft Scientific Opinion was discussed. Final tasks were identified and distributed among the WG Experts and EFSA Secretariat.

6. Next meeting(s)

The WG Experts considered that this would be the last meeting of the WG and that the Opinion will be presented for possible adoption at the BIOHAZ Panel Plenary meeting to be held in June.

BIOHAZ UNIT

Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards

Minutes of the 11th meeting of the Working Group on public health hazards to be covered by inspection of meat (bovines)

**Held on 06-07/02/2013, Parma
(Agreed on 07/02/2013)**

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Declan Bolton, Sava Buncic, Pierre Dorny, Arie Havelaar, Truls Nesbakken and John Sofos.

- **EFSA:**
 - BIOHAZ Unit: Pablo Romero-Barrios, Michaela Hempen, Luis Vivas-Alegre.
 - BIOMO Unit: Frank Boelaert.
 - AHAW Unit: Karen Mackay.

- **Others:**
 - ECDC: Eva Warns-Petit.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. All WG Experts attended the meeting.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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

4. Agreement of the minutes of the (10)th Working Group meeting held on 03-04/12/2012, Parma.

The minutes were agreed on the 04/12/2012 and published on the EFSA website on the 06/12/2012.

5. Scientific topic for discussion

5.1 Public health hazards to be covered by inspection of meat - bovine ([EFSA-Q-2011-00364](#))

The draft Scientific Opinion was discussed. An update on the progress of the working groups from BIOMO and AHAW on parallel issues was presented. Further tasks were identified and distributed among the WG Experts and EFSA Secretariat.

6. Next meeting(s)

The WG Experts agreed to wait until further developments in the current draft are implemented before deciding on a date for the next WG meeting.

BIOHAZ UNIT

Parma, 4 December 2012

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

Minutes of the 10th meeting of the Working Group on public health hazards to be covered by inspection of meat (bovines)

Parma, 3-4 December 2012

EFSAQ-2011-00364

Agreed by the WG on 4 December 2012

Participants

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| WG Experts | Both days: Truls Nesbakken and John Sofos. First day: Declan Bolton Second day: Sava Buncic (via web conference) and Arie Havelaar |
| Hearing Experts | Morning second day: Radu Blaga |
| EFSA: | Both days: Luis Vivas-Alegre Morning second day: Frank Boelaert (BIOMO Unit) and Marta Hugas, Michaela Hempen, Pablo Romero-Barrios and Pietro Stella (BIOHAZ Unit) |

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were presented by Pierre Dorny and Eva Warns-Petit.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Discussions

A comprehensive presentation on results from recent studies in France of *Toxoplasma gondii* in small ruminants and cattle was presented by Dr. Blaga. The WG discussed and reviewed the draft Opinion. Tasks were distributed among the Experts and EFSA's secretariat.

5. Next meeting date

A WG meeting will be organised in February 2013.

BIOHAZ UNIT

Parma, 18 October 2012

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

Minutes of the 9th meeting of the Working Group on public health hazards to be covered by inspection of meat (bovines)

Web-conference, 17 October 2012

EFSAQ-2011-00364

Agreed by the WG on 17 October 2012

Participants

WG Experts: Declan Bolton, Sava Buncic, Pierre Dorny, Arie Havelaar, Truls Nesbakken and John Sofos
ECDC: Eva warns-Petit
EFSA: Luis Vivas-Alegre (BIOHAZ)

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Discussions

The WG discussed and reviewed the draft Opinion. Tasks were distributed among the Experts and EFSA's secretariat.

5. Next meeting date

A further WG meeting will be organised before the end of 2012.

BIOHAZ UNIT

Parma, 17 September 2012

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

Minutes of the 8th meeting of the Working Group on public health hazards to be covered by inspection of meat (bovines)

Parma, 13 and 14 September 2012

EFSAQ-2011-00364

Agreed by the WG on 14 September 2012

Participants

WG Experts: Declan Bolton, Sava Buncic, Pierre Dorny, Arie Havelaar and John Sofos
ECDC: Vicente Lopez
EFSA: Luis Vivas-Alegre (BIOHAZ)

1. Welcome and apologies

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 Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and the 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 the meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of the meeting.

4. Discussions

The WG discussed and reviewed the draft Opinion. Tasks were distributed among the Experts and EFSA's secretariat.

5. Next meeting date

The next WG meeting will be held in October via web-conference.

BIOHAZ UNIT

Parma, 18 June 2012

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

Minutes of the 7th meeting of the Working Group on public health hazards to be covered by inspection of meat (bovines)

Dublin, 13 and 14 June 2012

EFSAQ-2011-00364

Agreed by the WG on 14 June 2012

Participants

WG Experts: Declan Bolton, Sava Buncic, Arie Havelaar and John Sofos
EFSA: Luis Vivas-Alegre (BIOHAZ)

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Pierre Dorny and Vicente Lopez (ECDC). One minute of silence was held in memory of Professor John Daniel Collins, who has recently passed away.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Discussions

The WG discussed and reviewed the draft Opinion. Tasks were distributed among the Experts and EFSA's secretariat.

5. Next meeting date

The next WG meeting will be held on 13 and 14 September in Parma.

BIOHAZ UNIT

Parma, 24 April 2012

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Working Group on public health hazards to be covered by inspection of meat (bovines)

Web-conference, 23 April 2012

EFSAQ-2011-00364

Agreed by the WG on 23 April 2012

Participants

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| WG Experts: | Declan Bolton, Sava Buncic, Pierre Dorny, Arie Havelaar and John Sofos |
| ECDC: | Vicente Lopez |
| EFSA: | Luis Vivas-Alegre (BIOHAZ) and Silvia Ines Nicolau-Solano (CONTAM) |

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Dan Collins and Arie Ottevanger.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and the 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 the meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of the meeting.

4. Discussions

The WG discussed and reviewed the draft Opinion. Tasks were distributed among the Experts and EFSA's secretariat.

5. Next meeting date

The next WG meeting will be held on 13 and 14 June in Dublin.

BIOHAZ UNIT

Copenhagen, 09 March 2012

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Working Group on public health hazards to be covered by inspection of meat (bovines)

Copenhagen, 8 and 9 March 2012

EFSAQ-2011-00364

Agreed by the WG on the 9th of March 2012

Participants

WG Experts: Declan Bolton, Sava Buncic, Dan Collins, Pierre Dorny, Arie Havelaar (1st day only) and John Sofos

ECDC: Vicente Lopez

EFSA: Marta Hugas and Luis Vivas-Alegre

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Arie Havelaar

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and the 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 the meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of the meeting.

4. Discussions

The WG reviewed the draft Opinion and the data available for the assessment. Tasks were distributed among the Experts and EFSA's secretariat.

5. Next meeting date

The WG agreed to meet again in April via web-conference.

BIOHAZ UNIT

Parma, 16 February 2012

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Working Group on public health hazards to be covered by inspection of meat (bovines)

Web-conference, 16 February 2012

EFSAQ-2011-00364

Agreed by the WG on 16 February 2012

Participants

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| WG Experts: | Declan Bolton, Sava Buncic, Dan Collins, and John Sofos |
| ECDC: | Vicente Lopez |
| EFSA: | Ernesto Liebana, Pablo Romero Barrios and Luis Vivas-Alegre (BIOHAZ), and Milen Georgiev (AHAW) |
| Apologies: | Arie Havelaar and Pierre Dorny |

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Pierre Dorny and Arie Havelaar.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and the 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 the meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of the meeting.

4. Discussions

The WG was brief on the progress in the work of the AHAW WG. The WG discussed and reviewed the draft Opinion. Tasks were distributed among the Experts and EFSA's secretariat.

5. Next meeting date

The next WG meeting will be held on the 8 and 9 March in Copenhagen.

BIOHAZ UNIT

Parma, 02 February 2012

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group on public health hazards to be covered by inspection of meat (bovines)

Web-conference, 1 February 2012

EFSAQ-2011-00364

Agreed by the WG on 1st of February 2012

Participants

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| WG Experts: | Declan Bolton, Sava Buncic, Dan Collins, Pierre Dorny and John Sofos |
| ECDC: | Vicente Lopez |
| EFSA: | Pablo Romero and Luis Vivas-Alegre (BIOHAZ), and Marios Georgiadis, Frank Boelaert (BIOMO) |
| Apologies: | Arie Havelaar |

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Arie Havelaar

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and the 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 the meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of the meeting.

4. Discussions

The WG discussed and reviewed the data available for the Opinion. Tasks were distributed among the Experts and EFSA's secretariat.

5. Next meeting date

The WG agreed to meet again via web-conference before end of February.

BIOHAZ UNIT

Parma, 1 December 2011

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group on public health hazards to be covered by inspection of meat (bovines)

Web-conference, 1 December 2011

EFSAQ-2011-00364

Agreed by the WG on 1st of December 2011

Participants

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| WG Experts: | Declan Bolton, Sava Buncic, Dan Collins and John Sofos |
| Observers: | Arie Ottevanger |
| ECDC: | Vicente Lopez |
| EFSA: | Ernesto Liebana Criado and Luis Vivas-Alegre (BIOHAZ), and Frank Boelaert (BIOMO) |
| Apologies: | Pierre Dorny and Arie Havelaar |

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Pierre Dorny and Arie Havelaar

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and the 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 the meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of the meeting.

4. Discussions

The draft Opinion was reviewed and data availability discussed. Tasks were distributed among the Experts and EFSA's secretariat.

5. Next meeting date

The WG agreed to meet again via web-conference on 1st february 2012.

BIOHAZ UNIT

Parma, 18th October 2011

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on public health hazards to be covered by inspection of meat (bovines)

Parma, 18th October 2011

EFSAQ-2011-00364

Agreed by the WG on 18th October 2011

Participants

WG Experts: Declan Bolton, Sava Buncic, Dan Collins (via web-conference), Pierre Dorny, Arie Havelaar and John Sofos

EFSA: Ernesto Liebana Criado, Pablo Romero Barrios, Pietro Stella and Luis Vivas-Alegre (BIOHAZ), and Frank Boelaert (BIOMO)

Apologies: Arie Ottevanger (EC) and Vicente Lopez (ECDC)

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Arie Ottevanger and Vicente Lopez.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and the 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 the meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of the meeting.

4. Discussions

The mandate was reviewed and discussed, and the approach to address the terms of reference identified. Tasks were distributed among WG Experts and EFSA's Secretariat.

5. Next meeting date

The WG agreed to meet again via web-conference before end 2011.