
BIOHAZ UNIT

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 (solipeds)
or WEB-conference, 25 02 2013
(Agreed on 05 03 2013)**

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Declan Bolton
 - Sava Buncic
 - Henrik Elvang Jensen
 - Edoardo Pozio
 - Antonia Ricci (Chair)

- **EFSA:**
 - BIOHAZ Unit: Pietro Stella

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Eva Warns-Petit (ECDC).

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.

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

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

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 8th Working Group meeting held on 29 01 2013, WEB-conference.

The minutes were agreed on 29 01 2013 and published on the EFSA website 01 02 2013.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Topic n°1 ([link with question number in RoQ](#))

The WG discussed the draft opinion, including the contributions received from the experts. Discussions of the WG focused on text of the draft opinion, including draft conclusions and recommendations. The WG identified tasks to be completed by WG Experts before the next meeting.

6. Next meeting(s)

An additional last meeting for this WG may take place in April 2013. Decision on the need of the meeting was postponed, pending the discussion of the draft opinion within the EFSA Panel on Biological Hazards.

BIOHAZ Unit

Parma, 30 January 2013

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 (solipeds)

Webconference, 29 January 2013

EFSA / Unit / BIOHAZ

Agreed by the WG on 29 January 2013

Participants

WG Experts	Declan Bolton, Sava Buncic, Henrik Elvang Jensen, Edoardo Pozio, Antonia Ricci (chair)
Observers	Eva Warns-Petit (ECDC)
EFSA	Giusi Amore (BIOMO), Pietro Stella (BIOHAZ)

1. Welcome and apologies

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 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

The WG discussed the draft opinion, including the contributions received from the experts. Discussions of the WG focused on the feedback on discussions and decisions by the BIOHAZ Panel and on the text of the draft opinion, which was further developed. The WG identified tasks to be completed by WG Experts before the next meeting.

5. Next meeting date

The next meeting of the WG will take place on 25 February 2013 (webconference).

BIOHAZ Unit

Parma, 12 December 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 (solipeds)

Parma, 12 December 2012

EFSA / Unit / BIOHAZ

Agreed by the WG on 12 December 2012

Participants

WG Experts	Declan Bolton, Sava Buncic, Henrik Elvang Jensen, Edoardo Pozio, Antonia Ricci (chair)
Observers	Eva Warns-Petit (ECDC)
EFSA	Valentina Rizzi (BIOMO), Pietro Stella (BIOHAZ)

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Discussions

The WG discussed the draft opinion, including the contributions received from the experts. Discussions of the WG focused on the following topics: feedback on discussions and decisions by the BIOHAZ Panel, especially on the harmonisation of the structure of the draft opinion on meat inspection for the different animal species, hazard prioritisation, strengths and weaknesses of soliped meat inspection, possible recommendations for adaptation of meat inspection in solipeds. The WG identified tasks to be completed by WG Experts before the next meeting.

5. Next meeting date

The next meeting of the WG will take place on early 2013 (web-conference).

BIOHAZ Unit

Parma, 19 October 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 (solipeds)

Parma, 17 and 18 October 2012

EFSA / Unit / BIOHAZ

Agreed by the WG on 18 October 2012

Participants

WG Experts Declan Bolton, Sava Buncic, Henrik Elvang Jensen, Edoardo Pozio, Antonia Ricci (chair)

EFSA Pietro Stella (BIOHAZ)

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Discussions

The WG discussed the draft opinion, including the contributions received from the experts. Discussions of the WG focused on the following topics: feedback on discussions and decisions by the BIOHAZ Panel, especially on harmonised methodology for prioritising hazards in meat inspection opinions, hazard identification and prioritisation, strengths and weaknesses of soliped meat inspection, possible recommendations for adaptation of meat inspection in solipeds. The WG identified tasks to be completed by WG Experts before the next meeting.

5. Next meeting date

The next meeting of the WG will take place on 12 December 2012 (web-conference).

BIOHAZ Unit

Parma, 18 July 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 (solipeds)

Web-conference, 18 July 2012

EFSA / Unit / BIOHAZ

Agreed by the WG on 18 July 2012

Participants

WG Experts	Declan Bolton, Sava Buncic, Henrik Elvang Jensen, Edoardo Pozio, Antonia Ricci (chair)
Observers	Vicente Lopez (ECDC)
EFSA	Pietro Stella (BIOHAZ), Giusy Amore (BIOMO)

1. Welcome and apologies

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 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

The WG discussed the draft opinion, including the contributions received from the experts. Discussions of the WG focused on the following topics: feedback on discussions within the BIOHAZ Panel, hazard identification and ranking, strengths and weaknesses of meat inspection, possible recommendations for adaption of meat inspection in solipeds. The WG identified tasks to be completed by WG Experts before the next meeting.

5. Next meeting date

The next meeting of the WG will take place on 17-18 October 2012 (Parma).

BIOHAZ Unit

Parma, 31 May 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 (solipeds)

Parma, 31 May 2012

EFSA / Unit / BIOHAZ

Agreed by the WG on 31 May 2012

Participants

WG Experts	Declan Bolton, Sava Buncic, Henrik Elvang Jensen, Edoardo Pozio, Antonia Ricci (chair)
Observers	Vicente Lopez (ECDC)
EFSA	Pietro Stella, Valentina Rizzi

1. Welcome and apologies

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 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

The WG discussed the draft opinion, including the contributions received from the experts. The approach to hazard/risk ranking was reviewed and finalised. The WG identified tasks to be completed by WG Experts before the next meeting.

5. Next meeting date

The next meeting of the WG will take place on 18 July 2012 (webconference).

BIOHAZ Unit

Parma, 16 April 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 (solipeds)

Webconference, 16 April 2012

EFSA / Unit / BIOHAZ

Agreed by the WG on 16 April 2012

Participants

WG Experts	Declan Bolton, Sava Buncic, Henrik Elvang Jensen, Edoardo Pozio, Antonia Ricci (chair)
Observers	Vicente Lopez (ECDC)
EFSA	Pietro Stella, Silvia Ines Nicolau-Solano

1. Welcome and apologies

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 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

The WG discussed the draft opinion, including the contributions received from the experts. Meat-borne hazards related to meat from solipeds were reviewed and discussed, as well as the approach to hazard/risk ranking. The WG identified tasks to be completed by WG Experts before the next meeting.

5. Next meeting date

The next meeting of the WG will take place on 30 May (afternoon) and 31 May in Parma.

BIOHAZ Unit

Parma, 7 February 2012

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 (solipeds)

Parma, 7 February 2012

EFSA / Unit / BIOHAZ

Agreed by the WG on 7 February 2012

Participants

WG Experts Declan Bolton, Henrik Elvang Jensen, Edoardo Pozio, Antonia Ricci (chair)

EFSA Alessandro Brogna, Ernesto Liebana-Criado, Pietro Stella

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Sava Buncic (WG Expert). Edoardo Pozio (WG Expert) was connected through web-conference for the first half of the meeting.

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/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

The WG discussed the draft opinion, including the contributions received from the experts. Meat-borne hazards related to meat from solipeds were reviewed and discussed, as well as the approach to hazard/risk ranking. Information needed in relation to slaughtering and meat inspection practices was discussed. The WG then identified tasks to be completed by WG Experts before the next meeting.

5. Next meeting date

Next meetings of the WG will take place as follows: 16 April (web-conference), 30-31 May (Brussels).

BIOHAZ Unit

Parma, 30 November 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 (solipeds)

Parma, 29 November 2011

EFSA / Unit / BIOHAZ

Agreed by the WG on 29 November 2011

Participants

WG Experts	Declan Bolton, Sava Buncic, Henrik Elvang Jensen, Edoardo Pozio, Antonia Ricci (chair)
Observers	Vicente Lopez (ECDC)
EFSA	Ernesto Liebana-Criado, Pablo Romero-Barrios, Pietro Stella

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Vicente Lopez (ECDC) was connected through web-conference.

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/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

The WG discussed the mandate received from the European Commission and the other ongoing EFSA activities on the mandate on meat inspection. The approach to be taken by the WG in order to draft a reply to the mandate was agreed. Meat-borne hazards related to meat from solipeds were reviewed and discussed, as well as the approach to hazard/risk ranking. It was agreed that a meeting with stakeholders will be organised in the course of 2012, so to get detailed information on meat inspection practices related to solipeds in the EU. The WG then discussed and developed a first structure of the draft opinion and identified tasks to be completed by WG Experts before the next meeting.

5. Next meeting date

Next meetings of the WG will take place as follows: 7 February (Parma), 16 April (web-conference), 30-31 May (Brussels, to be confirmed).
