

Unit on Biological Hazards and Contaminants (BIOCONTAM UNIT)

Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group on the risk of transmission of Ebola Virus (EBOV) via the food chain – Part 2

Held on 4 February 2015 by WEB-conference

(Agreed on 9 February 2015)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**²
 - Arie Havelaar
 - Maurice Pensaert
 - Moez Sanaa

- **Hearing Experts:**³
 - Hilde Kruse (WHO Europe), Elizabeth Mumford (WHO)

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 - Apologies

- **EFSA:**
 - BIOCONTAM Unit: Maria Teresa Da Silva Felicio, Winy Messens, Ernesto Liebana, Valentina Rizzi, Pablo Romero Barrios

- **Others:**
 - Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Marion Koopmans and Marina Marini and Martial Plantady (DG SANTE).

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³ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted after an additional point on 'pending contributions' was added.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes⁴ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest⁵, 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.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 13 January 2015, via Web-conference.

The minutes of the of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 13 January 2015 were agreed by written procedure on 16 January 2015.⁶

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Risk of transmission of Ebola Virus (EBOV) via the food chain – Part 2 (EFSA-Q-2014-00901)⁷

The draft scientific report and the latest contributions were reviewed and discussed. Tasks were distributed among WG experts.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting(s)

The date for next meeting will be 25th February.

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁶ Please add here the link to the respective minutes published on the EFSA website

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2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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The background and terms of reference were presented. The approach to address the TOR and the outline of the draft scientific report were discussed. Tasks were distributed among WG experts.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

6. Next meeting(s)

The date for next meeting(s) will be agreed later.

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