
BIOHAZ UNIT

Parma, 19 September 2012

UNIT ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

Minutes of the 7th meeting of the Working Group on Scientific and Technical assistance on the minimum sample size to test should an annual BSE statistical testing regime be authorised in healthy slaughtered cattle

Web-conference, 19 September 2012

EFSA / BIOHAZ Unit

(Agreed by the WG on 19 September 2012)

Participants

WG Experts:	Olivier Andreoletti, Aline De Koeijer, Christian Ducrot, Giuseppe Ru, Thomas Selhorst and Emmanuel Vanopdenbosch
Hearing Experts:	Amie Adkin (EFSA Contractor: Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency (AHVLA), UK)
EFSA:	Luis Vivas-Alegre (BIOHAZ Unit) and Gabriele Zancanaro (SAS Unit)

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Mark Arnold (AHVLA), Ernesto Liebana (EFSA) and Fabien Schneegans (European Commission).

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

AHVLA presented to the WG members further results of the modelling work. The WG members reviewed the draft conclusions and recommendations. Further tasks were identified and distributed.

5. Next meeting date

No further WG meetings are foreseen.

BIOHAZ UNIT

Parma, 7 September 2012

UNIT ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Working Group on Scientific and Technical assistance on the minimum sample size to test should an annual BSE statistical testing regime be authorised in healthy slaughtered cattle

Parma, 7 September 2012

EFSA / BIOHAZ Unit

(Agreed by the WG on 7 September 2012)

Participants

WG Experts:	Olivier Andreoletti, Aline De Koeijer, Christian Ducrot, Giuseppe Ru and Emmanuel Vanopdenbosch
Hearing Experts:	Amie Adkin and Mark Arnold (EFSA Contractor: Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency (AHVLA), UK), via web-conference
Observers (EC):	Fabien Schneegans, via web-conference
EFSA:	Luis Vivas-Alegre (BIOHAZ Unit) and Gabriele Zancanaro (SAS Unit)

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Thomas Selhorst and Ernesto Liebana.

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

AHVLA presented to the WG members relevant results of the modelling work and requested feedback. The WG members reviewed the draft Opinion. Further tasks were identified and distributed.

5. Next meeting date

A further web conference was scheduled for the middle of September.

BIOHAZ UNIT

Parma, 17 August 2012

UNIT ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Working Group on Scientific and technical assistance on the minimum sample size to test should an annual BSE statistical testing regime be authorised in healthy slaughtered cattle

Parma, 17 August 2012

EFSA / BIOHAZ Unit

(Agreed by the WG on 17 August 2012)

Participants

WG Experts:	Olivier Andreoletti, Christian Ducrot, Giuseppe Ru, Thomas Selhorst and Emmanuel Vanopdenbosch
Hearing Experts:	Amie Adkin (EFSA Contractor: Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency (AHVLA), UK)
Observers (EC):	Fabien Schneegans
EFSA:	Ernesto Liebana Criado and Luis Vivas-Alegre (BIOHAZ Unit)

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Aline De Koeijer.

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

AHVLA presented to the WG members relevant results of the modelling work and requested feedback. The WG members reviewed the draft Opinion. Further tasks were identified and distributed.

5. Next meeting date

The next WG meeting will be held in September in Parma.

BIOHAZ UNIT

Parma, 16 July 2012

UNIT ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Working Group on Scientific and technical assistance on the minimum sample size to test should an annual BSE statistical testing regime be authorised in healthy slaughtered cattle

Parma, 13 July 2012

EFSA / BIOHAZ Unit

(Agreed by the WG on 13 July 2012)

Participants

WG Experts:	Olivier Andreoletti, Aline De Koeijer, Christian Ducrot, Giuseppe Ru, Thomas Selhorst and Emmanuel Vanopdenbosch
Hearing Experts:	Amie Adkin and Mark Arnold (EFSA Contractor: Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency (AHVLA), UK)
Observers (EC):	Martial Plantady
EFSA:	Ernesto Liebana Criado, Fulvio Barizzone and Luis Vivas-Alegre (BIOHAZ Unit), and Gabriele Zancanaro (SAS unit)

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Fabien Schneegans.

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

AHVLA brief the WG members with the developments in the modelling work and requested feedback. The WG members discussed the updated draft Opinion. Further tasks were identified and distributed.

5. Next meeting date

It was agreed to schedule two further working group meetings in August and in September.

BIOHAZ UNIT

Parma, 03 May 2012

UNIT ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group on Scientific and technical assistance on the minimum sample size to test should an annual BSE statistical testing regime be authorised in healthy slaughtered cattle

Web-conference, 2 May 2012

EFSA / BIOHAZ Unit

(Agreed by the WG on 2 May 2012)

Participants

WG Experts:	Olivier Andreoletti, Aline De Koeijer, Christian Ducrot, Giuseppe Ru, Thomas Selhorst and Emmanuel Vanopdenbosch
Hearing Experts:	Amie Adkin (EFSA Contractor: Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency (AHVLA), UK)
Observers (EC):	Fabien Schneegans
EFSA:	Ernesto Liebana Criado, Luis Vivas-Alegre (BIOHAZ Unit), and Gabriele Zancanaro (SAS unit)

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Mark Arnold.

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

AHVLA brief the WG members with the developments in the modelling work and requested feedback. The WG members discussed the updated draft Opinion. Further tasks were identified and distributed.

5. Next meeting date

It was agreed to schedule a working group meeting in July.

BIOHAZ UNIT

Parma, 16 March 2012

UNIT ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group on Scientific and technical assistance on the minimum sample size to test should an annual BSE statistical testing regime be authorised in healthy slaughtered cattle

Web-conference, 16 March 2012

EFSA / BIOHAZ Unit

(Agreed by the WG on 16 March 2012)

Participants

WG Experts:	Olivier Andreoletti, Aline De Koeijer, Christian Ducrot, Giuseppe Ru, Thomas Selhorst and Emmanuel Vanopdenbosch
Hearing Experts:	Amie Adkin (EFSA Contractor: Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency (AHVLA), UK)
Observers (EC):	Fabien Schneegans
EFSA:	Ernesto Liebana Criado, Fulbio Barizzzone, Luis Vivas-Alegre (BIOHAZ Unit), and Gabriele Zancanaro (SAS unit)

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Mark Arnold.

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

AHVLA brief the WG members with the developments in the modelling work and requested feedback. The WG members discussed the updated draft Opinion. Further tasks were identified and distributed.

5. Next meeting date

It was agreed to schedule a working group meeting for the beginning of May.

BIOHAZ UNIT

Parma, 27th January 2012

UNIT ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on Scientific and technical assistance on the minimum sample size to test should an annual BSE statistical testing regime be authorised in healthy slaughtered cattle

Parma, 26th and 27th January 2012

EFSA / BIOHAZ Unit

(Agreed by the WG on 27th March 2011)

Participants

WG Experts:	Olivier Andreoletti, Aline De Koeijer, Christian Ducrot, Giuseppe Ru and Emmanuel Vanopdenbosch
Hearing Experts:	Amie Adkin and Mark Arnold (EFSA Contractor from AHVLA) (Second day only)
Observers (EC):	Fabien Schneegans
EFSA:	Ernesto Liebana Criado, Fulvio Barizzzone, Luis Vivas-Alegre (BIOHAZ Unit), Jose Cortinas-Abrahantes and Gabriele Zancanaro (SAS unit)

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 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. For further details on the outcome of the declaration of interests at the beginning of the meeting, please refer to the Annex II.

4. Discussions

The terms of reference and the approach to the mandate were discussed. Actions were identified and allocated between WG Experts. The EFSA contractor AHVLA presented to the group the approach to the modelling work.

5. Next meeting date

It was agreed to schedule a working group meeting for the end of March.

Annex II

INTERESTS AND ACTIONS RESULTING FROM DECLARATIONS DONE AT BEGINNING OF THE MEETING

- a) **NO CONFLICT LEVEL A:** With regard to this meeting Dr. Aline De Koeijer declared the following interest: New employment at the RIVM (The Dutch National Institute for Public Health and the Environment). In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests and Implementing documents thereof, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was not deemed to represent a conflict of Interest for the expert concerned.
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