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**BIOCONTAM UNIT**

**Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards**

**Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Working Group on risk of transmission of Ebola Virus (EBOV) via the food chain**

**Web meeting, 17/10/2014**

**(Agreed on 21/10/2014)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Arie Havelaar
  - Marion Koopmans
  - Maurice Pensaert
  - Moez Sanaa
- **Hearing Experts**
  - Hilde Kruse (WHO Europe)
  - Elizabeth Mumford (WHO)
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOCONTAM Unit: Winy Messens, Ernesto Liebana, Pablo Romero Barrios
  - ALPHA Unit: Franck Berthe
- **EC:**
  - DG SANCO: Marina Marini, Pierangelo Bernorio

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. All experts were able to participate in the meeting.

**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 Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No

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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. Scientific topic for discussion**

##### **4.1 Risk of transmission of Ebola Virus (EBOV) via the food chain (EFSA-Q-2014-00705)**

The latest inputs for the draft scientific report were discussed, and any pending issues addressed. The conclusions and recommendations were agreed. Tasks were distributed among WG experts.

#### **5. Next meeting**

This was the last meeting of the working group.

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**BIOCONTAM UNIT**

**Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards**

**Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Working Group on risk of transmission of Ebola Virus (EBOV) via the food chain**

**Web meeting, 16/10/2014**

**(Agreed on 21/10/2014)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Arie Havelaar
  - Moez Sanaa
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOCONTAM Unit: Winy Messens, Ernesto Liebana, Pablo Romero Barrios

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. All invited experts were able to participate in the meeting.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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**4. Scientific topic for discussion**

4.1. Risk of transmission of Ebola Virus (EBOV) via the food chain (EFSA-Q-2014-00705)

The approach to address the TOR was discussed in detail. Tasks were distributed among WG experts.

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## **5. Next meeting**

The next meeting will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> October via webconference.

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**BIOCONTAM UNIT**

**Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards**

**Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Working Group on risk of transmission of Ebola Virus (EBOV) via the food chain**

**Web meeting, 13/10/2014**

**(Agreed on 15/10/2014)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Arie Havelaar
  - Marion Koopmans
  - Maurice Pensaert
  - Moez Sanaa
- **Hearing Experts**
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**2. Adoption of agenda**

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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.

## **5. Scientific topic for discussion**

### **5.1 Risk of transmission of Ebola Virus (EBOV) via the food chain (EFSA-Q-2014-00705)**

The terms of reference were discussed in detail with the EC. The approach to address the TOR and the outline of the draft scientific report were presented and agreed. Tasks were distributed among WG experts.

## **6. Next meeting**

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