

## Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards

### Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on public health risks associated with Hepatitis E virus as a foodborne pathogen

**Held on 11 May 2017, Parma (Italy)**

**(Agreed on 19 May 2017)**

#### **Participants**

- **Working Group Members:**

Robert Davis

Ilaria Di Bartolo

Rosina Girones

Reimar Johne

Nicole Pavio

Saskia Rutjes

Wim van der Poel

Petra Vasickova

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Cornelia Adlhoch (ECDC)

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Michaela Hempen

## **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

## **2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## **3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest<sup>2</sup>, 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

### **4.1. Scientific Opinion on public health risks associated with hepatitis E virus as a foodborne pathogen<sup>3</sup>**

The WG discussed the contributions from the WG and BIOHAZ Panel members to the draft opinion. Discussions focussed particularly on the revision of the conclusions and recommendations. New tasks were distributed.

## **5. Next meeting(s)**

This was the last WG meeting. The draft opinion will be presented to the BIOHAZ Panel for possible adoption on 7/8 June 2017.

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## Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards

### Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on public health risks associated with Hepatitis E virus as a foodborne pathogen

**Held on 14 March 2017, Parma (Italy)**

**(Agreed on 23 March 2017)**

#### **Participants**

- **Working Group Members:**

Robert Davis

Ilaria Di Bartolo

Rosina Girones

Reimar Johne

Nicole Pavio

Saskia Rutjes

Wim van der Poel

Petra Vasickova

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Cornelia Adlhoch (ECDC)

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Michaela Hempen, Winy Messens, Valentina Rizzi

## **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Reimar Johne.

## **2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## **3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

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## **4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

### **4.1. Scientific Opinion on public health risks associated with hepatitis E virus as a foodborne pathogen<sup>3</sup>**

The WG discussed the contributions from the WG and BIOHAZ Panel members to the draft opinion. Discussions focussed particularly on the development of conclusions and recommendations for each chapter. The chapter on consumer habits needs further elaboration before the next WG meeting. New tasks were distributed.

## **5. Next meeting(s)**

The next WG meeting will be 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

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## Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards

### Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on public health risks associated with Hepatitis E virus as a foodborne pathogen

**Web, 12 January 2017, 9-12h**

**(Agreed on 20 January 2017)**

#### **Participants**

- **Working Group Members:**

Robert Davis

Ilaria Di Bartolo

Rosina Girones

Reimar Johne

Nicole Pavio

Saskia Rutjes

Wim van der Poel

Petra Vasickova

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Cornelia Adlhoch (ECDC)

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Michaela Hempen

## **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Cornelia Adlhoch.

## **2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## **3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

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## **4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

### **4.1. Scientific Opinion on public health risks associated with hepatitis E virus as a foodborne pathogen<sup>3</sup>**

The WG discussed the contributions to the draft opinion. A suggestion to the structure of the document was made to be more consistent on the contents of the various chapters. The section on possible control methods was expanded considerably. New tasks were distributed.

## **5. Next meeting(s)**

The next WG meeting will be 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

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## Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards

### Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on public health risks associated with Hepatitis E virus as a foodborne pathogen

**Web, 24 November 2016, 9-12h**

**(Agreed on 29 November 2016)**

#### **Participants**

- **Working Group Members:**

Robert Davis

Ilaria di Bartolo

Rosina Girones

Reimar Johne

Nicole Pavio

Saskia Rutjes

Wim van der Poel

Petra Vasickova

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Cornelia Adlhoch (ECDC)

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Michaela Hempen

## **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Ilaria di Bartolo.

## **2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## **3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

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## **4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

### **4.1. Scientific Opinion on public health risks associated with hepatitis E virus as a foodborne pathogen<sup>3</sup>**

The WG discussed the contributions to the draft opinion and clarified questions related to the text and tables provided. Possible control options for HEV along the food chain were discussed. New tasks were distributed.

## **5. Next meeting(s)**

The next WG meeting will be 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

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## Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards

### Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Working Group on public health risks associated with Hepatitis E virus as a foodborne pathogen

**Held on 25 October 2016, Parma (Italy)**

**(Agreed on 4 November 2016)**

#### **Participants**

- **Working Group Members:**

Robert Davis

Ilaria di Bartolo

Rosina Girones

Reimar Johne

Nicole Pavio

Saskia Rutjes

Wim van der Poel

Petra Vasickova

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Cornelia Adlhoch (ECDC)

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Michaela Hempen

## **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Nicole Pavio.

## **2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## **3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest<sup>2</sup>, 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

### **4.1. Scientific Opinion on public health risks associated with hepatitis E virus as a foodborne pathogen<sup>3</sup>**

The WG discussed the contributions to the draft opinion and clarified questions related to the text and tables provided. Possible control options for HEV along the food chain were discussed. New tasks were distributed.

## **5. Next meeting(s)**

The next WG meeting will be 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

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## Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards

### Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Working Group on public health risks associated with Hepatitis E virus as a foodborne pathogen

**Web, 4 October 2016, 9-12h**

**(Agreed on 7 October 2016)**

#### **Participants**

- **Working Group Members:**

Robert Davis

Ilaria di Bartolo

Rosina Girones

Reimar Johne

Nicole Pavio

Saskia Rutjes

Wim van der Poel

Petra Vasickova

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Cornelia Adlhoch (ECDC)

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Michaela Hempen, Valentina Rizzi

## **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

## **2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## **3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

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## **4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

### **4.1. Scientific Opinion on public health risks associated with hepatitis E virus as a foodborne pathogen<sup>3</sup>**

The WG discussed the contributions to the draft opinion and clarified questions related to the text and tables provided. New tasks were distributed.

## **5. Next meeting(s)**

The next WG meeting will be 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

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## Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards

### Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Working Group on public health risks associated with Hepatitis E virus as a foodborne pathogen

**Held on 30/31 August 2016, Parma (Italy)**

**(Agreed on 8 September 2016)**

#### **Participants**

- **Working Group Members:**

Robert Davis

Ilaria di Bartolo

Rosina Girones

Reimar Johne

Nicole Pavio

Saskia Rutjes

Wim van der Poel

Petra Vasickova

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Cornelia Adlhoch (ECDC)

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Michaela Hempen, Ernesto Liebana, Valentina Rizzi

## **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

## **2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## **3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

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## **4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

### **4.1. Scientific Opinion on public health risks associated with hepatitis E virus as a foodborne pathogen<sup>3</sup>**

The WG discussed the mandate and clarified the terms of reference. The general approach to answering the terms of reference was agreed and a preliminary table of contents was presented and discussed. A summary of relevant scientific articles was provided and the ECDC representative presented the agency's activities on hepatitis E virus.

## **5. Next meeting(s)**

The next WG meeting will be 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

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