

PLH UNIT

**Scientific Panel on Plant Health**  
**Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Pollen Import Risk Assessment**  
**Held on 19-23 August 2013, Braunschweig**  
**(Agreed in writing on 27 August 2013)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Thierry CANDRESSE (Chair)
  - Stephan WINTER
  
- **EFSA:**
  - PLH Unit: Virag KERTESZ

**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**

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 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.

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

##### **4.1. Pollen import risk assessment ([EFSA-Q-2013-00610](#))**

The participants reviewed the draft opinion on the risks posed by *Prunus* pollen, as well as pollen from seven additional plant genera, for the introduction of viruses and virus-like organisms into the EU. The risk assessment was finalised, conclusions were discussed and agreed. The section on risk reduction options was drafted, reviewed by the group and its conclusions were agreed. The draft opinion was finalised in order to be presented at the September meeting of the PLH Panel for possible adoption.

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

No further meetings are envisaged.

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**Scientific Panel on Plant Health**  
**Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Pollen Import Risk Assessment**  
**WEB-conference, 14 August 2013, Parma**  
**(Agreed in writing on 27 August 2013)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Thierry CANDRESSE (Chair)
  - Stephan WINTER
  
- **EFSA:**
  - PLH Unit: Virag KERTESZ

**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**

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

##### **4.1. Pollen import risk assessment ([EFSA-Q-2013-00610](#))**

The participants reviewed the first draft of the scientific opinion on the risks posed by *Prunus* pollen, as well as pollen from seven additional plant genera, for the introduction of viruses and virus-like organisms into the EU. Following a discussion on how to structure the assessment, the opinion was further drafted and edited.

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

The next meeting will take place on 19-23 August, in Braunschweig, Germany.

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**Scientific Panel on Plant Health**  
**Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Pollen Import Risk Assessment**  
**Held on 4 July 2013, Parma**  
**(Agreed on 4 July 2013)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Thierry CANDRESSE (Chair)
  - Stephan WINTER
  
- **EFSA:**
  - PLH Unit: Virag KERTESZ

**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**

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

##### **4.1. Pollen import risk assessment ([EFSA-Q-2013-00610](#))**

The participants discussed the Terms of Reference of the mandate and the scope of the scientific opinion on the risks posed by *Prunus* pollen, as well as pollen from seven additional plant genera, for the introduction of viruses and virus-like organisms into the EU. A preliminary work plan was outlined and agreed. A preliminary literature search was conducted, and the structure of the opinion was discussed and agreed.

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

The next meeting will take place on 14 August, Web-conference.