



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

HEALTH & CONSUMER PROTECTION DIRECTORATE-GENERAL

Directorate C - Scientific Opinions

C2 - Management of scientific committees; scientific co-operation and networks

**SUMMARY RECORD
OF THE SCVPH PLENARY MEETING
OF 14-15 FEBRUARY 2001**

(APPROVED ON 2 MAY 2001)

1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES, DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

The Chairman welcomed the members of the Committee.

For apologies and absences, see the attached list of presence.

No conflict of interests with the items proposed for discussion in the agenda were declared.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

One item has been added to the agenda under point 8 “information on possible new question”. The agenda was adopted accordingly.

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 30 NOVEMBER 2000

Minutes were adopted.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF A SCIENTIFIC OPINION CONCERNING :

4.1. Working Group on the review of the report of the Scientific Veterinary Committee(Sc. V. C.) on “*Trichinella* free areas” (report of 1996) and reliability of *Trichinella* detection methods

The draft report was presented to the Committee. The Committee discussed it in detail. Considering the extent of the modifications and amendments proposed by the Committee, it was agreed to go back to the Working Group and to update the document accordingly.

The SCVPH Chairman will chair this Working group meeting and report back the requirements of the Committee.

4.2. Working Group on ovine gas de-pelting

The document prepared by the Working Group was presented by the rapporteur. The Committee commented on various points and carefully

considered the conclusions and recommendations. Some modification were requested. The Committee adopted the report unanimously subject to the agreed amendments.

5. PROGRESS REPORT OF THE:

5.1. Working Group on the cleaning and disinfection of knives in the meat industry

The rapporteur briefed the Committee on the progress made by the group. Some comments have been made to the draft document and members of the Committee were asked to provide them in writing to the rapporteur and to the secretariat. The draft could be submitted to the next plenary meeting for discussion and possible adoption.

5.2. Working Group on *Vibrio vulnificus* and *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* in molluscs.

The rapporteur presented the draft report. A preliminary discussion took place. The draft document presented was considered well-advanced. Some amendments were suggested. It should be presented for possible adoption at the next plenary.

6. FEED-BACK BY THE CHAIRMAN ON SUBJECTS DISCUSSED IN THE SSC WHICH ARE OF INTEREST TO THE COMMITTEE

A number of Members have been proposed for different working group of the SSC.

A document on emerging issues has been presented and name has been proposed for possible working groups within the activity of the SSC.

7. FEED-BACK BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE HAVING ATTENDED WORKING GROUP MEETINGS OF OTHER SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES

Working progress of the groups on contact plastic material and food hygiene.

8. INFORMATION TO THE COMMITTEE ON POSSIBLE NEW QUESTIONS – ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW WORKING GROUPS

Three possible mandate have been presented to the Committee. In particular:

- (1) Norwalk like virus;
- (2) Salmonella methods;
- (3) Identification of species/categories where an integrated animal system production and where a revision of ante- post-mortem can be applied.

Question 1 and 3 have been accepted by the Committee. With reference to question 1 the Committee gave mandate to the rapporteur and secretariat together with the chair to set up the Working Group which shall be presented at the next plenary, members were required to send nominative within a time limit of 2 weeks.

Concerning question 3 a working group has already been set up.

For question 2 the Committee would accept, in principle the question, if the mandate is clarified and rephrased, before starting the activity.

9. DISCUSSION OF INFORMATION RECEIVED RELATING TO THE PREVIOUS SCVPH OPINION ON “COOLING OF CARCASSES”

A document forwarded by the Danish Meat Institute was submitted to the attention of the Committee. After a preliminary study of the document a discussion took place during the meeting. The Committee considered that the document was valuable, carefully structured and drafted. However, the information provided were considered limited. Therefore the Committee was of the opinion that it would not revise its previous opinion on the basis of only one additional document.

10. MISCELLANEOUS

Several members of the Committee raised the question of the presence of residues of chemical substances in products of animal origin as a potential public health problem. As a consequence, the Committee drew the attention of the Commission on the importance of carrying out a global exposure assessment when evaluating a potential risk.

Annex I: Attendance

Members

Prof. J. Fink-Gremmels (chairman),
Prof. D. Vuitton (II vice-chairman),
Dr. A. J. Baars,
Dr. P. Colin,
Dr. P. Gerner-Smidt,
Prof. R. Fries,
Dr. H. Kruse,
Prof. A. Macr•,
Dr. R. Maijala,
Prof. A. Mantis,
Prof. C. Martinez Bordenave-Gassedat,
Dr. W. Pfau,
Dr. T. Roberts,
Prof. F. Smulders,
Dr. I. Vågsholm,
Prof. J. Van Hoof

Apologies

Prof. A. Johnston (I vice-chairman),
Prof. J. Brugere-Picoux,
Prof. V. Caporale

Absent

None

COMMISSION

Mrs R. Diez (SANCO/C3),
Mrs M. Marini (SANCO/C3),
Mr B. Verleysen (SANCO/C3),
Mr. M. Weijtens (SANCO/D2),
Mrs. P. Makela (SANCO/D2),
Mr P. Caricato (SANCO/D2)