

Draft agenda of the Scientific Steering Committee Meeting of 16-17 January 2003

1. Welcome, apologies, introductory remarks, declaration of interest.
2. Approval of the agenda
3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of 5-6 December 2002.
4. Procedural matters (if any)
 - Information on EFSA and the current transitional stage.
5. Multidisciplinary matters:
 - a. Co-ordination: Reports of the Chairmen of the 8 Scientific Committees;
 - b. Harmonisation of risk assessment methods:
 - Progress report on Task Force activities;
 - Report on the feedback received on the public consultations;
 - c. Emerging scientific issues.
 - d. Guidance document on the information needed for the risk assessment of genetically modified plants and derived food and feed.
6. Multidisciplinary matters relating to TSE/BSE
 - 6.1. Report by the chairman of the TSE/BSE *ad-hoc* group meeting of 9 January 2003
 - 6.2. Reports on specific multidisciplinary matters relating to TSE/BSE:
 - a. Geographical BSE Risk: the GBR of certain countries.
 - b. Update of the SSC opinion on the safety of di- and tricalcium phosphate from bones;
 - c. Quantitative assessment of the risk of tallow, gelatine and dicalcium phosphate;
 - d. BSE risk of the bovine autonomic nervous system;
 - e. Potential risks arising from the use of small incinerators;
 - f. Conditions under which (1) safe burial and (2) safe burning can be achieved (progress report)
 - g. Chronic Wasting Disease.
 - h. BSE cases born after the reinforced feed ban in the UK (BARBs)
 - i. BSE-related culling in cattle.
 - j. The feeding of wild fishmeal to farmed fish and recycling of fish with regard to the risk of TSE.
 - k. Rapid tests: Information
7. Information on the follow-up given to the opinions adopted at previous SSC meetings.
8. Information by the Commission services on other matters related to consumer health.
9. Any other business.