

Draft agenda of the Scientific Steering Committee Meeting of 5-6 December 2002

1. Welcome, apologies, introductory remarks, declaration of interest.
 2. Approval of the agenda
 3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of 7-8 November 2002.
 4. Procedural matters (if any)
 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. Food and non-food aspects of risk assessments.
 6. Multidisciplinary matters relating to TSE/BSE
 - 6.1. Report by the chairman of the TSE/BSE *ad-hoc* group meetings of 21 November 2002
 - 6.2. Reports on specific multidisciplinary matters relating to TSE/BSE:
 - a. Geographical BSE Risk: the GBR of certain countries.
 - b. Safety of gelatine: update.
 - c. Update of the SSC opinion on the safety of di- and tricalcium phosphate from bones;
 - d. Quantitative assessment of the risk of tallow, gelatine and dicalcium phosphate;
 - e. BSE risk of the bovine autonomic nervous system;
 - f. Potential risks arising from the use of small incinerators;
 - g. Conditions under which (1) safe burial and (2) safe burning can be achieved (progress report)
 - h. Chronic Wasting Disease.
- Rapid tests:
- i. Information
- For discussion (see below):
- j. Criteria for considering a production process effective in terms of TSE clearance.
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.