



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 19-20 JUNE 2002

(APPROVED ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2002)

1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES, DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

The Chairman welcomed the members of the Committee.

For apologies and absences, see the attached attendance list.

No conflicts of interest with the items proposed for discussion in the agenda were declared.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 10-11 APRIL 2002

The proposed minutes were adopted.

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

4.1. Working group on Criteria on methods for *Salmonella* detection

The draft document, as amended since the last presentation, was presented to the Committee. The document was discussed in detail and commented upon. The Committee focused particularly on the conclusions and recommendations. The opinion was adopted unanimously, subject to editorial changes to be made by the chairman of the working group and the secretariat. The members requested that the final version be re-circulated once finalised.

4.2. Working group on Honey

The draft report was presented to the Committee. The members of the Committee complimented the working group for the draft presented and examined the entire document. The Committee commented on various points and considered carefully the conclusions and recommendations.

The document was unanimously adopted, subject to final editorial changes being made. It was agreed that a copy of the final document would be circulated to the members of the Committee once finalised.

4.3. Working group on VTEC

The Chairman of the working group presented the draft document to the Committee. Comments were made on the document. Several proposals for suggested amendments were made. It was agreed that comments should be sent in writing to the chairman of the working group within 3 weeks. The revised document, taking account of amendments requested, will be presented for possible adoption at the next plenary meeting.

5. PROGRESS REPORT OF THE:

5.1. Working group on Salmonellae

The rapporteur presented the draft document and the members of the Committee commented upon it. The working group will consider the comments received in its meeting scheduled for July 2002. A revised draft version of the document will be tabled for discussion at the next plenary meeting.

5.2. Working group on revision of meat inspection procedures in veal calves

The Chairman of the working group briefly presented the outcome of the discussion at the first working group meeting. A first draft document will possibly be presented for discussion at the next plenary meeting.

6. INFORMATION TO THE COMMITTEE ON NEW WORKING GROUP

The list of members of the *ad hoc* working group on “Staphylococcal enterotoxins in milk products, particularly cheeses” was presented to the Committee, who endorsed the composition of the group. The Working Group will meet during July.

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

None.

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

The SCVPH members of the *ad hoc* working group on “Risk assessment procedures” and of the *ad hoc* working group on “TSE” briefed the members on the progress made by the groups. No meeting of the *ad hoc* working group on food contact material had taken place.

9. MISCELLANEOUS

A Commission representative briefed the Committee on the present situation and the future development regarding the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). The Members will be kept informed on further developments.

Annex I: Attendance

Members

Dr. A. Baars,
Prof. J. Brugere-Picoux (19 June),
Dr. P. Colin,
Prof. J. Fink-Gremmels (chairman),
Prof. R. Fries,
Dr. P.Gerner-Smidt,
Prof. A. Johnston (I vice-chairman, 20 June),
Prof. A. Macri,
Dr. R. Maijala,
Prof. A. Mantis,
Dr.W. Pfau,
Dr. T. Roberts,
Prof. F. Smulders,
Dr. I. Vågsholm,
Prof. J. Van Hoof,
Prof. A. Vuitton(II vice-chairman).

Apologies

Prof. J. Brugere-Picoux (20 June),
Prof. A. Johnston (I vice-chairman, 19 June),
Dr. H. Kruse.

Absent

Prof. V. Caporale
Prof. C. Martinez Bordenave-Gassedat,

COMMISSION

Mrs R. Diez (SANCO/C2),
Mrs M. Marini (SANCO/C2),
Mr R. Horgan (SANCO/C2),
Mr B. Verleysen (SANCO/C2).