



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 27-28 NOVEMBER 2002**

(APPROVED ON 21 JANUARY 2003)

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 on the agenda were declared.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 18-19 SEPTEMBER 2002

The proposed minutes were adopted.

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

4.1. Working group on VTEC

The Chairman of the working group presented the document as amended since the latest discussion, particularly focusing on the outcome of the joint working group meeting with the Salmonella group in relation to the second terms of reference on the appropriateness of setting criteria. The Committee commented upon the document and particularly focused on the relevant part related to both documents on VTEC and Salmonella and the criteria. The Committee also commented upon conclusions and recommendations. 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 revised draft document was distributed and briefly introduced, although only the part regarding the second terms of reference was discussed by the Committee in relation to the VTEC document. The working group will meet again in December 2002. A revised draft version of the document will be tabled at the next plenary meeting, for discussion and possible adoption.

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

A revised draft document was tabled to the members of the Committee. The Members of the working group presented the amended draft based on previous discussion. The working group has scheduled a meeting in December and will provide a new draft to be tabled and discussed at the next SCVPH plenary meeting.

5.3. Working group on Staphylococcal enterotoxins in cheeses

A first draft was tabled for discussion. The Chairman of the Working group briefed the Committee on the outcome of the second working group meeting and informed the Committee about the willingness of a member of the working group to withdraw the candidature from the working group. No replacement has been proposed, as the working group members will share the work between them. A revised draft document will be presented for discussion at the next SCVPH plenary meeting.

6. INFORMATION TO THE COMMITTEE ON NEW QUESTIONS AND NEW WORKING GROUP

The Commission services presented two new questions on “West Nile Virus” and on “Tuberculosis in bovine animals: risks for human health and control strategy” to the Committee. After discussing the mandates the Committee accepted these new questions and agreed to establish two *ad hoc* working groups. The Committee gave mandate to the Chairmen of the working groups together with the Secretariat and the Chairman of the Committee to set up the groups for the questions.

The Committee was also briefed and alerted on possible future question regarding the evaluation of chemical substances, dossiers to be presented and related to a previous opinion on “Benefit and limitations of antimicrobial treatments for poultry carcasses”, issued by the SCVPH in October 1998. Although the Committee does not usually deal with dossiers of substances as other scientific Committee, acknowledged the sensitivity of the issue and express, in principle, is willingness to work. However, a question will need to be prepared and address to the Committee for further discussion.

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

A short presentation on the main outcome of the ongoing discussions at the SSC plenary meeting was presented to the members of the Committee.

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

Not discussed.

9. MISCELLANEOUS

A representative of the Commission briefed the Committee of the ongoing development regarding the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA).

The Committee was also informed about the 6th Framework of DG RDT. It was agreed to circulate a list of the main Web where information are available on the new Framework programme.

Annex I: Attendance

Members

Dr. A. Baars,
Prof. J. Brugère-Picoux,
Dr. P. Colin,
Prof. J. Fink-Gremmels (chairman),
Prof. R. Fries,
Dr. P. Gerner-Smidt,
Dr. H. Kruse,
Prof. A. Macri,
Prof. 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. A. Johnston (I vice-chairman),
Prof. C. Martinez Bordenave-Gassedat.

Absent

Prof. V. Caporale

COMMISSION

Ms L. Costa (SANCO/C2),
Ms M. Marini (SANCO/C2),
Ms M. Hugas (SANCO/C2, external expert),
Mr P. Wagstaffe (SANCO/C2, 19 September morning),
Mr A. Stimpson (EFSA, 19 september morning),
Mr M. Weijtens (SANCO/D2, 19 September afternoon),
Mr L. Terzi (SANCO/E3, 19 Septembers afternoon).