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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 18-19 SEPTEMBER 2002**

(APPROVED ON 27 NOVEMBER 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 on the agenda were declared.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 19-20 JUNE 2002

The proposed minutes were adopted.

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

4.1. Working group on VTEC

The draft document, as amended since the last meeting, was presented to the Committee. The document was discussed in detail and commented upon. Particular emphasis was given to the part referring to the second terms of reference on the appropriateness of setting microbiological criteria. The Committee considered it important that both documents on VTEC and Salmonella, having the same mandate, present a common position on the terms of reference. The Committee agreed to a joint WG meeting between the two groups, to discuss this issue, which was planned for October. 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 presented to the Committee and the members of the Committee commented upon it. The Committee discussed in detail the first part of the terms of reference in order to complete this part of the document. The joint working group with the VTEC members, as suggested by the Committee, will consider the comments received in its meeting scheduled for October 2002. A revised draft version of the document will be tabled at the next plenary meeting.

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

A first draft document was tabled to the members of the Committee. The Chairman of the working group presented this first draft and explained the difficulty the group encountered in defining the term “veal calves”. The members of the Committee commented upon the document and were invited to submit any information available in the relevant field. A working group meeting is scheduled to take place in October.

5.3. Working group on Staphylococcal enterotoxins in cheeses

On behalf of the Chairman of the working group the secretariat briefed the committee on the outcome of the first working group meeting and the general strategy agreed for the document. A first 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

A new question on fluoroquinolone resistance was presented by the Commission services to the Committee. After discussing the mandate the Committee accepted this new question and agreed to establish a working group. The working group will meet during December.

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 documents discussed at the last 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

The SCVPH member of the *ad hoc* working group on “TSE” briefed the members on the progress made by the group.

9. MISCELLANEOUS

The Committee was informed of ongoing development regarding the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). The dates for 2003 plenary meetings were proposed and agreed.

Annex I: Attendance

Members

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

Dr. A. Baars,
Dr. P. Gerner-Smidt,
Prof. R. Maijala.

Absent

Prof. V. Caporale

COMMISSION

Ms L. Costa (SANCO/C2),
Ms M. Marini (SANCO/C2),
Mr R. Horgan (SANCO/C2),
Ms P. Makela (SANCO/D2, 19 September).