

Draft agenda of the Scientific Steering Committee Meeting of 16-17 May 2002

1. Welcome, apologies, introductory remarks, declaration of interest.
 2. Approval of the agenda
 3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of 4-5 April 2001
 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;
 - "Quality of life" report (progress report and possible adoption)
 - c. Emerging scientific issues (reports, if any);
 - d. Antimicrobial resistance (progress report on azoles and on Triclosan resistance)
 - e. Research priorities in relation to the 6th Framework Programme.
 6. Multidisciplinary matters relating to TSE/BSE
 - 6.1. Report by the chairman of the TSE/BSE *ad-hoc* group meeting of 2 May 2002
 - 6.2. Reports on specific multidisciplinary matters relating to TSE/BSE:
 - a. Geographical BSE Risk: the GBR of certain countries (progress report and opinions).
 - b. The bovine vertebral column as a specified risk material (for opinion);
 - c. Animal waste disposal (for opinion)
 - d. Quantitative assessment of the risk of tallow and gelatine (progress report)
 - e. Safety of rennet derived from ruminants (progress report).
 - f. BSE risk of the bovine autonomic nervous system (progress report)
 - g. Safety of bovine embryos (for opinion)
 - h. New questions (if any).
- TSEs in small ruminants:
- i. Safe sourcing of small ruminant materials should BSE in small ruminants become probable: casings (progress report, possibly for opinion).
 - j. Actualisation of the existing Geographical BSE Risk methodology to small ruminants, by taking into account factors that may be unique to sheep (progress report)
- Rapid tests:
- k. Evaluation of rapid BSE tests (progress report)
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