



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 26-27 MARCH 2003**

(APPROVED ON 14 APRIL 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 21-22 JANUARY 2003

The proposed minutes were adopted.

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

4.1. Salmonellae

The draft document was presented, which had been amended taking into account the comments made by the Committee members at the last plenary meeting. The document was discussed thoroughly and commented upon. After discussing, the document was in principle adopted subject to amendments to be made based on the discussion. However, after re-circulating the amended version of the document no agreement could be reached on the final wordings and the Committee agreed to defer the final approval to the next plenary meeting in April.

4.2. Working group on staphylococcal enterotoxins in cheeses

The draft opinion was presented to the Committee. The Chairman of the working group presented the document as amended since the latest discussion. The members of the Committee complimented the working group for the comprehensive draft presented and examined the entire document. The Committee considered carefully the conclusions and

recommendations and the document was unanimously adopted, subject to minor editorial changes to be made by the chairman of the working group and the secretariat. 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 Fluoroquinolones

A revised draft document including an executive summary was presented and discussed by the members. The rapporteur briefly presented the amendments made since the last discussion and a page by page approach was agreed. The document was finally adopted unanimously subject to minor editorial changes to be made by the rapporteur and the secretariat. A copy of the final document will be sent to the members of the Committee once finalised.

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

The revised draft document was distributed and briefly introduced. The document was discussed thoroughly and commented upon. Conclusions and recommendations were also discussed. In this context the Committee emphasised the value of current meat inspection procedures and discussed the possibility of using alternative methods nowadays. 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. Decontamination of poultry carcasses

A first advanced draft was presented to the Committee. The chairman of the working group illustrated the general outline of the document and the outcome of the first working group meeting. Discussion took place on the chilling systems used and the consequent water intake percentage to be considered. The overall efficacy of the use of decontaminants was also discussed. The working group will meet in early April. A new revised version of the draft document will be presented for discussion and possible adoption at the next plenary meeting in April.

5.2. West Nile Virus

The Chairman of the working group briefed the committee on the outcome of the first working group meeting and the general strategy agreed for the document. The draft document will probably be presented for discussion and possible adoption at the next plenary meeting.

5.3. Tuberculosis

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

Main outcome of the discussions at the latest SSC plenary meeting was briefly presented to the members of the Committee.

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

None.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

The Committee was briefed on the ongoing developments regarding the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA).

Annex I: Attendance

Members

Dr. A. Baars,
Prof. J. Brugère-Picoux (26 March),
Dr. P. Colin,
Prof. J. Fink-Gremmels (chairman),
Prof. R. Fries,
Prof. A. Johnston (I vice-chairman),
Dr. H. Kruse,
Prof. R. Maijala,
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. Brugère-Picoux (27 March),
Dr. P. Gerner-Smidt,
Prof. A. Macri,
Prof. A. Mantis.

Absent

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

COMMISSION

Ms L. Costa (SANCO/C2),
Ms M. Marini (SANCO/C2),
Ms M. Hugas (SANCO/C2),
Mr M. Weijtens (SANCO/D2, 27 March morning),