

Draft agenda of the Scientific Steering Committee Meeting of 27-28 June 2002

1. Welcome, apologies, introductory remarks, declaration of interest.
 2. Approval of the agenda
 3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of 16 May 2002
 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;
 - Report on the feedback received on the public consultations;
 - c. Emerging scientific issues (reports, if any);
 - d. Antimicrobial resistance (Triclosan resistance, for opinion)
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 6. Multidisciplinary matters relating to TSE/BSE
 - 6.1. Report by the chairman of the TSE/BSE *ad-hoc* group meeting of 13 June 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. Update of the SSC opinion on the safety of gelatine;
 - c. Update of the SSC opinion on the safety of di- and tricalcium phosphate from bones;
 - d. Quantitative assessment of the risk of tallow, gelatine and dicalcium phosphate including also the influence of vertebral column and threshold age for its removal (progress report)
 - e. BSE risk of the bovine autonomic nervous system (progress report)
- TSEs in small ruminants:
- f. Intestine and casings (progress report).
 - g. 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:
- h. Rapid tests
 - Rapid BSE (discussion)
 - Programme for the evaluation of rapid *pm* tests to detect TSEs in sheep (discussion)
 - i. Attribution of new questions related to BSE/TSE risks:
 - feeding wild fishmeal to farmed fish; intra-species recycling of fish;
 - potential risks arising from the use of small incinerators;
 - conditions under which (1) safe burial and (2) safe burning can be achieved;
 - necrophagous birds as possible transmitters of TSE/BSE.
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.