



## 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 21-22 NOVEMBER 2001**

**(APPROVED ON 30 JANUARY 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 conflict of interests with the items proposed for discussion in the agenda were declared.

#### **2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was amended including proposed date for the SCVPH plenary meeting of 2002 and adopted accordingly.

#### **3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 19-20 SEPTEMBER 2001**

The proposed minutes were adopted.

#### **4. INFORMATION TO THE COMMITTEE ON POSSIBLE NEW QUESTIONS –**

The secretariat presented the members of the *ad hoc* working group on honey and asked to the Committee to endorse the group. The Committee agreed upon the proposal and accepted to let the group consider if another expert needed in the future.

A new mandate was presented and discussed by the Committee on revision of meat inspection in veal calves. The Committee gave mandate to the rapporteur and the secretariat together with the Chair to set up the working group including members of the SCVPH as well as external expert. A member of the Committee highlighted that the working group should consider various situations and therefore expertise.

The Committee was alerted to a possible new question on hormones in meat and meat products. The secretariat and the Chairman briefly presented the background and the possible wording of the new question, although not yet

finalised. The Committee agreed to receive the terms of reference electronically once agreed by the Commission Services and gave mandate to the Chair and the secretariat to start contacting the working group involved in the preparatory work of the previous opinions.

**5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF A SCIENTIFIC OPINION CONCERNING :**

**5.1. Working Group on the review of the report of the Scientific Veterinary Committee(Sc. V. C.) on “*Trichinella* free areas” (report of 1996) and reliability of *Trichinella* detection methods**

The rapporteur, Chairman of the Committee, presented the draft report and the amendments made since the last presentation in September 2000. The draft report was discussed thoroughly and the members of the Committee commented upon it. On conclusions and recommendations, the document was revised and updated accordingly and finally adopted unanimously subject to small editorial changes to be made by the rapporteur and the secretariat. It was agreed to circulate a final amended document before publication and the Committee agreed to reply within three days from the date of its receipt.

**6. PROGRESS REPORT OF THE:**

**6.1. Working Group on SRSV-NLVs**

The draft report was introduced by the Chairman of the working group to the Committee. The Committee complimented the working group on the well advanced and comprehensive draft document and suggested some amendments. The next working group meeting is scheduled for the day after the plenary. A revised version, likely a final draft, will be presented at the next plenary meeting in January 2002.

**6.2. Working group on Criteria on methods for *Salmonella* detection**

The Chairman of the group briefed the Committee about the outcome of the second working group meeting, the progress made and the documents considered until now. Taking into consideration the information available, the rapporteur informed the Committee about a request prepared for an expert to be called for the next working group meeting answering specific questions on one document considered by the group.

**6.3. Working groups on *Salmonellae* and VTEC**

Due to the similarity between the two mandates, a first joint working group meeting was organised at the beginning of November. The Chairmen of the groups reported briefly to the Committee the outcome of the meeting and presented the considerations given to the mandates and the framework planned for the documents.

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

The latest discussion on BSE was reported to the Committee.

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

The SCVPH member of the current working group on “Harmonisation of Risk Assessment” set up by the Scientific Steering Committee (SSC), informed the Committee of the progress made and the setting up of three separate working groups on Microbiological Risks, Toxicological Risk, Environmental Risk, clarifying issues left open by previous groups of the SSC. He also asked to be substituted by another Member of the Committee due to other commitments and the impossibility of attending to the working group. The Committee agreed and proposed a new member to be appointed as a representative of the SCVPH

**9. MISCELLANEOUS**

Proposed date for the plenary meeting of 2002. As agreed at the previous plenary meeting the dates were circulated to the members of the Committee. Considering the replies received, the proposal was agreed and dates were fixed.

The agreed plenary meetings of the SCVPH for the year 2002 are as follows:

- 30-31 January;
- 10-11 April;
- 19-20 June;
- 18-19 September;
- 20-21 November.

The Secretariat announced that a one day meeting is planned to be held in Brussels, on 4<sup>th</sup> December, organised by the Belgian Food Authority on “Food Safety, under the Belgian Presidency. All related information was sent via e-mail.

## **Annex I: Attendance**

### **Members**

Prof. J. Fink-Gremmels (chairman),  
Prof. A. Johnston (I vice-chairman),  
Prof. J. Brugere-Picoux,  
Dr. P. Colin,  
Dr. P. Gerner-Smidt,  
Prof. R. Fries,  
Dr. H. Kruse,  
Dr. R. Maijala,  
Dr. W. Pfau,  
Dr. T. Roberts,  
Prof. F. Smulders,  
Dr. I. Vågsholm,  
Prof. J. Van Hoof

### **Apologies**

Prof. J. Brugere-Picoux (21 November morning)  
Prof. C. Martinez Bordenave-Gassedat  
Prof. V. Caporale  
Prof. A. Johnston (22 November afternoon)  
Prof. A. Macri  
Prof. A. Mantis  
Prof. A. Vuitton (II vice-chairman)

### **Absent**

None

### **COMMISSION**

Mr M. Weijtens (SANCO/D2),  
Mrs R. Diez (SANCO/C2),  
Mrs M. Marini (SANCO/C2),  
Mr B. Verleysen (SANCO/C2).