



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 14-15 APRIL 2003**

**(APPROVED BY WRITTEN PROCEDURE
ON 24TH 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 26-27 MARCH 2003

The proposed minutes were adopted.

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

4.1. Salmonellae

The draft opinion was presented to the Committee. The Chairman of the working group presented the document as amended since the latest discussion. The Committee focused on the latter parts of the document, and discussed particularly the section on “the appropriateness of setting microbiological criteria” and considered carefully the conclusions and recommendations. These sections were revised and updated. The document was finally adopted unanimously subject to minor editorial changes to be made by the chairman of the working group and the secretariat. A copy of the final document will be circulated to the members of the Committee once finalised.

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

The revised draft document was distributed and briefly introduced. The executive summary was also distributed and discussed by the members and commented upon. The sections on conclusions and recommendations were discussed and re-tabled for final agreement. The document was finally adopted unanimously subject to editorial changes to be made by the chairman of the working group and the secretariat.

4.3. Decontamination of poultry carcasses

A new revised version of the draft document was presented. The chairman of the working group illustrated the amendments made since the last meeting. Discussion took place and the Committee focused particularly on the conclusions and suggested some amendments. The document was finally adopted unanimously subject to minor editorial changes to be made by the rapporteur and the secretariat.

4.4. West Nile Virus

The document was discussed thoroughly and commented upon. 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 commented upon. A revised section on conclusions and recommendations was re-circulated for discussion and the document was in principle adopted, subject to 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.

5. PROGRESS REPORT OF THE:

5.1. Tuberculosis

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. A first draft document was presented for discussion. A working group meeting is planned before end of April.

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

The last SSC plenary meeting was briefly reported 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 agreed to adopt the minutes of the meeting by written procedure.

Mr C. Berlingieri, Acting Director of Directorate on Scientific Opinions in Directorate General of Health and Consumer Protection, and Mr P. Wagstaffe, Head of Unit responsible for the management of Scientific Committees and Scientific co-operation and network, on behalf of the Commission, expressed their gratitude and thanked the Members of the Committee for their hard work, their professionalism and their capacity to respond urgently to matters of consumer and political concern during the last two years and half of the mandate.

Annex I: Attendance

Members

Dr. A. Baars,
Prof. J. Brugère-Picoux,
Dr. P. Colin,
Prof. J. Fink-Gremmels (chairman),
Prof. R. Fries (14 April),
Prof. A. Johnston (I vice-chairman),
Dr. H. Kruse,
Prof. A. Macri,
Prof. R. Maijala (14 April),
Dr. W. Pfau,
Dr. T. Roberts,
Prof. F. Smulders,
Dr. I. Vågsholm,
Prof. J. Van Hoof,
Prof. A. Vuitton (II vice-chairman).

Apologies

Prof. R. Fries (15 April),
Dr. P. Gerner-Smidt,
Prof. R. Maijala (15 April),
Prof. A. Mantis,
Prof. C. Martinez Bordenave-Gassedat.

Absent

Prof. V. Caporale.

COMMISSION

Ms L. Costa (EFSA),
Ms M. Marini (SANCO/C2),
Ms M. Hugas (EFSA),
Mr C. Berlingieri (SANCO/C, 15 April),
Mr P. Wagstaffe (SANCO/C2, 15 April).