

PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

Data workshop *Salmonella* in pigs in Copenhagen from 23rd-24th April 2008

Key experts will be invited to present their work and all participants will be able to discuss the quality and relevance of data in terms of its applicability to the EFSA risk assessment. The workshop will not only provide the risk assessors with valuable data, but also provide a platform to learn more about the EFSA risk assessment and its objectives and implications, as well as a forum to discuss the latest research relevant to the food safety of pig meat in the EU. Data used within the QMRA will be acknowledged accordingly.

This call is being circulated to solicit nominations from established experts who can contribute to the workshop according to one or more of the following criteria:

- Expertise in *Salmonella* (in pigs):
 - Transmission of infection between pigs;
 - Survival/growth/cross-contamination of *Salmonella* in environments throughout the food chain (farm to fork);
 - Surveillance;
- Expertise in pig production:
 - Farm management;
 - Transport to abattoir;
 - Processing (of carcass and cuts);
- Human preparation and consumption of (pig) meat:
 - Food preparation, including differences between countries and cultures;
 - Hygiene and behavioural science;
 - Consumption patterns;
 - Human dose-response.

EFSA welcomes applications from all fields relating to these criteria whether academia, government or industry. We emphasise the fact that risk assessment requires data from a wide variety of sources, and not necessarily from studies/institutes specifically involved with research into *Salmonella* in pigs or risk assessment. Please send the short application form and your latest CV to salmonellainpigs@efsa.europa.eu by 3rd March.

The workshop will be in English and we regret no translation facilities can be provided. While time costs cannot be paid, invited attendees will be reimbursed for travel and subsistence expenses by the consortium.