Task Force for the Safety of Novel Foods and Feeds

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Main Objectives of the Meeting:

i) declassify the cassava and sweet potato documents;
ii) make progress on other consensus documents;
iii) take a position on new project proposals; and
iv) consider synergies with the Working Group on the Harmonisation of Regulatory Oversight in Biotechnology (joint meeting on 10 February afternoon) with respect to interaction with non member countries, molecular characterisation, FAO database.

I. Agenda and Summary Record

1. Adoption of the Draft Agenda

2. Adoption of the Summary Record of the 14th Meeting

II. Progress reports

3. Developments since the 13th Meeting - Report from the Secretariat

4. Developments on the safety assessment of novel foods and feeds in delegations – a Tour de Table

II. Progress on other documents/projects

7. Draft Consensus Document on grain sorghum

8. Draft Consensus Document on papaya

9. Draft Consensus Document on sugarcane

V. Progress on updating Consensus Documents

10. Draft revised Consensus Document on low erucic acid rapeseed

11. Draft revised Consensus Document on soybean

VI. Molecular Characterisation project (joint discussion with the Working Group)

12. Progress report on the Molecular Characterisation project
### VII. Outreach activities


### VIII. Update on the Consensus Document on Atlantic salmon (Working Group)


### IX. Proposals for new documents/ projects

| 15. EC proposal for inclusion of whole-food testing in the OECD Test Guideline No. 408 - Repeated Dose 90-day Toxicity Study in Rodents | ENV/JM/FOOD(2009)3 and ADD1 |
| 16. Quality of the data for Consensus Documents | ENV/JM/FOOD(2009)4 |

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Notes to the Agenda for the 15th Meeting
of the Task Force for the Safety of Novel Foods and Feeds

(10-12 February 2009)

The purpose of these notes is to highlight the main points that will be discussed at the Task Force meeting; and to provide guidance to delegates in their preparations for each agenda item.

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| **Item 1**
*ENV/JM/FOOD/A(2009)1* | Adoption of the Draft Agenda |
*The Task Force is invited to adopt the agenda for the 15th Meeting.* |

| **Item 2**
*ENV/JM/FOOD/M(2008)1* | Adoption of the Summary Record of the 14th Meeting |
*The Task Force is invited to adopt the summary record of the 14th Meeting.* |

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| **Item 3**
*ENV/JM/FOOD(2009)1* | Developments since the 14th Meeting – Report from the Secretariat |
Progress made by the Task Force since the 14th Meeting, including agreements reached at the last Joint Meeting (parental body). Update on the activities of the Working Group on Harmonization of Regulatory Oversight in Biotechnology. |
*The Task Force is invited to note progress.* |

| **Item 4**
*Oral reports* | Developments on safety assessment of novel foods and feeds in delegations – a Tour de Table |
Each delegation (including observers and invited experts) will be invited to provide an update on activities related to the safety of novel foods and feeds in their countries and organisations. This item can be supported by electronic statements, preferably forwarded to the Secretariat in advance of the meeting. |
### III. Completion of advanced documents

**Item 5**  
**ENV/JM/FOOD(2006)6/REV3**  
**Consensus document on Cassava**  
The co-leaders, South Africa and Canada, assisted by experts from several other countries and organisations, have revised the text for final consideration by the Task Force. Comments received since the last Meeting from Australia, Brazil, Canada, United States, IITA-Nigeria and Clayuca-CIAT Colombia were taken into consideration when preparing the present document.

*The Task Force is invited to: a) examine this document; and b) agree to forward it to the Joint Meeting for declassification.*

**Item 6**  
**ENV/JM/FOOD(2007)2/REV2**  
**Consensus Document on Sweet Potato**  
The lead countries, South Africa and Japan, will present the second revision of the document which was prepared taking into account comments expressed by Australia and United States on the previous version.

*The Task Force is invited to: a) examine this document; and b) agree to forward it to the Joint Meeting for declassification.*

### IV. Progress on other documents/ projects

**Item 7**  
**ENV/JM/FOOD(2009)2**  
**Draft Consensus Document on Grain Sorghum**  
The lead country, United States, will present the first draft document.

*The Task Force is invited to review this document and to provide input as needed.*

**Item 8**  
**Draft Consensus Document on Papaya**  
New expert(s) were recently designated for this task in Thailand, the lead country. Together with the United States (co-lead), the delegations will report on the revision of this document.

*The Task Force is invited to note progress and to provide input as needed.*

**Item 9**  
**Draft Consensus Document on Sugarcane**  
The lead country, Australia, will inform the Task Force on progress made in the preparation of the document.

*The Task Force is invited to note progress and to provide input as needed.*
### V. Progress on updating Consensus Documents

**Item 10**  
Draft revised Consensus Document on Low erucic acid rapeseed  
Canada, as the lead country, prepared the first draft of this document. Thus far, only Japan has provided new compositional data from other delegations.  

*The Task Force is invited to note progress and to provide updated information, if available.*

**Item 11**  
Draft revised Consensus Document on Soybean  
The United States, as the lead country in preparing this document, will inform the Task Force on progress achieved with the revision. Thus far, only Japan has provided new compositional data.  

*The Task Force is invited to note progress and to provide updated information, if available.*

### VI. Molecular Characterisation Project (joint discussion with the Working Group)

**Item 12**  
Progress Report on the Molecular Characterisation Project  
This project is developed by a steering group comprising delegates from both the Task Force and the Working Group, from Australia, Belgium, Canada (lead), Germany, Netherlands, United States and BIAC. Comments on the latest version [ENV/JM/FOOD(2007)3] were received from five countries (AUS, DEN, MEX, ARG, ZAF) and BIAC.  
Canada will provide an update on progress achieved in preparing a second draft, including the outcome of a face-to-face meeting held in Washington DC on 7-8 January 2009.  

*The Task Force is invited to note progress.*

### VII. Outreach activities

**Item 13**  
Update: FAO-OECD Database Interoperability  
The Secretariat will update the Task Force (and the Working Group) on the FAO-OECD Database Interoperability.  

*The Task Force is invited to take note.*

### VIII. Update on the Consensus Document on Atlantic salmon (Working Group)
### Item 14

**Oral report**

**Progress report on the Consensus Document on the Biology of Atlantic Salmon**

The Task Force has requested in the past that it be kept informed of those activities of the Working Group related to transgenic fish.

The Secretariat will provide the update on progress made in drafting the first biology consensus document on Atlantic salmon.

*The Task Force is invited to take note.*

### IX. Proposals for new documents/projects

#### Item 15

**ENV/JM/FOOD(2009)3** and **ADD1**

The Task Force will discuss a new proposal, submitted by the European Commission–DG SANCO, to extend the OECD Test Guideline No. 408 (Repeated Dose 90-day Toxicity Study in Rodents) to address whole foods.

If this project is agreed, it will be implemented in collaboration with OECD’s WNT.

*The Task Force is invited to agree to this proposal.*

#### Item 16

**ENV/JM/FOOD(2009)4**

**Quality of the data for the Consensus Documents**

Following statements made at the previous meeting by Sweden and Japan (see Summary Record-Annex II), the Secretariat will present a paper reviewing the guidance on data quality described in existing documents and where improvements/developments are expected.

*The Task Force is invited to agree to this proposal.*

### X. Administrative matters

#### Item 17

**ENV/JM/BIO(2008)1**

**Resources**

The Secretariat will describe the situation with respect to resources to support the work of the Task Force. As in the past, the continuing success of the Programme of Work requires that adequate resources be provided.

*The Task Force is invited to take note and to consider providing voluntary contributions.*
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| Item 19 | Other Business |