Workshop

Health risks and bioavailability of metal residues from hunting ammunition in game meat.

Billund, Denmark 10-11 September 2024

Background

The Cost Action 22166 "SafeGameMeat" addresses the current status of the use of different types of hunting ammunition and the awareness of health risks and bioavailability related to residues from conventional and alternative hunting ammunition in game meat. A central element is to assess national activities for reducing the use of lead ammunition in hunting, and risk perception by hunters, food authorities, and the general public.

The activity for doing so is to arrange a workshop on health risks and bioavailability of metal residues from hunting ammunition in game meat, community wide and national activities for their reduction, and public risk perception. The deliverable is a report on this workshop published by the end of 2024.

Program

The workshop will be realized **10 September 2024, 13:00 - 11 September 2024, 12:00 at Hotel Svanen, Billund. Nordmarksvej 8. 7190 Billund. Denmark.** The workshop will also be facilitated with online participation (link will be distributed before the workshop).

Day 1: 10 September

13:00-18:00: Ammunition and health

Session 1: Chair: Maciej Durkalec

- Welcome and short introduction to Cost Action 22166: Anneluise Mader, BfR, Chair of the Action. 10 min.
- Who is who? A short presentation of participants. 10 min.
- What is game meat, and how can ammunition metal affect it? A technical introduction to the routes from ammunition to possible contamination. Niels Kanstrup, Aarhus University. Leader of WG3. 40 min.
- What metals are used in hunting ammunition? Peter Paulsen. Vetmeduni Vienna. Vice-chair of the Action (online presentation). 40 min.

Coffee/Tea break. 20 min.

Session 2: Chair: Rafa Mateo

- Risks to human health from lead residues in game meat. Professor Debbie Pain, Cambridge University. 40 min.
- National reports. Reflection and input from participants. All. 30 min.
- Overall discussion and conclusion. 60 min.

Closure of day 1: 18.30. Dinner – location free choice possibility to network and breakout in groups.

Day 2: 11 September

Session 1: Chair: Anneluise Mader

08:30-12:00. Mitigation and perception

- Mitigation approaches: Present knowledge of regulations, guidelines, government agency advice concerning lead in hunting ammunition. Rafael Mateo, IREC Spain, vice-leader of WG3. 40 min.
- The REACH-Regulation of lead in outdoor shooting and fishing. Senior Policy Advisor Dorte Bjerregaard Lerche, Ministry of Environment, Denmark. 30 min.
- Result of Action WG3 survey on national/regional regulation and perception of lead ammunition. Niels Kanstrup. 30 min.

Coffee/Tea break. 20 min.

Session 2: Chair: Niels Kanstrup

- Overall discussion and feedback and filling gaps in knowledge. All. 30 min.
- Workshop report: Establishment of a task force. 15 min.
- Final remarks and goodbye. 15 min.

Closure of workshop 12.00