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EFSA and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control have published their Annual Report on Zoonoses and Food-borne outbreaks for 2008, which gives an overview of zoonotic infections shared in nature by humans and animals and disease outbreaks caused by consuming contaminated food. The report shows that the number of human cases of the three most reported zoonotic infections was lower in 2008 than in 2007.



[EFSA confirms chicken meat major source of human cases of campylobacteriosis](#)

In an opinion published 28 January, EFSA's BIOHAZ Panel concludes that the handling, preparation and consumption of broiler meat may directly account for 20 to 30% of human cases of campylobacteriosis in the European Union.



[EFSA consults on the evaluation of safety and effectiveness of substances used for removal of microbial surface contamination](#)

EFSA's BIOHAZ Panel has published for public consultation a revision of the guidance document for the submission of applications on the substances to be used for removing microbial contamination from the surface of foods of animal origin. All interested parties will be able to provide their

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