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EFSA/CONTAM/3450

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 91st Plenary meeting

Held on 14-16 May 2018, Parma (Italy)
(Agreed on 1 June 2018)

Participants

- **Panel Members:**

Jan Alexander, Lars Barregård¹, Margherita Bignami, Beat Brüscheweiler, Bruce Cottrill, Mike Dinovi², Lutz Edler, Bettina Grasl-Kraupp, Christer Hogstrand³, Ron Hoogenboom, Helle Knutsen, Carlo Nebbia, Isabelle Oswald⁴, Annette Petersen², Martin Rose, Alain-Claude Roudot, Tanja Schwerdtle, Christiane Vleminckx, Günter Vollmer and Heather Wallace.

- **Hearing Experts⁵:**

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- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

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- **EFSA:**

- **BIOCONTAM Unit:**

Katleen Baert, Marco Binaglia, Paolo Colombo, Ernesto Liebana Criado, Karen Mackay, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi, Ruth Roldán Torres, Marijke Schutte and Hans Steinkellner.

¹ Physical attendance on 14-15 May and by audio-web conference on 16 May.

² Attendance by audio-web conference.

³ Attendance on 14-15 May only.

⁴ Attendance by audio-web conference on 14 and 16 May only.

⁵ As defined in Article 11 of the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest:
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

- **DATA Unit:**

Davide Arcella and Zsuzsanna Horvath (for items 7.1 and 7.2.).

- **Observers:**

Not applicable

- **Others:**

Not applicable

1. Welcome

The Chair of the CONTAM Panel welcomed the participants.

2. Apologies for absence

Sandra Ceccatelli (CONTAM Panel), Frans Verstraete and Veerle Vanheusden (European Commission, DG Health and Food Safety, unit E2) and Marina Marini (European Commission, DG Health and Food Safety, unit D1).

3. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

4. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Panel members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes⁶ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest⁷, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest and the Specific Declarations of Interest filled in by the Scientific Panel Members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting had been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

5. Agreement of the minutes of the 90th Plenary meeting held on 20-22 March 2018, Parma (Italy)

The minutes of the 90th Plenary meeting held on 20-22 March 2018 were agreed on 12 April 2018.

⁶ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

⁷ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

6. Report on the written procedures since the 90th Plenary meeting

Not applicable

7. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion and/or possible adoption

7.1. Draft Scientific opinion on the health risks related to the presence of dioxins and dioxin like-PCBs in feed and food (EFSA-Q-2015-00028)⁸

The Chair of the WG on Dioxins in food and feed presented, for discussion and possible endorsement, the sections of the draft opinion related to the toxicity in experimental animals, observations in humans, mode of action and dietary exposure assessment for farm and companion animals. The CONTAM Panel endorsed these section pending minor amendments. In addition, the sections on toxicokinetics, selection of critical effects and dose-response analysis, uncertainty and recommendations were presented for discussion. The feedback given by the Panel will be taken into account and the draft opinion will be presented for possible adoption at the next CONTAM Panel meeting.

7.2. Draft Scientific opinion on the risks to human and animal health related to the presence of 4,15 – diacetoxyscirpenol in food and feed (EFSA-Q-2010-01010)⁹

The Chair of the WG on *Fusarium* toxins presented, for discussion and possible endorsement, the sections of the draft opinion related to chemistry and method of analysis, toxicokinetics and adverse effects in farm and companion animals, transfer, haematotoxicity and myelotoxicity, combined effects with other mycotoxins, mode of actions, and food and feed processing. The CONTAM Panel endorsed these sections subject to incorporation of minor changes as suggested during the meeting. In addition the section on human hazard characterization was presented and discussed. Comments and suggestions received from the Panel will be taken into account by the WG and the draft opinion will be presented for possible adoption at the next CONTAM Panel meeting.

7.3. Draft update of methodological principles and scientific methods to be taken into account when establishing

⁸ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00028>

⁹ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2010-01010>

Reference Points for Action (RPAs) for non-allowed pharmacologically active substances present in food of animal origin (EFSA-Q-2018-00114)¹⁰

The Chair of the SWG on non-allowed pharmacologically active substances in food and feed presented for discussion the draft opinion. The feedback given by the Panel will be taken into account and the opinion will be presented for possible adoption at the next CONTAM Panel meeting.

8. Health Based Guidance Value for Perchlorate

Based on the available information provided by Fertilizers Europe and from the previous and recent literature, the CONTAM Panel agreed that a revision of the TDI established in 2014 for perchlorate is not warranted. A reply letter addressing the requests of Fertilizers Europe will be prepared.

9. Feedback from the Scientific Committee/Scientific Panels, EFSA, the European Commission

9.1. European Commission

The item was deferred to the 92nd CONTAM Panel meeting

9.2. CONTAM Panel Working Groups

9.2.1. Update from WG on Fusarium toxins

See item 7.2.

9.2.2. Update from WG on Dioxins in food and feed

See item 7.1.

9.2.3. Update from WG on Perfluoroalkylated substances in food

The Chair of the WG on PFAS presented the proposed approach for the hazard identification and characterization of the substances included in the second opinion on PFASs, other than PFOS and PFOA, in food. The CONTAM Panel acknowledged the proposed approach and made suggestions to the WG.

9.2.4. Update from Standing WG on Feed detoxification

The item was deferred to the 92nd CONTAM Panel meeting

9.2.5. Update from WG on Hydrocyanic acid in food

The Chair of the WG presented the proposed approach to hazard and exposure assessment. The Panel members acknowledged the

¹⁰ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00114>

proposed approach. The draft opinion will be distributed to the CONTAM Panel for discussion at its 93rd meeting in July 2018.

9.2.6. Update from WG on Chlorinated paraffins in food and feed

The item was deferred to the 92nd CONTAM Panel meeting

9.2.7. Update from WG on Glycoalkaloids in food and feed

The item was deferred to the 92nd CONTAM Panel meeting

9.2.8. Update from WG on Quinolizidine alkaloids in food and feed

The item was deferred to the 92nd CONTAM Panel meeting

9.2.9. Update from Standing WG on Non-allowed pharmacologically active substances in food and feed and their RPAs

See item 7.3.

9.3. EFSA

9.3.1. Advisory Forum

The item was deferred to the 92nd CONTAM Panel meeting

9.3.2. Management Board

The item was deferred to the 92nd CONTAM Panel meeting

9.4 Scientific Committee and its Working Groups of interest to the CONTAM Panel

The item was deferred to the 92nd CONTAM Panel meeting

10. Other scientific topics for information and/or discussion

10.1. Present status of current outsourcing activities of the CONTAM Team (BIOCONTAM Unit)

The item was deferred to the 92nd CONTAM Panel meeting

11. Any other business

Not applicable.