



UNIT ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS and CONTAMINANTS

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 104th Plenary meeting

19 February 2020 (Agreed on 6 March 2020)

Participants

Panel Members:

Margherita Bignami, Laurent Bodin, Jesús Del Mazo, Bettina Grasl-Kraupp, Christer Hogstrand, Ron Hoogenboom, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Carlo Nebbia, Elsa Nielsen, Evangelia Ntzani, Annette Petersen, Salomon Sand, Dieter Schrenk, Tanja Schwerdtle and Christiane Vleminckx.

Hearing Experts¹:

Not Applicable.

European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Veerle Vanheusden and Frans Verstraete (European Commission, DG Health and Food Safety, Unit E2).

EFSA:

BIOCONTAM Unit:

Marco Binaglia and Luisa Ramos Bordajandi.

DATA Unit:

Francesca Riolo.

Observers:

Not Applicable.

Others:

Not Applicable.

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work: http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/expertselection.pdf

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Kevin Chipman and Heather Wallace (CONTAM Panel), and Marina Marini (European Commission, DG Health and Food Safety, unit D1).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Panel members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 103rd plenary meeting held on 28-30.01.2020

The minutes of the 103rd Plenary meeting held on 28-30 January 2020 were agreed by the CONTAM Panel on 14 February 2020³.

5. Report on written procedures since the 103rd plenary meeting held on 28-30.01.2020

Not applicable.

6. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion and possible adoption

6.1. Draft Scientific opinion on the risks for animal and human health related to the presence of glycoalkaloids in feed and food, in particular in potatoes and potato-derived products (EFSA-Q-2016-00240)⁴

The Chair of the WG on Glycoalkaloids in food and feed introduced the draft opinion. The Panel discussed the sections on uncertainty analysis, the conclusions, recommendations, summary and abstract. Pending minor modifications agreed during the discussion, the CONTAM Panel endorsed the draft opinion for the public consultation, which will indicatively take place between end of February and mid-April 2020.

http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

³ https://www.efsa.europa.eu/it/events/event/103rd-plenary-meeting-contam-panel

⁴ http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00240

7. Feedback from the Scientific Committee, EFSA, the European Commission

The agenda items were deferred to the next meeting due to time constraints.

8. Any other business

Not applicable.