

FEED UNIT

Scientific Panel on Additives and Products or Substances Used in Animal Feed Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Working Group on Guidance on *Bacillus* safety

Tele-web, 12 March 2014

(Agreed on 20 March 2014, by written procedure)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Andrew Chesson, Pier Sandro Cocconcelli, Per Einar Granum and Maria Saarela
- **Hearing Experts:**
 - Not applicable
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 - Not applicable
- **EFSA:**
 - FEED Unit: Rosella Brozzi
- **Others:**
 - Not applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Christophe Nguyen-Thé.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests,² EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting held on 21 February, Madrid.

The minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting were reviewed and agreed.

5. Scientific topic for discussion

The Working Group discussed the draft updated Guidance on the assessment of the toxigenic potential of *Bacillus* species used in animal nutrition ([EFSA-Q-2013-00303](#)) and decided to present it modified accordingly to the plenary meeting.

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**Scientific Panel on Additives and Products or Substances Used in Animal Feed
Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group on Guidance on Bacillus safety
Held on 21 February 2014, Madrid
(Agreed on 12 April 2014)**

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Andrew Chesson, Pier Sandro Cocconcelli, Per Einar Granum and Maria Saarela
- **Hearing Experts:**
 - Colin Harwood
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 - Not applicable
- **EFSA:**
 - FEED Unit: Rosella Brozzi
- **Others:**
 - Not applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Christophe Nguyen-Thé.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting held on 30 and 31 October, Brussels.

The minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting were reviewed and agreed.

5. Scientific topic for discussion

The Working Group discussed the draft updated Guidance on the assessment of the toxigenic potential of *Bacillus* species used in animal nutrition ([EFSA-Q-2013-00303](#)) and decided that further discussion is needed.

6. Next meeting

12 March 2014.

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**Scientific Panel on Additives and Products or Substances Used in Animal Feed
Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group on Guidance on *Bacillus* safety
Held on 30 and 31 October 2013, Brussels
(Agreed on 21 February 2014)**

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Andrew Chesson, Pier Sandro Cocconcelli and Maria Saarela
 - Christophe Nguyen-Thé¹ has participated via teleconference
- **Hearing Experts:**
 - Not applicable
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 - Marta Ponghellini¹ (DG SANCO)
- **EFSA:**
 - FEED Unit: Rosella Brozzi

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Per Einar Granum.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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¹ Only the first day

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 24 May 2013, Brussels.

The minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting were reviewed and agreed.

5. Scientific topic for discussion

The Working Group discussed the comments received during the public consultation regarding the update of the Guidance on the assessment of the toxigenic potential of *Bacillus* species used in animal nutrition ([EFSA-Q-2013-00303](#)) and decided that further discussion is needed.

6. Next meeting

21 February 2014.

FEED UNIT

**Scientific Panel on Additives and Products or Substances Used in Animal Feed
Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on Guidance on *Bacillus* safety
Held on 24 May 2013, Brussels
(Agreed on 30 October 2013)**

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Andrew Chesson, Pier Sandro Cocconcelli, Per Einar Granum and Christophe Nguyen-Thé and Maria Saarela
- **Hearing experts:**
 - Not applicable
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 - Not applicable
- **EFSA:**
 - FEED Unit: Rosella Brozzi

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Scientific topic for discussion

The Working Group started its discussion on the updating of the Guidance on the assessment of the toxigenic potential of *Bacillus* species used in animal nutrition ([EFSA-Q-](#)

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[2013-00303](#)). It decided to present the draft document, modified accordingly, to the plenary meeting for endorsement prior to submitting to a public consultation.

5. Next meeting

30 and 31 October.