

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN  
91<sup>st</sup> Working Group meeting on BFRs



10 December 2025

9.30-17.30

MINUTES - Agreed on 23 December 2025

**Location:** EFSA (Parma)

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:

Emilio Benfenati, Diane Benford<sup>1</sup>, Margherita Bignami<sup>2</sup>, Laurent Bodin, Andy Hart, Christer Hogstrand (Chair), Evi Ntzani<sup>3</sup>, Martin Rose, Henri Schroeder, Martine Vrijheid, Christiane Vleminckx

- Hearing Experts<sup>4</sup>:

Not applicable

- Applicants participating in a technical hearing<sup>5</sup>:

Not Applicable

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

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- EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Eirini Kouloura, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

MESE Unit: Francesca Riolo

- Observers:

Federico Cruciani, Violetta Costanzo

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the WG welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Jesús Vázquez Rodríguez (ECHA) and Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>6</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management,<sup>7</sup> EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting and the preparatory meetings listed under agenda item "Preparatory meeting/s with Risk Assessment". No conflicts of interest related

<sup>1</sup> Participated until 13:00 CET.

<sup>2</sup> Participated until 16:45 CET.

<sup>3</sup> Participated from 13:00 CET onwards.

<sup>4</sup> As defined in Article 34 of the document "Implementing Rule of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority laying down the rules on the selection, appointment and operations of the Scientific Committee, Scientific Panels and of their Working Groups": <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/paneloperation.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> As defined in the "EFSA's Catalogue of support initiatives during the life cycle of applications for regulated products": <https://efsaj.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.2903/sp.efsa.2021.EN-6472>

<sup>6</sup> [https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/independence-policy-2024.pdf](https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/independence-policy-2024.pdf)

<sup>7</sup> [https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/decision-ed-on-competing-interest-management-2024.pdf](https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/decision-ed-on-competing-interest-management-2024.pdf)



to the issues discussed in these meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the Working Group members at the beginning of this meeting.

## **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 90<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 19 November 2025**

The minutes were agreed on 3 December 2025.

## **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

### **a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of Emerging and Novel BFRs in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00436](#))**

The members of the Working Group discussed the feedback received from the CONTAM Panel regarding the draft text available for six of the BFRs under assessment and the preliminary exposure estimates. The members also discussed the data available and preliminary approach for hazard identification and characterisation for the remaining 21 BFRs under assessment. Tasks were distributed.

## **6. Any Other Business**

None.

## **7. Next meeting**

13 and 22 January 2026, via web conference.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN  
90<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on BFRs



19 November 2025  
9.00-17.30  
MINUTES - Agreed on 3 December 2025

**Location:** EFSA (Parma)

**Attendees:**

○ Working Group Members:

Emilio Benfenati, Diane Benford, Margherita Bignami<sup>1</sup>, Laurent Bodin<sup>2</sup>, Andy Hart, Christer Hogstrand (Chair), Evi Ntzani, Martin Rose, Henri Schroeder, Christiane Vleminckx

○ Hearing Experts<sup>3</sup>:

Not applicable

○ Applicants participating in a technical hearing<sup>4</sup>:

Not Applicable

○ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

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○ EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

MESE Unit: Francesca Riolo

iDATA Unit: Andrea Gissi

○ Observers:

Federico Cruciani, Violetta Costanzo

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the WG welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Martine Vrijheid, Eirini Kouloura (EFSA), Jesús Vázquez Rodríguez (ECHA) and Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>5</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management,<sup>6</sup> EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting and the preparatory meetings listed under agenda item "Preparatory meeting/s with Risk Assessment". No conflicts of interest related

<sup>1</sup> Participated from 13:45 CET onwards.

<sup>2</sup> Absent from 15.30 CET onwards.

<sup>3</sup> As defined in Article 34 of the document "Implementing Rule of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority laying down the rules on the selection, appointment and operations of the Scientific Committee, Scientific Panels and of their Working Groups": <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/paneloperation.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> As defined in the "EFSA's Catalogue of support initiatives during the life cycle of applications for regulated products": <https://efsaj.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.2903/sp.efsa.2021.EN-6472>

<sup>5</sup> [https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/independence-policy-2024.pdf](https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/independence-policy-2024.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> [https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/decision-ed-on-competing-interest-management-2024.pdf](https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/decision-ed-on-competing-interest-management-2024.pdf)



to the issues discussed in these meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the Working Group members at the beginning of this meeting.

## **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 89<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 20-21 October 2025**

The minutes were agreed on 3 November 2025.

## **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

### **a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of Emerging and Novel BFRs in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00436](#))**

The members of the Working Group went through the data available for six of the BFRs under assessment and discussed the hazard identification and characterisation, the possible identification of Reference Points and uncertainty analysis. The members discussed modelling for toxicity prediction. A discussion of the occurrence data in food submitted in the last call for data for the BFRs under assessment and preliminary exposure estimates was held. Tasks were distributed.

## **6. Any Other Business**

None.

## **7. Preparatory meetings**

Since the last 89th WG meeting, one preparatory meeting chaired by EFSA staff was held as follows:

### **7.1 Preparatory meeting on the WG BFRs, 18 November 2025**

7.1a Working Group Members: Diane Benford, Christer Hogstrand, Martin Rose

7.1b Discussion of the preliminary exposure estimates for the BFRs under assessment.

## **8. Next meeting**

10 December 2025, via web conference.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN  
89<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on BFRs



20 – 21 October 2025  
9.00-18.00 / 9:00-13:00  
MINUTES - Agreed on 3 November 2025

**Location:** EFSA (Parma)

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:

Emilio Benfenati<sup>1</sup>, Diane Benford, Margherita Bignami<sup>2</sup>, Laurent Bodin<sup>3</sup>, Andy Hart, Christer Hogstrand (Chair), Evi Ntzani<sup>4</sup>, Martin Rose, Henri Schroeder, Christiane Vleminckx<sup>5</sup>, Martine Vrijheid<sup>6</sup>

- Hearing Experts<sup>7</sup>:

Not applicable

- Applicants participating in a technical hearing<sup>8</sup>:

Not Applicable

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE)

- EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Eirini Kouloura, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

MESE Unit: Francesca Riolo

- Observers:

Federico Cruciani, Violetta Costanzo

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the WG welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Jesús Vázquez Rodríguez (ECHA).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>9</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management,<sup>10</sup> EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the

<sup>1</sup> On Day 2 participated via teleconference.

<sup>2</sup> Absent on Day 2.

<sup>3</sup> Participated via teleconference.

<sup>4</sup> Participated via teleconference.

<sup>5</sup> Participated via teleconference.

<sup>6</sup> Participated via teleconference. On Day participated from 14.00 CET onwards.

<sup>7</sup> As defined in Article 34 of the document "Implementing Rule of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority laying down the rules on the selection, appointment and operations of the Scientific Committee, Scientific Panels and of their Working Groups": <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/paneloperation.pdf>

<sup>8</sup> As defined in the "EFSA's Catalogue of support initiatives during the life cycle of applications for regulated products": <https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.2903/sp.efsa.2021.EN-6472>

<sup>9</sup> [https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/independence-policy-2024.pdf](https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/independence-policy-2024.pdf)

<sup>10</sup> [https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/decision-ed-on-competing-interest-management-2024.pdf](https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/decision-ed-on-competing-interest-management-2024.pdf)



Working Group members invited to the present meeting and the preparatory meetings listed under agenda item "Preparatory meeting/s with Risk Assessment". No conflicts of interest related to the issues discussed in these meeting have been identified during the screening process.

Certain interests were declared orally by the members before the beginning of the meeting. For further details on the outcome of the screening of the Oral Declaration(s) of Interest made at the beginning of the meeting, please refer to the Annex.

## **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 88<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 12 September 2025**

The minutes were agreed on 25 September 2025.

## **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

### **a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of Emerging and Novel BFRs in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00436](#))**

The members of the Working Group went through the data available for each of the BFRs under assessment and discussed the hazard identification and characterisation and possible identification of Reference Points. The members discussed modelling for toxicity prediction and possible read-across cases. A discussion of the occurrence data in food submitted in the last call for data for the BFRs under assessment was held. Tasks were distributed.

## **6. Any Other Business**

None.

## **7. Preparatory meetings**

Since the last 88th WG meeting, one preparatory meeting chaired by EFSA staff was held as follows:

### **7.1 Preparatory meeting on the WG BFRs, 25 September 2025**

7.1a Working Group Members: Emilio Benfenati, Diane Benford, Margherita Bignami, Andy Hart, Christer Hogstrand, Christiane Vleminckx

7.1b Discussion of the read-across case to inform the genotoxicity of one the BFRs under assessments.

## **8. Next meeting**

19 November 2025, via web conference.



**Annex**

**Interests and actions resulting from the Oral Declaration of Interest done at the beginning of the meeting**

With regard to this meeting, Dr Martin Rose declared the following interest: Chair of the Safefood Advisory Committee. In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>11</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>12</sup>, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was not deemed to represent a conflict of interest for the expert concerned.

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<sup>11</sup> [https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/independence-policy-2024.pdf](https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/independence-policy-2024.pdf)  
<sup>12</sup> [https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/decision-ed-on-competing-interest-management-2024.pdf](https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/decision-ed-on-competing-interest-management-2024.pdf)

# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

## 88<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on BFRs



12 September 2025  
9.30-17.30 CET  
MINUTES - Agreed on 25 September

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:

Emilio Benfenati, Diane Benford, Margherita Bignami, Laurent Bodin, Andy Hart, Christer Hogstrand (Chair), Evi Ntzani, Martin Rose, Henri Schroeder, Christiane Vleminckx, Martine Vrijheid

- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:

Not applicable

- Applicants participating in a technical hearing<sup>2</sup>:

Not Applicable

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE)

- EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Eirini Kouloura, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

MESE Unit: Francesca Riolo

iDATA Unit: Andrea Gissi

- Observers:

Federico Cruciani, Jesús Vázquez Rodríguez (ECHA)

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the WG welcomed the participants.

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No conflicts of interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting has been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the Working Group members at the beginning of this meeting.

<sup>1</sup> As defined in Article 34 of the document "Implementing Rule of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority laying down the rules on the selection, appointment and operations of the Scientific Committee, Scientific Panels and of their Working Groups": <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/paneloperation.pdf>

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<sup>3</sup> [https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/independence-policy-2024.pdf](https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/independence-policy-2024.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/decision-ed-on-competing-interest-management-2024.pdf](https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/decision-ed-on-competing-interest-management-2024.pdf)



## **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 87<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 24 June 2025**

The minutes were agreed on 3 July 2025.

## **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

### **a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of Emerging and Novel BFRs in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00436](#))**

The members of the Working Group discussed the occurrence data in food submitted at the last call for data on the BFRs under assessment. In addition, the members discussed modelling for toxicity prediction and possible read across. Tasks were distributed.

## **6. Any Other Business**

None.

## **7. Next meeting**

20-21 October 2025, in Parma.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN  
87<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on BFRs



24 June 2025  
9.30-17.30 CET  
MINUTES - Agreed on 3 July

**Location:** Teleconference

**Attendees:**

o Working Group Members:

Emilio Benfenati, Diane Benford, Margherita Bignam, Laurent Bodin, Andy Hart, Christer Hogstrand (Chair), Evi Ntzani, Martin Rose, Henri Schroeder, Christiane Vleminckx

o Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:

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o European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

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o EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Eirini Kouloura, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

iDATA Unit: Andrea Gissi, Alison Hunt

o Observers:

Federico Cruciani, Jesús Vázquez Rodríguez (ECHA)

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the WG welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Martine Vrijheid and Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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.

## 4. Agreement of the minutes of the 86<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 25 May 2025

The minutes were agreed and were published at the EFSA website.

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<sup>1</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of Emerging and Novel BFRs in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00436](#))

The members of the Working Group discussed the pending tasks in the sections related to the BFRs covered by Recommendation 2014/118/EU, including read across/QSAR modelling for toxicity prediction, and uncertainty analysis. Tasks were distributed.

## 6. Any Other Business

None.

## 7. Next meeting

12 September 2025.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN  
86<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on BFRs



27 May 2025  
9.30-17.30 CET  
MINUTES - Agreed on 5 June

**Location:** Teleconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Emilio Benfenati, Diane Benford, Margherita Bignami<sup>1</sup>, Laurent Bodin, Christer Hogstrand (Chair), Evi Ntzani, Martin Rose, Henri Schroeder, Christiane Vleminckx, Martine Vrijheid<sup>2</sup>
- Hearing Experts<sup>3</sup>:  
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- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE)
- EFSA:  
FEEDCO Unit: Luisa Ramos Bordajandi
- Observers:  
Federico Cruciani

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the WG welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Andy Hart, Eirini Kouloura (EFSA), and Jesús Vázquez Rodríguez (ECHA).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>4</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>5</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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.

## 4. Agreement of the minutes of the 85<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 25 April 2025

The minutes were agreed and were published at the EFSA website.

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<sup>1</sup> Absent from 12.15-13.00 CET.

<sup>2</sup> Absent from 15.00 CET onwards.

<sup>3</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of Emerging and Novel BFRs in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00436](#))

The members of the Working Group discussed the pending tasks in the sections related to the BFRs covered by Recommendation 2014/118/EU, including read across/QSAR modelling for toxicity prediction. A discussion on the data identified on some of the other BFRs under assessment was also held. Tasks were distributed.

## 6. Any Other Business

None.

## 7. Next meeting

24 June 2025.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN  
85<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on BFRs



25 April 2025  
9.30-17.30 CET  
MINUTES - Agreed on 2 May

**Location:** Teleconference

**Attendees:**

o Working Group Members:

Emilio Benfenati, Diane Benford, Margherita Bignami, Laurent Bodin, Andy Hart, Christer Hogstrand (Chair), Evi Ntzani<sup>1</sup>, Martin Rose, Henri Schroeder, Christiane Vleminckx, Martine Vrijheid

o Hearing Experts<sup>2</sup>:

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o European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

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o EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Eirini Kouloura, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

iDATA Unit: Andrea Gissi

o Observers:

Jesús Vázquez Rodríguez (ECHA)

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the WG welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Edoardo Carnesecchi (EFSA), Alison Hunt (EFSA), Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE) and Federico Cruciani (Observer).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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.

## 4. Agreement of the minutes of the 84<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 13 March 2025

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<sup>1</sup> Participated until 13.00 CET.

<sup>2</sup> As defined in Article 34 of the document "Implementing Rule of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority laying down the rules on the selection, appointment and operations of the Scientific Committee, Scientific Panels and of their Working Groups": <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/paneloperation.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



The minutes were agreed and were published at the EFSA website.

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of Emerging and Novel BFRs in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00436](#))

The members of the Working Group discussed the read across/QSAR modelling for toxicity prediction for the BFRs under assessment. A discussion on the draft text and approach for hazard identification and characterisation of some of the BFRs was held. Tasks were distributed.

## 6. Any Other Business

None.

## 7. Next meeting

27 May 2025.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN  
84<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on BFRs



13 March 2025  
9.30-17.30 CET  
MINUTES - Agreed on 13 March

**Location:** Teleconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:

Emilio Benfenati, Diane Benford<sup>1</sup>, Margherita Bignami, Laurent Bodin<sup>2</sup>, Andy Hart, Christer Hogstrand (Chair), Evi Ntzani<sup>2</sup>, Martin Rose, Henri Schroeder, Christiane Vleminckx, Martine Vrijheid<sup>2</sup>

- Hearing Experts<sup>3</sup>:

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- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

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- EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Eirini Kouloura, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

iDATA Unit: Edoardo Carnesecchi, Andrea Gissi, Alison Hunt

- Observers:

Federico Cruciani, Jesús Vázquez Rodríguez (ECHA)

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the WG welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE)

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>4</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>5</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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.

## 4. Agreement of the minutes of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 13-14 February 2025

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<sup>1</sup> Absent from 9.30-12.30 CET.

<sup>2</sup> Did not participate to the PM discussion.

<sup>3</sup> As defined in Article 34 of the document "Implementing Rule of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority laying down the rules on the selection, appointment and operations of the Scientific Committee, Scientific Panels and of their Working Groups: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/paneloperation.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



The minutes were agreed and were published at the EFSA website.

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of Emerging and Novel BFRs in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00436](#))

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft text available for some of the BFRs under assessment, in particular the data available on toxicity in experimental animals, consideration of critical effects, dose-response analysis and uncertainty analysis. The WG discussed the approach to assess the additional BFRs included following the modification of the TOR. A discussion on the read across/QSAR modelling for toxicity prediction was held. Tasks were distributed.

## 6. Any Other Business

None.

## 7. Next meeting

25 April 2025.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN  
83rd Working Group meeting on BFRs



13-14 February 2025  
Day 1: 9.30-17.30 CET  
Day 2: 9.00-13.00 CET  
MINUTES - Agreed on 14 February

**Location:** Teleconference

**Attendees:**

○ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford<sup>1</sup>, Margherita Bignami, Laurent Bodin, Andy Hart, Christer Hogstrand (Chair),  
Martin Rose<sup>2</sup>, Henri Schroeder, Christiane Vleminckx

○ Hearing Experts<sup>3</sup>:

Emilio Benfenati<sup>4</sup>

○ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

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○ EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Eirini Kouloura, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

iDATA Unit: Edoardo Carnesecchi, Andrea Gissi, Alison Hunt

○ Observers:

Federico Cruciani, Nina Lazić (ECHA), Jesús Vázquez Rodríguez (ECHA)

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the WG welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Evi Ntzani, Martine Vrijheid, and Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE)

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>5</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>6</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Absent on Day 2.

<sup>2</sup> Absent on Day 1.

<sup>3</sup> As defined in Article 34 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> Participated on Day 1 from 9:30-12.30 CET.

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



## **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 27 and 29 November 2024**

The minutes were agreed and were published at the EFSA website.

## **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

### **a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of Emerging and Novel BFRs in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00436](#))**

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft text available for some of the BFRs under assessment, in particular the data available on toxicity in experimental animals, consideration of critical effects and dose-response analysis and uncertainty analysis. Possible methods for read across/QSAR modelling for toxicity prediction were presented and discussed. Tasks were distributed.

## **6. Any Other Business**

None.

## **7. Next meeting**

13 March 2025.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN  
82<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting on BFRs



27 and 29 November 2024

Day 1: 9.30-17.30 CET

Day 2: 9.30-17.30 CET

MINUTES - Agreed on 29 November

**Location:** Teleconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Margherita Bignami<sup>1</sup>, Laurent Bodin, Andy Hart, Christer Hogstrand (Chair), Martin Rose, Evi Ntzani, Henri Schroeder, Christiane Vleminckx, Martine Vrijheid<sup>2</sup>

- Hearing Experts<sup>3</sup>:

Emilio Benfenati<sup>4</sup>

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

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- EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Eirini Kouloura, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

iDATA Unit: Edoardo Carnesecchi, Andrea Gissi

- Observers:

Federico Cruciani, Nina Lazić (ECHA), Jesús Vázquez Rodríguez (ECHA)

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the WG welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE)

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>5</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>6</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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.

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<sup>1</sup> On Day 1 participated as Hearing Expert.

<sup>2</sup> Participated on Day 2 only.

<sup>3</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> Participated on Day 2 from 14.00-15.30 CET.

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



## **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 81<sup>st</sup> Working Group meeting held on 15 and 29 October 2024**

The minutes were agreed and were published at the EFSA website.

## **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

### **a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of Emerging and Novel BFRs in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00436](#))**

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft text available for the BFRs under assessment, in particular the data available on toxicity in experimental animals and consideration of critical effects. A discussion on the possibility to explore QSAR modelling for toxicity prediction was discussed. Tasks were distributed.

## **6. Any Other Business**

None.

## **7. Next meeting**

13-14 February 2025.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN  
81<sup>st</sup> Working Group meeting on BFRs



15 and 29 October 2024  
Day 1: 9.30-17.30 CET  
Day 2: 9.30-17.30 CET  
MINUTES - Agreed on 6 November

**Location:** Teleconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Andy Hart, Christer Hogstrand (Chair), Martin Rose, Evi Ntzani, Henri Schroeder, Christiane Vleminckx, Martine Vrijheid<sup>1</sup>

- Hearing Experts<sup>2</sup>:

Margherita Bignami<sup>3</sup>

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Veerle Vanheusden<sup>4</sup> (DG-SANTE)

- EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Chantra Eskes, Eleni Gkimpixi, Eirini Kouloura, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

MESE Unit: Francesca Riolo

- Others:

Federico Cruciani (Observer)

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the WG welcomed the participants.

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>5</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>6</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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.

## 4. Agreement of the minutes of the 80<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 22 August and 9 September 2024

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<sup>1</sup> Participated on Day 2 only.

<sup>2</sup> As defined in Article 34 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> Participated on Day 2 only from 14.00-17.30 CET.

<sup>4</sup> Participated on Day 2 only from 15.00-16.00 CET.

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



The minutes were agreed and were published at the EFSA website.

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of Emerging and Novel BFRs in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00436](#))

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft text available for each of the BFRs to be assessed, in particular the data available on toxicity in experimental animals and mode of action. The possible modification of the Terms of Reference was discussed with the mandate requestor. Tasks were distributed.

## 6. Any Other Business

None.

## 7. Next meeting

27 and 29 November 2024.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN  
80<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on BFRs



22 August and 9 September 2024

Day 1: 9.30-17.30 CET

Day 2: 9.30-17.30 CET

MINUTES - Agreed on 16 September

**Location:** Teleconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Andy Hart, Christer Hogstrand (Chair), Martin Rose, Evi Ntzani<sup>1</sup>,  
Henri Schroeder<sup>2</sup>, Christiane Vleminckx, Martine Vrijheid<sup>3</sup>

- Hearing Experts<sup>4</sup>:

Federico Cruciani

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Veerle Vanheusden<sup>5</sup> (DG-SANTE)

- EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

MESE Unit: Francesca Riolo

- Others:

Not applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The newly appointed Chair of the WG welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Eleni Gkimpixi (EFSA) and Eirini Kouloura (EFSA).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>6</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>7</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Participated on Day 1 only.

<sup>2</sup> Participated on Day 2 only.

<sup>3</sup> Participated on Day 2 only.

<sup>4</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> Participated on Day 2 only.

<sup>6</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>7</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



## **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 79<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 15 and 23 May 2024**

The minutes were agreed and were published at the EFSA website.

## **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

### **a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of brominated phenols and their derivatives in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00435](#))**

The members of the Working Group discussed the public consultation comments received, drafted replies and introduced modifications into the draft Opinion as appropriate. The Chair of the WG agreed to present the draft Opinion for possible adoption at the next CONTAM Plenary meeting.

### **b. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of novel and emerging BFRs in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00436](#))**

The members of the Working Group discussed the data available to inform the draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of novel and emerging BFRs in food. The structure of the draft Opinion was agreed. A discussion with the mandate requestor to clarify the Terms of Reference was held. Tasks were distributed.

## **6. Any Other Business**

None.

## **7. Next meeting**

15 and 29 October 2024.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN  
79<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on BFRs



15 and 23 May 2024  
Day 1: 9.30-17.00 CET  
Day 2: 9.30-17.30 CET  
MINUTES - Agreed on 6 June

**Location:** Teleconference

**Attendees:**

○ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford<sup>1</sup>, Laurent Bodin, Andy Hart, Christer Hogstrand<sup>2</sup>, Martin Rose, Evi Ntzani, Henri Schroeder, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair), Martine Vrijheid<sup>3</sup>

○ Hearing Experts<sup>4</sup>:

Federico Cruciani

○ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not applicable

○ EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Eleni Gkimpixi, Eirini Kouloura, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

MESE Unit: Francesca Riolo

○ Others:

Not applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the WG welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>5</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>6</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Absent on Day 2 from 15.00-16.20 CET.

<sup>2</sup> Absent on Day 2 from 17.00 CET onwards.

<sup>3</sup> Participated on Day 1 only.

<sup>4</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



## **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 78<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 17 and 18 April 2024**

The minutes were agreed and were published at the EFSA website.

## **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

### **a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of tetrabromobisphenol A and its derivatives in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00434](#))**

The members of the Working Group discussed the public consultation comments received, drafted replies and introduced modifications into the draft Opinion as appropriate. The Chair of the WG agreed to present the draft Opinion for possible adoption at the next CONTAM Plenary meeting.

### **b. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of brominated phenols and their derivatives in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00435](#))**

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of brominated phenols and their derivatives in food, and addressed the comments provided by the CONTAM Panel at previous discussions in the sections on Supporting information for the assessment, Toxicokinetics, Toxicity in experimental animals, Observations in humans, Consideration of critical effects, Dose Response Analysis, Approach for Risk Characterisation, Occurrence data submitted to EFSA, Exposure assessment and Risk Characterisation. The members also performed the Uncertainty analysis. Tasks were distributed.

## **6. Any Other Business**

None.

## **7. Next meeting**

22 August 2024.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN  
78<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on BFRs



17 and 18 April 2024  
Day 1: 9.00-18.00 CET  
Day 2: 9.00-13.00 CET  
MINUTES - Agreed on 26 April

**Location:** Parma (EFSA)

**Attendees:**

○ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Andy Hart, Christer Hogstrand, Martin Rose, Evi Ntzani, Henri Schroeder, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair), Martine Vrijheid<sup>1</sup>

○ Hearing Experts<sup>2</sup>:

Federico Cruciani

○ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not applicable

○ EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Eleni Gkimpixi, Eirini Kouloura, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

MESE Unit: Francesca Riolo

○ Others:

Not applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the WG welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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.

## 4. Agreement of the minutes of the 77<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 7 and 13 March 2024

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<sup>1</sup> Participated online on Day 1 only.

<sup>2</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



The minutes were agreed and were published at the EFSA website.

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### a. **Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of brominated phenols and their derivatives in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00435](#))**

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of brominated phenols and their derivatives in food, in particular the sections on Toxicokinetics, Toxicity in experimental animals, Observations in humans, Consideration of critical effects, Dose Response Analysis, Approach for Risk Characterisation, Risk Characterisation and the related uncertainties. The members also briefly discussed the sections under Supporting information for the assessment. The sections on occurrence data submitted to EFSA and exposure assessment were also discussed and agreed. Tasks were distributed.

## 6. Any Other Business

None.

## 7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 15 and 23 May 2024.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN  
77<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on BFRs



7 and 13 March 2024  
Day 1: 9.30-17.30 CET  
Day 2: 9.30-11.30 CET  
MINUTES - Agreed on 21 Mar 2024

**Location:** Teleconference

**Attendees:**

○ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin<sup>1</sup>, Andy Hart, Christer Hogstrand, Martin Rose, Evi Ntzani, Henri Schroeder<sup>2</sup>, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair)

○ Hearing Experts<sup>3</sup>:

Not applicable

○ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not applicable

○ EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Eleni Gkimpixi, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

MESE Unit: Francesca Riolo

○ Others:

Not applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the WG welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Martine Vrijheid, Veerle Vanheusden (DG SANTE) and Eirini Kouloura (EFSA).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>4</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>5</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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.

Certain interests were declared orally by the members before the beginning of the meeting. For further details on the outcome of the screening of the Oral Declaration(s) of Interest made at the beginning of the meeting, please refer to the Annex.

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<sup>1</sup> Participated on 7 March 2024 only.

<sup>2</sup> Participated on 7 March 2024 only, from 10.45 CET onwards.

<sup>3</sup> As defined in Article 34 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



## **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 76<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 7 and 15 February 2024**

The minutes were agreed and were published at the EFSA website.

## **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

### **a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of TBBPA and its derivatives in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00434](#))**

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of TBBPA and its derivatives in food, in particular the sections under Toxicity in experimental animals, Mode of Action, Consideration of critical effects, Dose-response analysis, Uncertainty analysis, Conclusions, Recommendations, Abstract and Summary. The members of the Working Group agreed on additional tasks.

### **b. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of brominated phenols and their derivatives in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00435](#))**

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of brominated phenols and their derivatives in food, in particular the sections Toxicokinetics, Toxicity in experimental animals and Observations. The members also discussed the occurrence data submitted to EFSA and the possible approach for exposure assessment. Tasks were distributed.

## **6. Any Other Business**

None.

## **7. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 17-18 April 2024.

### **Annex**

Interests and actions resulting from the Oral Declaration of Interest done at the beginning of the meeting

With regard to this meeting, Dr Evi Ntzani declared the following interest: involvement in an European project related to wastewater surveillance for public health. In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>4</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>5</sup>, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was not deemed to represent a Conflict of Interest for the expert concerned.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN  
76<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on BFRs



7 and 15 February 2024  
Day 1: 9.30-17.00 CET  
Day 2: 9.30-17.00 CET  
MINUTES - Agreed on 21 Feb 2024

**Location:** Teleconference

**Attendees:**

o Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin<sup>1</sup>, Andy Hart, Christer Hogstrand<sup>2</sup>, Martin Rose, Evi Ntzani<sup>3</sup>, Henri Schroeder, Martine Vrijheid<sup>4</sup>, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair)

o Hearing Experts<sup>5</sup>:

Federico Cruciani<sup>6</sup>

o European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not applicable

o EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Eleni Gkimpixi, Eirini Kouloura, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

MESE Unit: Francesca Riolo

o Others:

Federico Cruciani participated as ISA (Individual Scientific Advisor) contractor (ref. EOI/EFSA/2022/01) for agenda items 4 and 5 (Day 2), via web conference.

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the WG welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Veerle Vanheusden (DG SANTE). The members were informed of the resignation of Peter Fürst as WG member.

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>7</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>8</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Absent on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February

<sup>2</sup> Absent on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February from 16.00-17.00 CET

<sup>3</sup> Absent on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February from 9.30-14.00 CET

<sup>4</sup> Present only on 15<sup>th</sup> of February from 16.00-17.00 CET

<sup>5</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> Participated on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February, 9.30-17.00 CET

<sup>7</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>8</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



## **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 75<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 22 January 2024**

The minutes were agreed and were published at the EFSA website.

## **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

### **a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of TBBPA and its derivatives in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00434](#))**

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of TBBPA and its derivatives in food, in particular the sections under Exposure assessment, Toxicity in experimental animals, Mode of Action, Consideration of critical effects, Dose-response analysis, Approach for Risk characterisation, Risk characterisation and Uncertainty analysis. The members of the Working Group discussed the data available and agreed on additional tasks.

### **b. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of BPs and their derivatives in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00435](#))**

The members of the Working Group gave an overview of the available data and drafted sections for the draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of Brominated Phenols and their derivatives in food. Tasks were reminded, and the draft Opinion will be discussed the next meeting.

## **6. Any Other Business**

None.

## **7. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 7 March 2024.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN  
75<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on BFRs



22 January 2024  
9.30-17.00 CET  
MINUTES - Agreed on 30 Jan 2024

**Location:** Teleconference

**Attendees:**

o Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Andy Hart, Christer Hogstrand, Martin Rose, Henri Schroeder<sup>1</sup>, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair)

o Hearing Experts<sup>2</sup>:

Not applicable

o European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not applicable

o EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Eleni Gkimpixi, Eirini Kouloura, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

MESE Unit: Francesca Riolo

o Others:

Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the WG welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Peter Fürst, Evi Ntzani, Martine Vrijheid, and Veerle Vanheusden (DG SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Participated for 45 min

<sup>2</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



## **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 74<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 9 January 2024**

The minutes were agreed and were published at the EFSA website.

## **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

### **a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of TBBPA and its derivatives in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00434](#))**

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of TBBPA and its derivatives in food, in particular the sections under Supporting information for the assessment, Occurrence data, Exposure assessment, Toxicity in experimental animals, Mode of Action, Consideration of critical effects, Dose-response analysis, and Uncertainty analysis. The members of the Working Group discussed the data available and agreed on additional tasks.

### **b. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of BPs and their derivatives in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00435](#))**

The Chair of the Working Group gave an overview of the available data for the draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of Brominated Phenols and their derivatives in food. Tasks were reminded, and a discussion will be held at the next meeting.

## **6. Any Other Business**

None.

## **7. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 7 February 2024.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN  
74<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on BFRs

9 January 2024  
9.30-17.00 CET  
MINUTES - Agreed on 9 Jan 2024



**Location:** Teleconference

**Attendees:**

○ Working Group Members:

Laurent Bodin, Andy Hart, Christer Hogstrand, Martin Rose, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair)

○ Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:

Not applicable

○ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not applicable

○ EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Federico Cruciani, Eleni Gkimpixi, Eirini Kouloura, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi, Chantra Eskes

MESE Unit: Francesca Riolo

○ Others:

Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the WG welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Peter Fürst, Diane Benford, Evi Ntzani, Henri Schroeder, Martine Vrijheid, and Veerle Vanheusden (DG SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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.

## 4. Agreement of the minutes of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 18 December 2023, via WEB

<sup>1</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



The minutes were agreed and were published at the EFSA website.

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of TBBPA and its derivatives in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00434](#))

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of TBBPA and its derivatives in food, in particular the sections under Currently dietary exposure assessment, Uncertainty analysis, Consideration of critical effects, Dose-response analysis and Approach for the risk assessment. The members of the Working Group discussed the data available and agreed on additional tasks.

## 6. Any Other Business

None.

## 7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 22 January 2024.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN  
73<sup>rd</sup> Working Group meeting on BFRs



18 December 2023  
9.00-13.30 CET  
MINUTES - Agreed on 05 Jan 2024

**Location:** Teleconference

**Attendees:**

○ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Andy Hart, Christer Hogstrand<sup>1</sup>, Evi Ntzani, Martin Rose, Henri Schroeder, Martine Vrijheid<sup>2</sup>, Christiane Vleminckx

○ Hearing Experts<sup>3</sup>:

Not applicable

○ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not applicable

○ EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Federico Cruciani, Eleni Gkimpixi, Eirini Kouloura, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

MESE Unit: Francesca Riolo

○ Others:

Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the WG welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Peter Fürst and Veerle Vanheusden (DG SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>4</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>5</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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.

<sup>1</sup> Absent from 11.00-11.30 CET.

<sup>2</sup> Absent from 9.00-10.00 CET.

<sup>3</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



## **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 12 December 2023, via WEB**

The minutes were agreed and were published at the EFSA website.

## **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

### **a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of TBBPA and its derivatives in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00434](#))**

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of TBBPA and its derivatives in food, in particular the sections under Toxicity in experimental animals, Consideration of critical effects, Dose-response modelling, Approach for risk characterisation and Uncertainty analysis. The members of the Working Group discussed the data available and agreed on additional tasks.

## **6. Any Other Business**

None.

## **7. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 9 January 2024.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN  
72<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting on BFRs



12 December 2023  
9.00-18.00 CET  
MINUTES - Agreed on 18 Dec 2023

**Location:** Teleconference

**Attendees:**

○ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Andy Hart, Christer Hogstrand, Evi Ntzani, Martin Rose, Henri Schroeder<sup>1</sup>, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair)

○ Hearing Experts<sup>2</sup>:

James Kevin Chipman<sup>3</sup>, Ron Hoogenboom<sup>3</sup>

○ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not applicable

○ EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Federico Cruciani, Eleni Gkimpixi, Eirini Kouloura, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

○ Others:

Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the WG welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Peter Fürst, Martine Vrijheid and Veerle Vanheusden (DG SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>4</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>5</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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.

Certain interests were declared orally by the members before the beginning of the meeting. For further details on the outcome of the screening of the Oral Declaration(s) of Interest made at the beginning of the meeting, please refer to the Annex.

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<sup>1</sup> Absent from 16.30-18.00 CET.

<sup>2</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> Participated from 10.00-12.00 CET.

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



## **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 71<sup>st</sup> Working Group meeting held on 15-16 November 2023, in Parma (hybrid)**

The minutes were agreed and were published at the EFSA website.

## **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

### **a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of TBBPA and its derivatives in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00434](#))**

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of TBBPA and its derivatives in food, in particular the sections under Toxicity in experimental animals, Mode of action, Consideration of critical effects, Dose-response analysis and Uncertainty analysis. The members of the Working Group discussed the data available and agreed on additional tasks.

### **b. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of Brominated Phenols and their derivatives in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00435](#))**

This item was postponed to next meetings.

## **6. Any Other Business**

None

## **7. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 18 December 2023.

## MEETING MINUTES – 12 Dec 2023

### 72<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting on BFRs

#### **Annex**

##### Interests and actions resulting from the Oral Declaration of Interest done at the beginning of the meeting

With regard to this meeting, Dr Diane Benford declared the following interest: vice-Chair of the 97<sup>th</sup> meeting of JECFA (November 2023) in which INS171 (titanium dioxide) and three groups of food flavouring substances were discussed. In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>4</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>5</sup>, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was not deemed to represent a Conflict of Interest for the expert concerned.

With regard to this meeting, Dr Martin Rose declared the following interest: change in the ownership of Fera Science Ltd that has no impact on financial support. In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>4</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director<sup>5</sup> on Competing Interest Management, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was not deemed to represent a Conflict of Interest for the expert concerned.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN  
71<sup>st</sup> Working Group meeting on BFRs



15-16 November 2023  
Day 1: 9.00-18.00 CET; Day 2: 9.00-13.00 CET  
MINUTES - Agreed on 22 Nov 2023

**Location:** Parma (hybrid)

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:

Online participants:

Diane Benford, Christer Hogstrand, Evi Ntzani, Henri Schroeder, Martine Vrijheid<sup>1</sup>

On-site participants:

Laurent Bodin, Andy Hart, Martin Rose, Christiane Vleminckx

- Hearing Experts<sup>2</sup>:

Not applicable

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not applicable

- EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Federico Cruciani, Eleni Gkimpixi, Eirini Kouloura, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

MESE Unit: Francesca Riolo

- Others:

Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the WG welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Peter Fürst and Veerle Vanheusden (DG Sante).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Absent the 2nd day

<sup>2</sup> 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/en/kevdocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



## **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 70<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 17 October 2023, via teleconference**

The minutes were agreed and were published at the EFSA website.

## **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

### **a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of TBBPA and its derivatives in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00434](#))**

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on TBBPA and its derivatives in food, in particular the sections under mode of action, toxicokinetics, toxicity in experimental animals, consideration of critical effects, exposure assessment and uncertainty analysis. The members of the Working Group discussed the data available and agreed on additional tasks.

### **b. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of Brominated Phenols and their derivatives in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00435](#))**

The members of the Working Group were informed about the new data available since the previous Opinion on brominated phenols and the derivatives to be covered in the update of the risk assessment to be developed, in particular in relation to the sections under supporting information for the assessment, toxicokinetics, toxicity in experimental animals and occurrence data. Tasks were distributed.

### **c. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of PBDEs in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00432](#))**

The members of the Working Group briefly discussed the feedback received from the CONTAM Panel in its last discussion. The Chair of the WG agreed that the draft Opinion can be presented for possible adoption at the upcoming CONTAM Plenary meeting.

## **6. Any Other Business**

None

## **7. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 12 December 2023.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN  
70<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on BFRs



17 October 2023  
9.00-18.00 CET  
MINUTES - Agreed on 25 Oct 2023

**Location:** Teleconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:

Online participants:

Diane Benford<sup>1</sup>, Laurent Bodin, Andy Hart, Christer Hogstrand, Evi Ntzani, Martin Rose, Henri Schroeder<sup>2</sup>, Christiane Vleminckx, Martine Vrijheid

- Hearing Experts<sup>3</sup>:

Not applicable

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not applicable

- EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Federico Cruciani, Eirini Kouloura, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

MESE Unit: Francesca Riolo

Others:

Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the WG welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Peter Fürst and Veerle Vanheusden (DG Sante).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>4</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>5</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Absent on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October from 9.00-12.30

<sup>2</sup> Absent on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October from 14.00-15.00

<sup>3</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



## **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 69<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 6-7 September 2023, in Parma**

The minutes were agreed and were published at the EFSA website.

## **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

### **a. Discussion of the PBDEs in food draft Opinion ([EFSA-Q-2018-00432](#))**

The members of the Working Group continued the discussion of the comments received during the public consultation of the draft Opinion on PBDEs in food, as well as the draft responses to the comments. Tasks were distributed.

### **b. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of TBBPA and its derivatives in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00434](#))**

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on TBBPA and its derivatives in food, in particular the sections under mode of action, toxicity in experimental animals and exposure assessment. The members of the Working Group discussed the data available and agreed on additional tasks.

## **6. Any Other Business**

None

## **7. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of November 2023.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN  
69<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on BFRs



6-7 Sep 2023  
9.00-18.00 / 9.00-13.00  
MINUTES - Agreed on 13 Sep 2023

**Location:** Parma (hybrid)

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:

On-site participants:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Christer Hogstrand, Martin Rose, Henri Schroeder<sup>1</sup>, Christiane Vleminckx

Online participants:

Evi Ntzani, Martine Vrijheid

- Hearing Experts<sup>2</sup>:

Not applicable

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Veerle Vanheusden<sup>3</sup>

- EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Federico Cruciani, Chantra Eskes, Eirini Kouloura, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

MESE Unit: Jose Cortiñas, Sofia Ioannidou, Olaf Mosbach-Schulz, Francesca Riolo, Tuuli Tauriainen

- Others:

Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the WG welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Peter Fürst and Andy Hart.

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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<sup>1</sup> Absent on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September from 12.15-13.00

<sup>2</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> Absent on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September



In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>4</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>5</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 68<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 19 July 2023, via web-conference**

The minutes were agreed and were published at the EFSA website.

## **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

### **a. Discussion of the PBDEs in food draft Opinion ([EFSA-Q-2018-00432](#))**

The members of the working group discussed the comments received during the public consultation of the draft Opinion on PBDEs in food, as well as the draft responses to the comments. Tasks were distributed for the pending actions.

### **b. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of TBBPA and its derivatives in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00434](#))**

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on TBBPA and its derivatives in food, in particular the sections under toxicokinetics, toxicity in experimental animals and occurrence data. The members of the Working Group discussed the data available and agreed on additional tasks.

## **6. Any Other Business**

None

## **7. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

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<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN  
68<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on BFRs



19 July 2023  
9.00-16.30  
MINUTES - Agreed on 27 July 2023

**Location:** Virtual meeting

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Andy Hart<sup>1</sup>, Christer Hogstrand, Evi Ntzani<sup>1</sup>, Martin Rose, Henri Schroeder, Christiane Vleminckx

- Hearing Experts<sup>2</sup>:

Theresa Zwicke<sup>3</sup> (EURL-POPs)

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not applicable

- EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Eirini Kouloura, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

MESE Unit: Francesca Riolo

- Others:

Not applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the WG welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Peter Fürst, Martine Vrijheid, Veerle Vanheusden (DG Sante) and Federico Cruciani (EFSA).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>4</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>5</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Absent from 9.00-11.15 CET

<sup>2</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> Present from 9.30-10.45 CET

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



## **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 67<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 7-8 June 2023, via web-conference**

The minutes were agreed and were published at the EFSA website.

## **5. Presentation from EURL-POPs**

The representative from the EURL-POPs gave an overview presentation on the current activities at EURL in relation to BFRs, with a special focus on TBBPA and BPs. In particular, information on the priority list for upcoming guidance documents was provided along with insights into the analytical methods applied for the analysis of BFRs in food and analytical results obtained up to date.

## **6. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

### **Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of TBBPA and its derivatives in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00434](#))**

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on TBBPA and its derivatives, in particular the sections under supporting information for the assessment, occurrence data, toxicokinetics, toxicity in experimental animals, and mode of action. Sources of uncertainties related to the exposure assessment were discussed. The members of the Working Group agreed on additional tasks.

## **7. Any Other Business**

None

## **8. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 6-7 September 2023.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN  
67<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on BFRs



7-8 June 2023  
9.00-18.00 / 9.00-13.00  
MINUTES - Agreed on 8 June 2023

**Location:** Parma (hybrid)

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:

On-site participants:

Diane Benford, Christer Hogstrand, Martin Rose, Henri Schroeder, Christiane Vleminckx

On-line participants:

Evi Ntzani<sup>1</sup>, Laurent Bodin<sup>2</sup>, Andy Hart<sup>3</sup>

- Hearing Experts<sup>4</sup>:

Not applicable

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not applicable

- EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Federico Cruciani, Eirini Kouloura, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

MESE Unit: Francesca Riolo

- Others:

Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the WG welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Peter Fürst, Martine Vrijheid and Veerle Vanheusden (DG Sante).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>5</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>6</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by

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<sup>1</sup> Absent on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June.

<sup>2</sup> Absent on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June, from 9.00-14.00 CET.

<sup>3</sup> Absent on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June.

<sup>4</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

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the Working Group 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 66<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 11-12 April 2023, via web-conference**

The minutes were agreed and were published at the EFSA website.

#### **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

##### **Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of TBBPA and its derivatives in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00434](#))**

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on TBBPA and its derivatives, in particular the sections under Supporting information for the assessment, toxicity in experimental animals and observations in humans. The MESE officer presented an update on the occurrence data on TBBPA (and on brominated phenols) and their respective derivatives. The members of the Working Group discussed the data available and agreed on additional tasks. A first discussion on the approach for the uncertainty analysis was held.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

None

#### **7. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 19 July 2023.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN  
66<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on BFRs



11-12 April 2023  
9.00-16.30 / 9.00-13.30  
MINUTES - Agreed on 19 April 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Andy Hart, Christer Hogstrand, Evi Ntzani, Martin Rose, Henri Schroeder<sup>1</sup>, Christiane Vleminckx

- Hearing Experts<sup>2</sup>:

Not applicable

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not applicable

- EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

MESE Unit: Bruno Dujardin, Francesca Riolo

- Others:

Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the WG welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Peter Fürst, Martine Vrijheid and Veerle Vanheusden (DG Sante).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Absent on both days from 11.00 to 12.00 CET.

<sup>2</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>4</sup>

[http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



## **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 65<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 27 March 2023, via web-conference**

The minutes were agreed and were published at the EFSA website.

## **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

### **a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of PBDEs in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00432](#))**

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular, the sections on consideration of critical effects, dose-response analysis, body burden calculations and risk characterisation following the last CONTAM Panel discussion. In addition, the members revised the draft of the uncertainty analysis, the conclusion bullets, the Summary and the Abstract. Tasks were distributed.

### **b. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of TBBPA and its derivatives in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00434](#))**

The MESE officer presented the occurrence data on TBBPA and on brominated phenols and their respective derivatives. The members of the Working Group discussed the data available and agreed to request clarifications to the data providers on several issues. In parallel, the drafting of the section on hazard identification will continue.

## **6. Any Other Business**

None

## **7. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 7-8 June 2023.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN  
65<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on BFRs



27 March 2023  
9.00-16.30  
MINUTES - Agreed on 31 March 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Andy Hart, Christer Hogstrand, Christiane Vleminckx

- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:

Ron Hoogenboom<sup>2</sup>

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not applicable

- EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

- Others:

Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the WG welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Henri Schroeder and Veerle Vanheusden (DG Sante).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 64<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 8 March 2023, via web-conference

<sup>1</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Participated until 15.00 CET.

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

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The minutes were agreed and will be published at the EFSA website.

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of PBDEs in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00432](#))

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs following the feedback from the CONTAM Panel at the March Plenary meeting. The discussion focused mainly on the sections on risk characterisation and on uncertainty analysis. Tasks were distributed.

### b. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of TBBPA and its derivatives in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00434](#))

The members of the Working Group had a preliminary brief discussion on the data available on toxicity studies in experimental animals for TBBPA, and the corresponding background summaries and tables available. The members agreed on the distribution of tasks.

## 6. Any Other Business

None

## 7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 11-12 April 2023, via web conference.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN  
64<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on BFRs



8 March 2023  
9.00-13.30  
MINUTES - Agreed on 24 March 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

○ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Peter Fürst, Andy Hart, Christer Hogstrand<sup>1</sup>, Evi Ntzani, Christiane Vleminckx

○ Hearing Experts<sup>2</sup>:

Not applicable

○ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not applicable

○ EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

○ Others:

Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The EFSA WG coordinator welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Martin Rose, Henri Schroeder, Martine Vrijheid, Veerle Vanheusden (DG Sante) and Federico Cruciani (EFSA).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 63<sup>rd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 6-7 March 2023, via web-conference

<sup>1</sup> Participated from 9.00 to 10.30 CET.

<sup>2</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

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The minutes will be agreed by written procedure and will be then published at the EFSA website.

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of PBDEs in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00432](#))

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular the section on risk characterisation. In addition, the members resumed the discussion on the uncertainty analysis, i.e. the EKE related to the reference points and the overall EKE for the risk assessment. Experts elicited their judgements, that were discussed and consensus reached. Tasks were distributed.

## 6. Any Other Business

None

## 7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 27 March 2023, via web conference.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN  
63<sup>rd</sup> Working Group meeting on BFRs



6-7 March 2023  
13.30-18.00 / 13.30-18.00  
MINUTES - Agreed on 24 March 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

o Working Group Members:

Diane Benford<sup>1</sup>, Laurent Bodin, Peter Fürst<sup>2</sup>, Andy Hart<sup>3</sup>, Christer Hogstrand, Evi Ntzani<sup>4</sup>, Martin Rose<sup>5</sup>, Henri Schroeder<sup>6</sup>, Christiane Vleminckx

o Hearing Experts<sup>7</sup>:

Not applicable

o European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not applicable

o EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

o Others:

Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the WG welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Martine Vrijheid and Veerle Vanheusden (DG Sante).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>8</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>9</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Participated on 7 February only.

<sup>2</sup> Participated on 7 February only and until 17.00 CET.

<sup>3</sup> Participated on 7 February only.

<sup>4</sup> On 6 March participated until 16.00 CET.

<sup>5</sup> Participated on 6 February whole session and on 7 March from 13.30-14.00 CET.

<sup>6</sup> Participated on 7 February from 14.00 to 15.15 CET.

<sup>7</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

<sup>8</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

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[http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



## **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 62<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 17 and 24 February 2023, via web-conference**

The minutes were agreed and were published at the EFSA website.

## **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

### **a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of PBDEs in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00432](#))**

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular, the sections on consideration of critical effects, dose-response analysis, body burden calculations and risk characterisation following the last CONTAM Panel discussion. In addition, the members discussed the uncertainty analysis related to the hazard identification and characterisation and to the overall conclusions of the risk assessment. Tasks were distributed.

## **6. Any Other Business**

None

## **7. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 8 March 2023, via web conference.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN  
62<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting on BFRs



17 and 24 February 2023  
13.30-18.00 / 13.00-18.00  
MINUTES - Agreed on 24 February 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:

Laurent Bodin, Andy Hart, Evi Ntzani, Henri Schroeder<sup>1</sup>, Christiane Vleminckx, Christer Hogstrand<sup>2</sup>

- Hearing Experts<sup>3</sup>:

Not applicable

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not applicable

- EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Federico Cruciani, Anna Cristodoulidou, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

- Others:

Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The CONTAM scientific officer Luisa Ramos Bordajandi chaired the meeting and welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Diane Benford and Veerle Vanheusden (DG Sante).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>4</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>5</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Participated on 24 February only.

<sup>2</sup> On 17 February was absent from 16.00 to 17.00 CET.

<sup>3</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

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## **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 61<sup>st</sup> Working Group meeting held on 6-7 February 2023, via web-conference**

The minutes were agreed and will be published at the EFSA website.

## **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

### **a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of PBDEs in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00432](#))**

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular, the uncertainty analysis related to the hazard identification and characterisation. The members revised the EKE question related to the reference points and approach for risk characterisation, and elicited their judgements. These were discussed, following which the experts had the opportunity to revise their judgements. Tasks were distributed.

## **6. Any Other Business**

None

## **7. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 6-7 March 2023, via web conference.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN  
61<sup>st</sup> Working Group meeting on BFRs



6-7 February 2023  
9.00-13.00 / 14.00-18.00 / 9.00-13.30  
MINUTES - Agreed on 20 February 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Andy Hart<sup>1</sup>, Evi Ntzani, Martin Rose<sup>2</sup>, Henri Schroeder, Christiane Vleminckx, Martine Vrijheid<sup>3</sup>

- Hearing Experts<sup>4</sup>:

Not applicable

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not applicable

- EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

- Others:

Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the WG welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Peter Fürst, Christer Hogstrand and Veerle Vanheusden (DG Sante).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>5</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>6</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Participated on 6 February 14.00-18.00 CET.

<sup>2</sup> Participated on 6 February 9.00-13.00 CET.

<sup>3</sup> Participated on 6 February 9.00-13.00 CET.

<sup>4</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

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## **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 60<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 2-3 February 2023, via web-conference**

The minutes were agreed and will be published at the EFSA website.

## **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

### **a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of PBDEs in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00432](#))**

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular, the sections on consideration of critical effects, dose-response analysis, body burden calculations and risk characterisation. In addition, the relevant members participated to the discussion on the uncertainty analysis related to the hazard identification and characterisation of the draft Opinion. Tasks were distributed.

## **6. Any Other Business**

None

## **7. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 17 February 2023, via web conference.



# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

## 60<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on BFRs



2-3 February 2023  
13.30-18.00/9.00-13.30  
MINUTES - Agreed on 3 February 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Andy Hart, Evi Ntzani, Christiane Vleminckx

- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:

Not applicable

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not applicable

- EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Anna Christodolidou, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

- Others:

Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The CONTAM scientific officer Luisa Ramos Bordajandi chaired the meeting and welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Christer Hogstrand, Henri Schroeder and Veerle Vanheusden (DG Sante).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 59<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 24 January 2023, via web-conference

The minutes were agreed and will be published at the EFSA website.

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<sup>1</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of PBDEs in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00432](#))

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular, the uncertainty analysis related to the hazard identification and characterisation. The members revised the table that identifies the major uncertainties in this part of the risk assessment, and discussed the approach for the uncertainty analysis, including the EKE questions. Tasks were distributed.

## 6. Any Other Business

None

## 7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 6-7 February 2023, via web conference.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN  
59<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on BFRs



24 January 2023  
10.30-13.00  
MINUTES - Agreed on 24 January 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Martin Rose, Peter Fürst

- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:

Andrew Hart

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not applicable

- EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Anna Christodolidou, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

MESE Unit: Olaf Mosbach-Schulz

iDATA Unit: Sofia Ioannidou

- Others:

Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The CONTAM scientific officer Luisa Ramos Bordajandi chaired the meeting and welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Veerle Vanheusden (DG Sante).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 58<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 17 January 2023, via web-conference

The minutes will be agreed via written procedure.

<sup>1</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of PBDEs in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00432](#))

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular, the uncertainty analysis related to the dietary exposure assessment performed for the draft Opinion. The judgements were discussed and consensus was reached. Tasks were distributed.

## 6. Any Other Business

None

## 7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 6-7 February 2023, via web conference.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN  
58<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on BFRs



17 January 2023  
09:00-13:30  
MINUTES - Agreed on 3 February 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Christer Hogstrand, Evi Ntzani, Martin Rose, Christiane Vleminckx, Martine Vrijheid<sup>1</sup>
- Hearing Experts<sup>2</sup>:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE)
- EFSA:  
FEEDCO Unit: Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi
- Others:  
Not Applicable

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Henri Schroeder and Peter Fürst.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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.

## IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 57<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 12 January 2023, via web-conference

The minutes of the 57<sup>th</sup> WG meeting will be agreed by written procedure.

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<sup>1</sup> Participated from 10.00-11.00 CET and from 12.00 CET onwards.

<sup>2</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



## V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of PBDEs in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00432](#))

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular, the section on consideration of critical effects, dose-response analysis, body burden calculations, and Conclusions. Tasks were distributed.

## VI. Any Other Business

None

## VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 24 January 2023, via web conference.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN  
57<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on BFRs



12 January 2023  
14:00-18:00  
MINUTES - Agreed on 17 January 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Diane Benford, Martin Rose, Peter Fürst
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
Andrew Hart
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
EC: Veerle Vanheusden (DG Sante)<sup>2</sup>
- EFSA:  
FEEDCO Unit: Anna Christodolidou, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi  
MESE Unit: Olaf Mosbach-Schulz  
iDATA Unit: Sofia Ioannidou
- Others:  
Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The CONTAM scientific officer Luisa Ramos Bordajandi chaired the meeting, and welcomed the participants.

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 56<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 9-10 January 2023, via web-conference

The minutes will be agreed via written procedure.

<sup>1</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Participated from 15.00-16.00 CET.

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of PBDEs in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00432](#))

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular, the uncertainty analysis related to the dietary exposure assessment performed for the draft Opinion. The list of uncertainties identified was revised and the details of the expert knowledge elicitation were discussed. Tasks were distributed.

## 6. Any Other Business

None

## 7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 17 January 2023, via web conference.



# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

## 56<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on BFRs



9 – 10 January 2023  
14:00-18:00 / 09:00-13:30  
MINUTES - Agreed on 17 January 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Christer Hogstrand, Evi Ntzani, Martin Rose, Henri Schroeder, Christiane Vleminckx, Martine Vrijheid
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Not applicable
- EFSA:  
FEEDCO Unit: Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi
- Others:  
Not Applicable

### I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Peter Fürst and Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

### II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

### III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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.

### IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 55<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 6-7 December 2022, via web-conference

The [minutes of the 55<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting](#) were agreed by written procedure on 16 December 2023.

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<sup>1</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



## V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of PBDEs in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00432](#))

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular, the section on consideration of critical effects, dose-response analysis, and approach to risk characterisation. The few pending tasks in the sections on toxicity in experimental animals were also reviewed. Tasks were distributed.

## VI. Any Other Business

None

## VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 12 January 2023, via web conference.



UNIT ON FEED ADDITIVES AND CONTAMINANTS

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 55<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 6-7 December 2022**

**(Agreed on 16 December 2022)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Peter Fürst<sup>1</sup>, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani<sup>2</sup>, Martin Rose<sup>3</sup>, Henri Schroeder<sup>4</sup>, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair) and Martine Vrijheid<sup>5</sup>.

■ Hearing Experts<sup>6</sup>:

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■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

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■ EFSA:

<sup>1</sup> Participated on 6 December only, from 11.15 to 14.00 CET.

<sup>2</sup> On 6 December absent from 12.00 to 13.00 and from 16.15 CET onwards. On 7 December, absent from 12.30 CET onwards.

<sup>3</sup> On 6 December absent from 11.00 to 13.15 CET.

<sup>4</sup> On 6 December present from 10.45 CET onwards. On 7 December present from 10.00 CET onwards

<sup>5</sup> On 6 December absent 10.30-11.30 CET.

<sup>6</sup> 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:

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/corporate/pub/expertselection>



FEEDCO Unit: Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

iDATA Unit: Sofia Ioannidou

MESE Unit: Francesca Riolo

■ Others:

Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>7</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>8</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 54<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 3 November 2022, teleconference.

The minutes of the 54<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 3 November had been agreed<sup>9</sup>.

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>10</sup>

<sup>7</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>8</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>10</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2018-00432>



The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs following the discussion held at the 22-24 November CONTAM Plenary. In particular, the members discussed the section on mode of action, consideration of critical effects, dose-response analysis, and approach to risk characterisation. The bullets on Conclusions and Recommendations were also reviewed, as well as the few pending tasks in the section on Observations in Humans and Occurrence and exposure assessment. Tasks were distributed.

## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

9 January 2023



UNIT ON FEED ADDITIVES AND CONTAMINANTS

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 54<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 3 November 2022**

**(Agreed on 10 November 2022)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Diane Benford, Peter Fürst, Martin Rose and Heather Wallace.
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
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- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
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- EFSA:  
FEEDCO Unit: Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi  
MESE Unit: Olaf Mosbach-Schulz  
iDATA Unit: Sofia Ioannidou

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<sup>1</sup> 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:  
<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/corporate/pub/expertselection>



- Others:  
Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The CONTAM scientific officer Luisa Ramos Bordajandi chaired the meeting in the absence of the WG Chair. The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Christiane Vleminckx and Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 53<sup>rd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 26 October 2022, teleconference.

The minutes of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 26 October had been agreed.<sup>4</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>5</sup>

The members of the working group invited to the meeting discussed the uncertainty analysis of the occurrence and dietary exposure assessment to PBDEs. Tasks were distributed.

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2018-00432>



## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

6-7 December 2022



UNIT ON FEED ADDITIVES AND CONTAMINANTS

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 53<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 26 October 2022**

**(Agreed on 26 October 2022)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Peter Fürst, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani, Martin Rose, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair) and Martine Vrijheid.

■ Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:

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■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

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■ EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

■ Others:

<sup>1</sup> 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:  
<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/corporate/pub/expertselection>



Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Henri Schroeder, Sofia Ioannidou (EFSA) and Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 52<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 5 October 2022, teleconference.

The minutes of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 5 October had been agreed<sup>4</sup>.

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>5</sup>

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular the sections on consideration of critical effects, dose-response analysis, and approach to risk characterisation following the Panel feedback. The section on mode of action and the conclusion bullets and recommendations were also discussed. Tasks were distributed.

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2018-00432>



## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

3 November 2022 (sub-group)



UNIT ON FEED ADDITIVES AND CONTAMINANTS

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 52<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 5 October 2022**

**(Agreed on 12 October 2022)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Diane Benford, Peter Fürst and Martin Rose.
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
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- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
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- EFSA:  
FEEDCO Unit: Anna Christodolidou, Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi, Hans Steinkellner  
MESE Unit: Olaf Mosbach-Schulz  
iDATA Unit: Sofia Ioannidou

<sup>1</sup> 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:  
<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/corporate/pub/expertselection>



- Others:  
Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The CONTAM scientific officer Luisa Ramos Bordajandi chaired the meeting in the absence of the WG Chair. The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Christiane Vleminckx, Heather Wallace and Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 51<sup>st</sup> Working Group meeting held on 1 September 2022, teleconference.

The minutes of the 51<sup>st</sup> Working Group meeting held on 1 September had been agreed.<sup>4</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>5</sup>

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2018-00432>



The members of the working group invited to the meeting discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs in food, in particular the uncertainty analysis of the occurrence and exposure assessment. Tasks were distributed.

## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

26 October 2022



UNIT ON FEED ADDITIVES AND CONTAMINANTS

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 51<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 1 September 2022**

**(Agreed on 13 September 2022)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani, Martin Rose, Henri Schroeder<sup>1</sup>, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair) and Martine Vrijheid.

■ Hearing Experts<sup>2</sup>:

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■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

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■ EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

■ Others:

<sup>1</sup> Participated from 14.00 CET onwards.

<sup>2</sup> 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:  
<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/corporate/pub/expertselection>



Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Peter Fürst, Sofia Ioannidou and Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 50<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 28 July 2022, teleconference.

The minutes of the 50<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 28 July had been agreed<sup>5</sup>.

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>6</sup>

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular the sections on consideration of critical effects, dose-response analysis, and approach to risk characterisation following the Panel feedback. The conclusion bullets were also discussed. Tasks were distributed.

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2018-00432>



## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

5 October 2022



UNIT ON FEED ADDITIVES AND CONTAMINANTS

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 50<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 28 July 2022**

**(Agreed on 28 July 2022)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford<sup>1</sup>, Laurent Bodin, Peter Fürst, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani, Martin Rose<sup>2</sup>, Henri Schroeder<sup>3</sup>, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair) and Martine Vrijheid.

■ Hearing Experts<sup>4</sup>:

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■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

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■ EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

<sup>1</sup> Participated until 12.00 CET.

<sup>2</sup> Participated until 15.30 CET.

<sup>3</sup> Was not present from 12.00 to 14.00 CET.

<sup>4</sup> 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:

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/corporate/pub/expertselection>



iDATA Unit: Marina Nikolic

- Others:  
Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>5</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>6</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 49<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 27 July 2022, teleconference.

The minutes of the 49<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 27 July will be agreed via written procedure.

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>7</sup>

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular the sections on consideration of critical effects, dose-response analysis, and approach to risk characterisation following the Panel feedback. Pending items in other

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>7</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2018-00432>



sections were also discussed, as well as the conclusion bullets and recommendations. Tasks were distributed.

## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

1 September 2022



UNIT ON FEED ADDITIVES AND CONTAMINANTS

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 49<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 27 July 2022**

**(Agreed on 3 August 2022)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Peter Fürst, Martin Rose, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair) and Heather Wallace.

■ Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:

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■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

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■ EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Anna Christodolidou, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

MESE Unit: Olaf Mosbach-Schulz

iDATA Unit: Sofia Ioannidou, Marina Nikolic

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<sup>1</sup> 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:  
<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/corporate/pub/expertselection>



- Others:  
Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 48<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 29 June 2022, teleconference.

The minutes of the 48<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 29 June had been agreed.<sup>4</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>5</sup>

The indicated members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular the uncertainty analysis of the occurrence and exposure assessment. Tasks were distributed.

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<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2018-00432>



## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

28 July 2022



UNIT ON FEED ADDITIVES AND CONTAMINANTS

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 48<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 29 June 2022**

**(Agreed on 29 June 2022)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Peter Fürst<sup>1</sup>, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani<sup>2</sup>, Martin Rose, Henri Schroeder<sup>3</sup>, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair)

■ Hearing Experts<sup>4</sup>:

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■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

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■ EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

<sup>1</sup> Participated until 13.30 CET.

<sup>2</sup> Absent from 10.00 to 11.00 CET.

<sup>3</sup> Participated from 10.00 CET onwards.

<sup>4</sup> 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:

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/corporate/pub/expertselection>



- Others:  
Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Martine Vrijheid and Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>5</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>6</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 47<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 1 June 2022, teleconference.

The minutes of the 47<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 1 June were agreed.<sup>7</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. **Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>8</sup>**

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular the sections on consideration of critical effects, dose-response analysis, and approach to risk characterisation. Tasks were distributed.

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>8</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2018-00432>



## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

27 July 2022



UNIT ON FEED ADDITIVES AND CONTAMINANTS

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 47<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 1 June 2022**

**(Agreed on 1 June 2022)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Evangelia Ntzani<sup>1</sup>, Martin Rose, Henri Schroeder, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair) and Martine Vrijheid

■ Hearing Experts<sup>2</sup>:

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■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

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■ EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

MESE Unit: Olaf Mosbach-Schulz

iDATA Unit: Sofia Ioannidou, Marina Nikolić

<sup>1</sup> Participated until 12.30 CET.

<sup>2</sup> 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:

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/corporate/pub/expertselection>



- Others:  
Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Peter Fürst, Christer Hogstrand and Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 46<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 5 May 2022, teleconference.

The minutes of the 46<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 5 May 2022 were agreed.<sup>5</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>6</sup>

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular the sections on occurrence in food and exposure assessment, observations in humans, consideration of critical effects and dose-response, and conclusion bullets. A

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2018-00432>



discussion on the approach to the uncertainty analysis related to the exposure assessment was also held. Tasks were distributed.

## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

29 June 2022



UNIT ON FEED ADDITIVES AND CONTAMINANTS

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 46<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 5 May 2022**

**(Agreed on 11 May 2022)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Peter Fürst<sup>1</sup>, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani, Martin Rose, Henri Schroeder<sup>1</sup> and Christiane Vleminckx (Chair)

■ Hearing Experts<sup>2</sup>:

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■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

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■ EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

■ Others:

<sup>1</sup> Participated from 10.00 CET onwards.

<sup>2</sup> 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:

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/corporate/pub/expertselection>



Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Martine Vrijheid and Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 44<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 26 April 2022, teleconference.

The minutes of the 44<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 26 April 2022 were agreed.<sup>5</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>6</sup>

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular the sections on occurrence in food and exposure assessment. The WG continued the discussion on the selection of critical effects and critical studies and approach for the risk assessment. Tasks were distributed.

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2018-00432>



## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

1 June 2022



UNIT ON FEED ADDITIVES AND CONTAMINANTS

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 45<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 26 April 2022**

**(Agreed on 4 May 2022)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani, Martin Rose, Henri Schroeder, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair), Martine Vrijheid

■ Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:

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■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

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■ EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

■ Others:

<sup>1</sup> 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:  
<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/corporate/pub/expertselection>



Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Peter Fürst and Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 44<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 19 April 2022, teleconference.

The minutes of the 44<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 19 April 2022 were agreed.<sup>4</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>5</sup>

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular the sections on observations in humans and toxicity in experimental animals. The WG continued the discussion on the selection of critical effects and critical studies and approach for the risk assessment. Tasks were distributed.

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2018-00432>



## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

5 May 2022



UNIT ON FEED ADDITIVES AND CONTAMINANTS

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 44<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 19 April 2022**

**(Agreed on 19 April 2022)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Peter Fürst, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani, Henri Schroeder, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair), Martine Vrijheid

■ Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:

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■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

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■ EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

■ Others:

<sup>1</sup> 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:  
<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/corporate/pub/expertselection>



Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Martin Rose and Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 43<sup>rd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 1 March 2022, teleconference.

The minutes of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 1 March 2022 were agreed.<sup>4</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>5</sup>

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular the sections on mode of action and toxicity in experimental animals. The WG continued the discussion on the selection of critical effects and critical studies and approach for the risk assessment. Tasks were distributed.

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2018-00432>



## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

26 April 2022



UNIT ON FEED ADDITIVES AND CONTAMINANTS

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 43<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 1 March 2022**

**(Agreed on 15 March 2022)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Peter Fürst, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani<sup>1</sup>, Martin Rose, Henri Schroeder, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair), Martine Vrijheid

■ Hearing Experts<sup>2</sup>:

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■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

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■ EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

iDATA Unit: Sofia Ioannidou, Marina Nikolić

<sup>1</sup> Participated until 16.00 CET.

<sup>2</sup> 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:

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/corporate/pub/expertselection>



- Others:  
Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Salomon Sand, Heather Wallace and Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 42<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 8 February 2022, teleconference.

The minutes of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 8 February 2022 were agreed.<sup>5</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. **Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>6</sup>**

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular the sections on occurrence data submitted to EFSA and exposure assessment performed by EFSA, mode of action and observations in humans. A discussion on the

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2018-00432>



selection of critical endpoint and studies, BMD modelling and approach to take for the risk assessment was also held. Tasks were distributed.

## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

19 April 2022



UNIT ON FEED ADDITIVES AND CONTAMINANTS

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 42<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 8 February 2022**

**(Agreed on 15 February 2022)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Peter Fürst, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani, Martin Rose, Salomon Sand<sup>1</sup>, Henri Schroeder<sup>2</sup>, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair), Martine Vrijheid, Heather Wallace<sup>3</sup>

■ Hearing Experts<sup>4</sup>:

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■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

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■ EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Anna Christodoulidou, Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

<sup>1</sup> Participated from 15.00 CET onwards.

<sup>2</sup> Participated from 9.00 to 11.15 and from 14.15 onwards.

<sup>3</sup> Participated from 15.00 CET onwards.

<sup>4</sup> 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:

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/corporate/pub/expertselection>



MESE Unit: Olaf Mosbach-Schulz

iDATA Unit: Sofia Ioannidou, Marina Nikolić

■ Others:

Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>5</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>6</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 41<sup>st</sup> Working Group meeting held on 14 January 2022, teleconference.

The minutes of the 41<sup>st</sup> Working Group meeting held on 14 January 2022 were agreed.<sup>7</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>8</sup>

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>8</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2018-00432>



The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular the sections on occurrence data submitted to EFSA and exposure assessment performed by EFSA and observations in humans. A discussion on the approach to take for the risk assessment was held. The uncertainty analysis for the occurrence and exposure assessment part was discussed. Tasks were distributed.

## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

1 March 2022



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 41<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 14 January 2022**

**(Agreed on 24 January 2022)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Peter Fürst<sup>1</sup>, Christer Hogstrand, , Martin Rose, Salomon Sand<sup>2</sup>, Henri Schroeder, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair) and Heather Wallace<sup>3</sup>

■ Hearing Experts<sup>4</sup>:

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■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

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■ EFSA:

BIOCONTAM Unit: Anna Christodoulidou, Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

<sup>1</sup> Participated from 13.30 CET onwards.

<sup>2</sup> Participated from 10.15 CET onwards.

<sup>3</sup> Participated from 12.00 CET onwards.

<sup>4</sup> 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:

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/corporate/pub/expertselection>



DATA Unit: Sofia Ioannidou, Marina Nikolić

AMU Unit: Olaf Mosbach-Schulz

■ Others:

Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Martine Vrijheid, Evangelia Ntzani and Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>5</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>6</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 40<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 12 January 2022, teleconference.

The minutes of the 40<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 12 January 2022 were agreed.<sup>7</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>8</sup>

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>8</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2018-00432>



The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular the sections on toxicokinetics, transfer from feed to food of animal origin, and neurotoxicity in experimental animals. A discussion on the uncertainty analysis was also held. Tasks were distributed.

## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

8 February 2022



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 40<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 12 January 2022**

**(Agreed on 12 January 2022)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Peter Fürst, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani, Martin Rose, Henri Schroeder, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair) and Martine Vrijheid

■ Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:

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■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

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■ EFSA:

BIOCONTAM Unit: Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

■ Others:

Not Applicable

<sup>1</sup> 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:  
<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/corporate/pub/expertselection>



## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Sofia Ioannidou, Marina Nikolić and Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 39<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 7 December 2021, teleconference.

The minutes of the 39<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 7 December 2021 were agreed.<sup>4</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. **Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>5</sup>**

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular the sections on toxicity in experimental animals, mode of action, observations in humans and critical effects for the risk assessment. A preliminary discussion on the uncertainty of the hazard identification and characterisation was held. Tasks were distributed.

## 6. Any Other Business

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2018-00432>



Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

14 January 2021



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 39<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 7 December 2021**

**(Agreed on 13 December 2021)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Peter Fürst, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani, Martin Rose, Salomon Sand<sup>1</sup>, Henri Schroeder, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair) and Martine Vrijheid

■ Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:

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■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

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■ EFSA:

BIOCONTAM Unit: Anna Christodoulidou, Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

DATA Unit: Sofia Ioannidou, Marina Nikolić

AMU Unit: Olaf Mosbach-Schulz

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<sup>1</sup> 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:  
<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/corporate/pub/expertselection>



- Others:  
Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Heather Wallace and Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 38<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 9 November 2021, teleconference.

The minutes of the 38<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 9 November 2021 were agreed.<sup>4</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. **Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>5</sup>**

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular the sections on neurotoxicity in experimental animals, mode of action and observations in humans. A discussion on the uncertainty analysis related to the sections on occurrence and exposure assessment was also held. Tasks were distributed.

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2018-00432>



## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

12 January 2021



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 38<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 9 November 2021**

**(Agreed on 16 November 2021)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Peter Fürst, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani<sup>1</sup>, Martin Rose, Henri Schroeder<sup>2</sup>, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair), Martine Vrijheid

■ Hearing Experts<sup>3</sup>:

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■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

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■ EFSA:

BIOCONTAM Unit: Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

DATA Unit: Sofia Ioannidou, Marina Nikolić

<sup>1</sup> Participated until 15.00 CET.

<sup>2</sup> Participated until 16.15 CET.

<sup>3</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>



- Others:  
Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Salomon Sand and Heather Wallace.

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with some changes in the order of the discussion.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>4</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>5</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 37<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 26 October 2021, teleconference.

The minutes of the 37<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 26 October 2021 were agreed.<sup>6</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. **Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>7</sup>**

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular the sections on transfer from feed to food of animal origin, toxicity in experimental animals, observations in humans and mode of action. In addition, the members discussed the sections on occurrence submitted to EFSA and estimates of exposure, as well as the section on levels in human tissues, food processing,

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>7</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2018-00432>



occurrence/exposure as reported in the literature and non-dietary exposure. Tasks were distributed.

## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

7 December 2021



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 37<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 26 October 2021**

**(Agreed on 26 October 2021)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Peter Fürst, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani, Martin Rose, Henri Schroeder, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair), Martine Vrijheid<sup>1</sup>

■ Hearing Experts<sup>2</sup>:

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■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE)<sup>3</sup>

■ EFSA:

BIOCONTAM Unit: Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

<sup>1</sup> Participated until 14.30 CET.

<sup>2</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

<sup>3</sup> Participated from 13.45 CET onwards.



- Others:  
Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Salomon Sand, Heather Wallace, Sofia Ioannidou (EFSA) and Marina Nikolic (EFSA).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>4</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>5</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 36<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 25 October 2021, teleconference.

The minutes of the 36<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 25 October 2021 were agreed.<sup>6</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. **Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>7</sup>**

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular the sections on toxicokinetics, toxicity in experimental animals, observations in humans and mode of action. In addition, the members discussed the studies in view of the selection of the critical effects and BMD modelling. Tasks were distributed.

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>7</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2018-00432>



## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

9 November 2021



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 36<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 25 October 2021**

**(Agreed on 26 October 2021)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Laurent Bodin, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani, Martin Rose, Henri Schroeder, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair), Martine Vrijheid

■ Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:

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■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

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■ EFSA:

BIOCONTAM Unit: Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

DATA Unit: Sofia Ioannidou, Marina Nikolic

■ Others:

<sup>1</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.



Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Diane Benford, Peter Fürst, Salomon Sand, Heather Wallace and Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 35<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 21 September 2021, teleconference.

The minutes of the 35<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 21 September 2021 were agreed.<sup>4</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>5</sup>

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular the sections on occurrence submitted to EFSA, exposure assessment performed by EFSA, previously reported occurrence and exposure data in the literature, food processing and non-dietary exposure. The members also went through the section on Observations in humans. Tasks were distributed.

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2018-00432>



## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

26 October 2021



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 35<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 21 September 2021**

**(Agreed on 24 September 2021)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford<sup>1</sup>, Laurent Bodin, Peter Fürst, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani, Martin Rose, Salomon Sand<sup>1</sup>, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair), Martine Vrijheid, Heather Wallace<sup>2</sup>

■ Hearing Experts<sup>3</sup>:

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■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

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■ EFSA:

BIOCONTAM Unit: Anna Christodoulidou, Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

DATA Unit: Sofia Ioannidou, Marina Nikolić

<sup>1</sup> Participated from 9.00 to 9.30 CET.

<sup>2</sup> Participated from 9.00 to 13.00 CET.

<sup>3</sup> 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:

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/corporate/pub/expertselection>



AMU Unit: Eugen Christoph, Olaf Mosbach-Schulz

- Others:  
Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Henri Schroeder and Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE)

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>4</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>5</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 34<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 9 September 2021, teleconference.

The minutes of the 34<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 9 September 2021 were agreed.<sup>6</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

- 5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>7</sup>**

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>7</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2018-00432>



The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular the uncertainty analysis related to the sections on occurrence and exposure assessment, and hazard identification and characterisation. Tasks were distributed.

## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

25 October 2021



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 34<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 9 September 2021**

**(Agreed on 15 September 2021)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani, Martin Rose, Henri Schroeder<sup>1</sup>, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair), Martine Vrijheid

■ Hearing Experts<sup>2</sup>:

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■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE)

■ EFSA:

BIOCONTAM Unit: Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

■ Others:

<sup>1</sup> Participated from 9.00 to 13.00 and from 15.00 to 16.45 CET.

<sup>2</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.



Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Peter Fürst, Salomon Sand, Heather Wallace, Sofia Ioannidou (EFSA) and Marina Nikolic (EFSA).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 33<sup>rd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 1 September 2021, teleconference.

The minutes of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 1 September 2021 were agreed.<sup>5</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>6</sup>

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular the sections on toxicokinetics, toxicity in experimental animals, observations in humans and mode of action. Tasks were distributed.

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2018-00432>



## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

21 September 2021



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 33<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 1 September 2021**

**(Agreed on 6 September 2021)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Peter Fürst, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani<sup>1</sup>, Martin Rose, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair), Martine Vrijheid

■ Hearing Experts<sup>2</sup>:

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■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

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■ EFSA:

BIOCONTAM Unit: Luisa Ramos Bordajandi  
DATA Unit: Marina Nikolić, Sofia Ioannidou

<sup>1</sup> Participated from 9.00 to 16.00 CET.

<sup>2</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.



- Others:  
Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Salomon Sand, Heather Wallace and Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 32<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 5 July 2021, teleconference.

The minutes of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 5 July 2021 were agreed.<sup>5</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. **Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>6</sup>**

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular the sections on occurrence data submitted to EFSA and first estimates of dietary exposure. In addition, the WG discussed the sections on levels in humans,

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2018-00432>



occurrence and exposure data reported in the literature, effects of food processing and non-dietary exposure. Tasks were distributed.

## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

9 September 2021



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 32<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 5 July 2021**

**(Agreed on 14 July 2021)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Peter Fürst, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani, Martin Rose, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair)

■ Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:

Emilio Benfenati<sup>2</sup>

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not applicable

■ EFSA:

BIOCONTAM Unit: Maria Anastassiadou, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

■ Others:

<sup>1</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Participated from 14.00 to 15.30 CET.



Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 31<sup>st</sup> Working Group meeting held on 29 June 2021, teleconference.

The minutes of the 31<sup>st</sup> Working Group meeting held on 29 June 2021 were agreed.<sup>5</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>6</sup>

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular the relevance of the QSAR studies on PBDEs identified in the literature with the invited hearing expert. In addition, the members went through the latest modifications in the sections on Toxicokinetics, Toxicity in experimental animals, and Supporting Information for the assessment. Tasks were distributed.

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2018-00432>



## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

1 September 2021



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 31<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 29 June 2021**

**(Agreed on 29 June 2021)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Peter Fürst, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani<sup>1</sup>, Martin Rose, Salomon Sand<sup>2</sup>, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair), Heather Wallace<sup>2</sup>

■ Hearing Experts<sup>3</sup>:

Not applicable

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE) <sup>4</sup>

■ EFSA:

BIOCONTAM Unit: Anna Christodoulidou, Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

DATA Unit: Sofia Ioannidou, Marina Nikolic.

<sup>1</sup> Participated from 9.00 to 10.30 CET.

<sup>2</sup> Participated from 15.30 to 16.15 CET.

<sup>3</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

<sup>4</sup> Participated from 9.00 to 13.30 CET.



- Others:  
Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>5</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>6</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 30<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 21 June 2021, teleconference.

The minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 21 June 2021 were agreed.<sup>7</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>8</sup>

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular the sub-sections under Toxicokinetics, Toxicity in experimental animals, Observations in humans and uncertainty analysis. The first estimates of the dietary exposure to PBDEs were also discussed. Tasks were distributed.

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>8</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2018-00432>



## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

5 July 2021



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 30<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 21 June 2021**

**(Agreed on 21 June 2021)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani, Martin Rose, Peter Fürst, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair)

■ Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:

Not applicable

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

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■ EFSA:

BIOCONTAM Unit: Maria Anastassiadou, Marco Binaglia, Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

DATA Unit: Sofia Ioannidou, Marina Nikolic.

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<sup>1</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.



- Others:  
Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Salomon Sand, Heather Wallace and Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 29<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 27 May 2021, teleconference.

The minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 27 May 2021 were agreed.<sup>4</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. **Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>5</sup>**

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular the sections on Toxicokinetics, Toxicity in experimental animals, Observations in humans, BMD modelling and Levels in humans. Tasks were distributed.

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2018-00432>



## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

29 June 2021



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 29<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 27 May 2021**

**(Agreed on 27 May 2021)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Diane Benford, Christer Hogstrand, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair)
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
Not applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
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- EFSA:  
BIOCONTAM Unit: Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi
- Others:  
Not Applicable

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<sup>1</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.



## 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 of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 28<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 29 April 2021, teleconference.

The minutes of the 28<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 29 April 2021 were agreed.<sup>4</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>5</sup>

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular the structure of the sections on Toxicity in experimental animals and Mode of action. A brief discussion about the relevance of the QSAR studies was also held. Tasks were distributed.

## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2018-00432>



## 7. Next meeting(s)

21 June 2021



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 28<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 29 April 2021**

**(Agreed on 29 April 2021)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani, Martin Rose, Peter Fürst, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair)

■ Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:

Not applicable

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE)<sup>2</sup>

■ EFSA:

BIOCONTAM Unit: Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

DATA Unit: Sofia Ioannidou, Marina Nikolic.

<sup>1</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> Participated to the meeting from 12.00 to 12.30 CET.



- Others:  
Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Salomon Sand and Heather Wallace.

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 27<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 20 April 2021, teleconference.

The minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 20 April 2021 were agreed.<sup>5</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. **Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>6</sup>**

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular the sections on Interpretation of the terms of reference, Toxicity in experimental animals, Toxicokinetics, Observations in humans, Mode of action, Levels

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2018-00432>



in humans, Previously reported occurrence and exposure data, and Food processing. First discussion on the BMD analysis were also held. Tasks were distributed.

## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

21 June 2021



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 27<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 20 April 2021**

**(Agreed on 28 April 2021)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani, Martin Rose, Peter Fürst, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair)

■ Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:

Not applicable

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

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■ EFSA:

BIOCONTAM Unit: Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

DATA Unit: Sofia Ioannidou, Marina Nikolic

■ Others:

<sup>1</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.



Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Salomon Sand, Heather Wallace and Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE)

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 26<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 6 April 2021, teleconference.

The minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 6 April 2021 were agreed.<sup>4</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>5</sup>

1. The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular the sections on Supporting information for the assessment, Toxicokinetics, Toxicity in experimental animals, and Levels in human samples. A discussion on the PBDEs occurrence data submitted to EFSA was also held. Tasks were distributed.

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2018-00432>



## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

29 April 2021



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 26<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 6 April 2021**

**(Agreed on 6 April 2021)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Christer Hogstrand, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair)
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
Not applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
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- EFSA:  
BIOCONTAM Unit: Marco Binaglia, Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi
- Others:  
Not Applicable

<sup>1</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.



## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 25<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 23 February 2021, teleconference.

The minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 23 February 2021 were agreed.<sup>4</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. **Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>5</sup>**

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the toxicity studies in experimental animals on PBDEs suitable for BMD analysis. Tasks were distributed.

## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2018-00432>



## 7. Next meeting(s)

20 April 2021



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 25<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 23 February 2021**

**(Agreed on 26 February 2021)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Christer Hogstrand, Martin Rose, Peter Fürst, Salomon Sand<sup>1</sup>, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair), Heather Wallace<sup>1</sup>

■ Hearing Experts<sup>2</sup>:

Not applicable

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

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■ EFSA:

BIOCONTAM Unit: Marco Binaglia, Anna Christodoulidou, Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

DATA Unit: Sofia Ioannidou, Marina Nikolić

<sup>1</sup> Participated from 15.00 to 17.00 CET.

<sup>2</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.



- Others:  
Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Evangelia Ntzani and Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 24<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 15 February 2021, teleconference.

The minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 15 February 2021 were agreed.<sup>5</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>6</sup>

1. The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular the sections on occurrence data on PBDEs in food submitted to EFSA,

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wqs/chemical-contaminants/wq-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> Please be aware that EFSA's Register of Questions is unavailable from 21 January until the end of March. The temporary suspension of the tool is necessary to allow us to implement the launch of our new OpenEFSA portal. We apologise for the inconvenience. Further information is available [here](#)



occurrence and exposure data in the literature, food processing and levels in human samples. The sections of the draft Opinion under Supporting information for the assessment, toxicokinetics and mode of action were also discussed. A first discussion on the uncertainties related to the occurrence and exposure assessment was held. Tasks were distributed.

## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

20 April 2021



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 24<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 15 February 2021**

**(Agreed on 19 February 2021)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Peter Fürst, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani, Martin Rose, Salomon Sand<sup>1</sup>, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair), Heather Wallace<sup>1</sup>

■ Hearing Experts<sup>2</sup>:

Not applicable

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE) <sup>3</sup>

■ EFSA:

BIOCONTAM Unit: Marco Binaglia, Anna Christodolidou, Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

<sup>1</sup> Participated from 15.00 to 16.30 CET

<sup>2</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

<sup>3</sup> Participated from 9.00 to 12.00 CET.



- Others:  
Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Sofia Ioannidou (DATA) and Marina Nikolic (DATA).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>4</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>5</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 23<sup>rd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 8 January 2021, teleconference.

The minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 8 January 2021 were agreed.<sup>6</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>7</sup>

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular the sections on toxicity in experimental animals and observations in humans.

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wqs/chemical-contaminants/wq-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>7</sup> Please be aware that EFSA's Register of Questions is unavailable from 21 January until mid-February. The temporary suspension of the tool is necessary to allow us to implement the launch of our new OpenEFSA portal. We apologise for the inconvenience. Further information is available [here](#)



A first discussion on the uncertainties related to the hazard identification and characterisation was held. Tasks were distributed.

## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

23 February 2021



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 23<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 8 January 2021**

**(Agreed on 8 January 2021)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani, Martin Rose, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair)

■ Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:

Not applicable

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE)

■ EFSA:

BIOCONTAM Unit: Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

■ Others:

Not Applicable

<sup>1</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.



## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Peter Fürst, Sofia Ioannidou (DATA) and Marina Nikolic (DATA).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 22<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 8 December 2020, teleconference.

The minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 8 December 2020 were agreed.<sup>4</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. Update of the Scientific Opinion on Hexabromocyclododecanes (HBCDDs) in Food (EFSA-Q-2018-00433)<sup>5</sup>

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the comments received during the public consultation of the draft Opinion on HBCDDs in food, as well as the responses to the comments. Once the pending issues are addressed, the WG Chair agreed that the Draft Opinion can be presented for possible adoption by the CONTAM Panel.

## 6. Any Other Business

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wqs/chemical-contaminants/wq-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00433>



Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

15 February 2021



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 22<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 8 December 2020**

**(Agreed on 8 December 2020)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Peter Fürst, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani, Martin Rose, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair)

■ Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:

Not applicable

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

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■ EFSA:

BIOCONTAM Unit: Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

DATA Unit: Marina Nikolic

■ Others:

<sup>1</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.



Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Sofia Ioannidou (DATA) and Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 21<sup>st</sup> Working Group meeting held on 7 December 2020, teleconference.

The minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> Working Group meeting held on 7 December 2020 were agreed.<sup>4</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. Update of the Scientific Opinion on Hexabromocyclododecanes (HBCDDs) in Food (EFSA-Q-2018-00433)<sup>5</sup>

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the comments received during the public consultation of the draft Opinion on HBCDDs in food, as well as the responses to the comments. Tasks were distributed.

### 5.2. Update of the Scientific Opinion on polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs) in Food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>6</sup>

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00433>

<sup>6</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00432>



The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular the sections on supporting information for the assessment, toxicity in experimental animals and observations in humans. Tasks were distributed.

## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

To be decided



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 21<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 7 December 2020**

**(Agreed on 8 December 2020)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Peter Fürst, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani, Martin Rose, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair)

■ Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:

Not applicable

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

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■ EFSA:

BIOCONTAM Unit: Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

DATA Unit: Sofia Ioannidou, Marina Nikolic

■ Others:

<sup>1</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.



Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 20<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 30 November 2020, teleconference.

The minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 30 November 2020 were agreed.<sup>4</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. Public Consultation on the update of the Scientific Opinion on Hexabromocyclododecanes (HBCDDs) in Food (EFSA-Q-2018-00433)<sup>5</sup>

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the comments received during the public consultation of the draft Opinion on HBCDDs in food, as well as the responses to the comments. Tasks were distributed.

## 6. Any Other Business

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00433>



Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

8 December 2020



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 20<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 30 November 2020**

**(Agreed on 4 December 2020)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Peter Fürst, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani, Martin Rose, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair)

■ Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:

Not applicable

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

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■ EFSA:

BIOCONTAM Unit: Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

DATA Unit: Sofia Ioannidou, Marina Nikolic

■ Others:

<sup>1</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.



Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 19th Working Group meeting held on 22 October 2020, teleconference.

The minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 22 October 2020 were agreed.<sup>4</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. **Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to HBCDDs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00433)<sup>5</sup>**

The members of the working group (WG) preliminary discussed the comments received during the public consultation of the draft Opinion. Tasks were distributed.

### 5.2. **Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>6</sup>**

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00433>

<sup>6</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00432>



The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular the occurrence data on PBDEs in food submitted to EFSA and the section on toxicokinetics and previous risk assessments. Tasks were distributed.

## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

7 December 2020



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 19<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 22 October 2020**

**(Agreed on 22 October 2020)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani, Martin Rose, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair)

■ Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:

Not applicable

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

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■ EFSA:

BIOCONTAM Unit: Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

DATA Unit: Sofia Ioannidou, Marina Nikolic

■ Others:

<sup>1</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.



Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Peter Fürst and Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 18th Working Group meeting held on 13 October 2020, teleconference.

The minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 13 October 2020 were agreed.<sup>4</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>5</sup>

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular the sections on toxicity in experimental animals and observations in humans. A first discussion on how the uncertainty analysis will be performed in this risk assessment was held. A preliminary overview of the occurrence data on PBDEs in food submitted to EFSA was given. Tasks were distributed.

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00433>



## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

30 November 2020



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 18<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 13 October 2020**

**(Agreed on 13 October 2020)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Peter Fürst, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani, Martin Rose, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair)
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
Not applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE)
- EFSA:  
BIOCONTAM Unit: Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi
- Others:  
Not Applicable

<sup>1</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.



## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Sofia Ioannidou (EFSA) and Marina Nikolic (EFSA).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 17th Working Group meeting held on 8 September 2020, teleconference.

The minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 8 September 2020 were agreed.<sup>4</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. **Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>5</sup>**

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft Opinion on PBDEs, in particular the sections on Supporting information for the assessment, toxicokinetics and toxicity in experimental animals. Tasks were distributed.

## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00433>



## 7. Next meeting(s)

22 October 2020.



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 17<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 8 September 2020**

**(Agreed on 8 September 2020)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Peter Fürst, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani, Martin Rose, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair)

■ Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:

Not applicable

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

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■ EFSA:

BIOCONTAM Unit: Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

■ Others:

Not Applicable

<sup>1</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.



## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Sofia Ioannidou (EFSA), Marina Nikolic (EFSA) and Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 16th Working Group meeting held on 17 July 2020, teleconference.

The minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 17 July 2020 were agreed.<sup>4</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. **Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to HBCDDs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00433)<sup>5</sup>**

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft Opinion on HBCDDs, in particular the sections on toxicity in experimental animals, mode of action, considerations of critical effects, uncertainty, conclusions, recommendations and abstract. Tasks were distributed.

### 5.2. **Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>6</sup>**

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00433>

<sup>6</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00433>



The members of the working group (WG) discussed the progress on the draft Opinion on PBDEs. Tasks were distributed.

## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

13 October 2020.



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 16<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 17 July 2020**

**(Agreed on 17 July 2020)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Peter Fürst, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani, Martin Rose, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair)

■ Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:

Not applicable

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Frans Verstraete (DG-SANTE)

■ EFSA:

BIOCONTAM Unit: Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

■ Others:

Not Applicable

<sup>1</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.



## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Sofia Ioannidou (EFSA), Marina Nikolic (EFSA) and Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 15th Working Group meeting held on 26 June 2020, teleconference.

The minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 26 June 2020 were agreed.<sup>4</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. **Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to HBCDDs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00433)<sup>5</sup>**

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft Opinion on HBCDDs, in particular the sections on toxicity in experimental animals, mode of action, considerations of critical effects, uncertainty and conclusions. Tasks were distributed.

## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00433>



## 7. Next meeting(s)

8 September 2020.



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 15<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 26 June 2020**

**(Agreed on 16 July 2020)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Peter Fürst, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani, Martin Rose, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair)

■ Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:

Cathy Fernandes<sup>2</sup>, Henri Schroeder<sup>2</sup>

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not applicable

■ EFSA:

BIOCONTAM Unit: Marco Binaglia, Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

DATA Unit: Sofia Ioannidou, Marina Nikolic

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<sup>1</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Participated from 10.30 CET until 12.00 CET.



- Others:  
Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 14th Working Group meeting held on 16 June 2020, teleconference.

The minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 16 June 2020 were agreed.<sup>5</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to HBCDDs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00433)<sup>6</sup>

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the sections on occurrence and exposure assessment. The members also discussed the sections on toxicity in experimental animals, observations in humans, mode of action and considerations of critical effects. Two hearing experts joined to discuss details on the studies on neurodevelopmental effects on behaviour. Tasks were distributed.

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00433>



## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

To be decided



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 14<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 16 June 2020**

**(Agreed on 16 June 2020)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Laurent Bodin, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani, Martin Rose, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair)
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Not applicable
- EFSA:  
BIOCONTAM Unit: Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi
- Others:  
Not Applicable

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<sup>1</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.



## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Diane Benford, Peter Fürst, Sofia Ioannidou (EFSA), Marina Nikolic (EFSA) and Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 13th Working Group meeting held on 14 May 2020, teleconference.

The minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 14 May 2020 were agreed.<sup>4</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. **Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to HBCDDs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00433)<sup>5</sup>**

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the sections on toxicity in experimental animals, observations in humans, mode of action and considerations of critical effects. Tasks were distributed.

## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

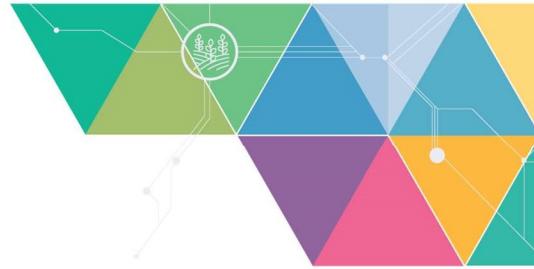
<sup>4</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00433>



## 7. Next meeting(s)

26 June 2020



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 13<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 14 May 2020**

**(Agreed on 14 May 2020)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Laurent Bodin, Peter Fürst, Martin Rose, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair).
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Not applicable
- EFSA:  
BIOCONTAM Unit: Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi  
DATA Unit: Sofia Ioannidou, Marina Nikolic
- Others:

<sup>1</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.



Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 12th Working Group meeting held on 12 May 2020, teleconference.

The minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 12 May 2020 were agreed.<sup>4</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to HBCDDs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00433)<sup>5</sup>

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the sections on occurrence data and exposure assessment related to the data submitted to EFSA and the data in the literature. The members also discussed the section on Supporting information for the assessment and Uncertainty. Tasks were distributed.

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

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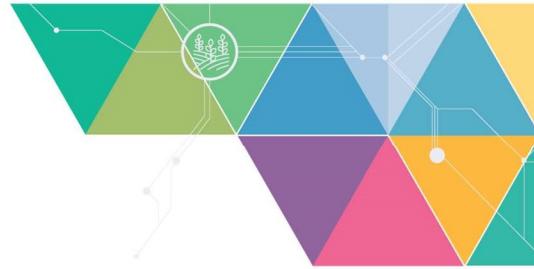


## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

25-26 June



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 12<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 12 May 2020**

**(Agreed on 12 May 2020)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin<sup>1</sup>, Christer Hogstrand, Martin Rose<sup>2</sup>, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair).
- Hearing Experts<sup>3</sup>:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Not applicable
- EFSA:  
BIOCONTAM Unit: Federico Cruciani, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi
- Others:

<sup>1</sup> Participated from 9.00-13.00 CET.

<sup>2</sup> Participated from 9.00-11.00 CET and from 14.00-14.30 CET.

<sup>3</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.



Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>4</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>5</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 11th Working Group meeting held on 29 April 2020, teleconference.

The minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 29 April 2020 were agreed.<sup>6</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to HBCDDs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00433)<sup>7</sup>

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the sections on toxicokinetics, toxicity in experimental animals, observations in humans, mode of action and considerations of critical effects, as well as the sections on uncertainty, conclusions and recommendations. Tasks were distributed.

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>7</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00433>

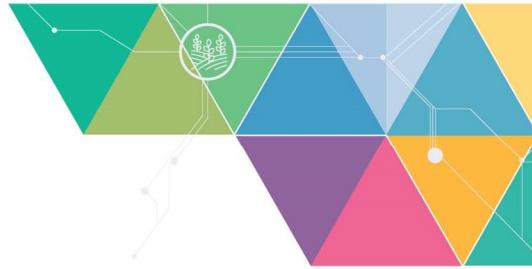


## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

14 May 2020



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 11<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 29 April 2020**

**(Agreed on 29 April 2020)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Peter Fürst, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani, Martin Rose, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair).

■ Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:

Not Applicable

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Veerle Vanheusden<sup>2</sup> (DG-SANTE)

■ EFSA:

BIOCONTAM Unit: Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

DATA Unit: Sofia Ioannidou, Marina Nikolic

<sup>1</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> Participated to the meeting from 14.00 to 16.00 CET.



- Others:  
Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 10th Working Group meeting held on 21 April 2020, teleconference.

The minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 21 April 2020 were agreed.<sup>5</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to HBCDDs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00433)<sup>6</sup>

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the sections on toxicity in experimental animals, observations in humans, mode of action and considerations of critical effects. The members also discussed the occurrence data on HBCDDs submitted to EFSA and the exposure estimates. Tasks were distributed.

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

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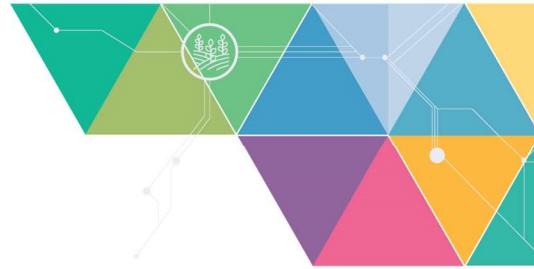


## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

12 May 2020



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 10<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 21 April 2020**

**(Agreed on 21 April 2020)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Peter Fürst, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani, Martin Rose, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair).

■ Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:

Not Applicable

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE)

■ EFSA:

BIOCONTAM Unit: Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

DATA Unit: Sofia Ioannidou, Marina Nikolic

■ Others:

<sup>1</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.



Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 9th Working Group meeting held on 30 March 2020, teleconference.

The minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 30 March 2020 were agreed.<sup>4</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to HBCDDs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00433)<sup>5</sup>

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the sections on toxicity in experimental animals, mode of action and considerations of critical effects. The members also discussed the occurrence data on HBCDDs submitted to EFSA and the preliminary exposure estimates. Tasks were distributed.

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00433>

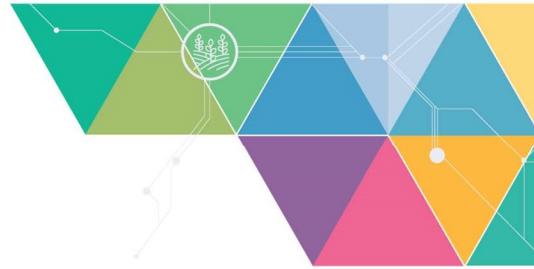


## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

29 April 2020



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 9<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 30 March 2020**

**(Agreed on 30 March 2020)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Peter Fürst, Martin Rose, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair)
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE)
- EFSA:  
BIOCONTAM Unit: Luisa Ramos Bordajandi  
DATA Unit: Sofia Ioannidou, Marina Nikolic
- Others:

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<sup>1</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.



Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 8th Working Group meeting held on 11 and 12 March 2020, teleconference.

The minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 11 and 12 March 2020 were agreed.<sup>4</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to HBCDDs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00433)<sup>5</sup>

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the occurrence data on HBCDDs submitted to EFSA and the preliminary exposure estimates. Tasks were distributed.

## 6. Any Other Business

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

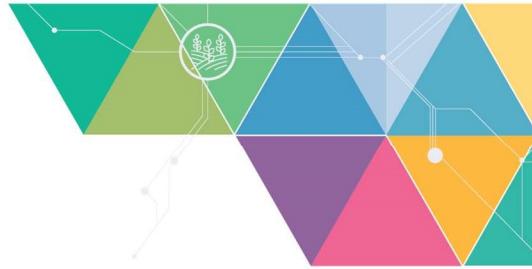
<sup>5</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00433>



Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

21 April 2020



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 8<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Tele-conference, 11 and 12 March 2020**

**(Agreed on 12 March 2020)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Laurent Bodin, Peter Fürst, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani, Martin Rose, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair).

■ Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:

Not Applicable

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE)<sup>2</sup>

■ EFSA:

BIOCONTAM Unit: Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

DATA Unit: Sofia Ioannidou<sup>2</sup>, Marina Nikolic<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> Participated on 11 March only.



- Others:  
Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. This meeting, originally scheduled as a physical meeting, was converted into teleconferences to avoid traveling to Brussels in line with the measures established to reduce the risk of coronavirus infection. Apologies were received from Diane Benford.

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 7th Working Group meeting held on 23 January 2020, teleconference.

The minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 23 January 2020 were agreed.<sup>5</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to HBCDDs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00433)<sup>6</sup>

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the sections on toxicokinetics, toxicity in experimental animals, observations in humans, mode of action and considerations of critical effects. The sections under Supporting Information for the assessment were also discussed, as well as the occurrence data on HBCDDs submitted

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00433>



to EFSA and the section related to the occurrence and exposure from the literature, food processing and non-dietary exposure. Tasks were distributed.

#### **5.2. Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>7</sup>**

The members of the working group (WG) discussed briefly the sections on toxicokinetics, toxicity in experimental animals, observations in humans and mode of action. The sections under Supporting Information for the assessment were also discussed. Tasks were distributed.

### **6. Any Other Business**

Not Applicable

### **7. Next meeting(s)**

29 April 2020

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<sup>7</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00432>



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 7<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Teleconference, 23 January 2020**

**(Agreed on 23 January 2020)**

#### **Participants**

■ Working Group Members:

Peter Fürst, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani, Martin Rose, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair).

■ Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:

Not Applicable

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

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■ EFSA:

BIOCONTAM Unit: Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

DATA Unit: Sofia Ioannidou, Marina Nikolic

■ Others:

<sup>1</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.



Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin and Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 6th Working Group meeting held on 10-11 December 2019, Parma.

The minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 10-11 December 2019 were agreed.<sup>4</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to HBCDDs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00433)<sup>5</sup>

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the sections on levels in humans, occurrence and exposure in the literature and food processing. In addition, the following sections were revised and discussed: studies in experimental animals, mode of action, considerations of critical effects and uncertainties. The members discussed the occurrence data on HBCDDs submitted to EFSA. Tasks were distributed.

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00433>



## 5.2. **Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>6</sup>**

The members of the working group (WG) discussed orally the progress of the development of the PBDEs draft opinion.

## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

11-12 March 2019

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<sup>6</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00432>



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 6<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Parma, 10-11 Dec 2019**

**(Agreed on 17 December 2019)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Diane Benford<sup>1</sup>, Laurent Bodin, Peter Fürst<sup>2</sup>, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani<sup>3</sup>, Martin Rose, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair).
- Hearing Experts<sup>4</sup>:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
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- EFSA:  
BIOCONTAM Unit: Marco Binaglia, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi, Elena Rovesti.

<sup>1</sup> Participated via tele-conference on 10 12 2019 whole sessions and on 11 12 2019 until 12.30 CET.

<sup>2</sup> Present on 10 12 2019 from 16.00 to 17.45 CET.

<sup>3</sup> Participated via tele-conference on 10 12 2019 whole sessions and on 11 12 2019 from 9.00 to 12.45 and from 14.00 to 15.00 CET.

<sup>4</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.



DATA Unit: Zsuzsanna Horváth, Sofia Ioannidou, Marina Nikolic

- Others:  
Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>5</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>6</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 5th Working Group meeting held on 14-15 October 2019, Parma.

The minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 14-15 October 2019 were agreed.<sup>7</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to HBCDDs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00433)<sup>8</sup>

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the sections on studies in experimental animals, studies in humans and mode of action as well as consideration of

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>8</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00433>



critical effects and BMD modelling. The members discussed the occurrence data on HBCDDs submitted to EFSA, and the approach for the exposure assessment.

#### **5.2. Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432)<sup>9</sup>**

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the first drafts available under supporting information for the assessment, and had a preliminary discussion on the available evidence in studies in experimental animals, studies in humans and toxicokinetics. The members discussed the occurrence data on PBDEs submitted to EFSA.

### **6. Any Other Business**

Not Applicable

### **7. Next meeting(s)**

23 January 2019

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<sup>9</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00432>



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN / CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 5<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Parma, 14-15 Oct 2019**

**(Agreed on 15 Oct 2019)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Christiane Vleminckx (Chair), Christer Hogstrand<sup>1</sup>, Evangelia Ntzani, Laurent Bodin<sup>2</sup>, Diane Benford, Martin Rose<sup>3</sup>.

■ Hearing Experts<sup>4</sup>:

Not Applicable

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

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■ EFSA:

BIOCONTAM Unit: Marco Binaglia, Kelly Niermans, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

DATA Unit: Zsuzsanna Horváth, Sofia Ioannidou, Marina Nikolic

<sup>1</sup> Present on 14 October 2019 in the morning session and on 15 October 2019.

<sup>2</sup> Participated via teleconference on 15 October 2019.

<sup>3</sup> Present on 14 October 2019.

<sup>4</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>



- Others:  
Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Peter Fürst and Verlee Vanheusden (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>5</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>6</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 4th Working Group meeting held on 3 Sept 2019, Brussels.

The minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 3 Sept 2019 were agreed.<sup>7</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to Brominated Flame Retardants in food (EFSA-Q-2016-00911)<sup>8</sup>

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the sections on supporting information for the assessment, studies on experimental animals, studies in humans and mode of action as well as consideration of critical effects and BMD modelling. The

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>8</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00433>



members had a preliminary discussion on the occurrence data on HBCDDs and PBDEs submitted to EFSA, as well as on the literature search for PBDEs. Tasks were distributed.

## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

10-11 December 2019, Parma



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN//CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 4<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Teleconference, 3 Sept 2019**

**(Agreed on 9 Sept 2019)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Christiane Vleminckx (Chair), Evangelia Ntzani, Laurent Bodin, Diane Benford, Martin Rose, Peter Fürst
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Verlee Vanheusden (DG SANTE) <sup>2</sup>
- EFSA:  
BIOCONTAM Unit: Kelly Niermans, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi
- Others:

<sup>1</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> Participated from 10.45 to 11.20 CET.



Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Christer Hogstrand, Zsuzsanna Horvath (EFSA), Sofia Ioannidou (EFSA) and Marina Nikolic (EFSA).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 3rd Working Group meeting held on 2-3 July 2019, Brussels.

The minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 2-3 July 2019 were agreed.<sup>5</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to Brominated Flame Retardants in food (EFSA-Q-2016-00911)<sup>6</sup>

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the sections on toxicity in experimental animals, epidemiological studies and toxicokinetics. In addition, the sections on levels in human samples and occurrence in food reported in the literature were also discussed. Tasks were distributed.

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00433>



## 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

14-15 October 2019



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN//CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 3<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Brussels, 2-3 July 2019**

**(Agreed on 3 July 2019)**

#### **Participants**

- Working Group Members:  
Christiane Vleminckx (Chair), Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani<sup>1</sup>, Laurent Bodin, Diane Benford<sup>2</sup>, Martin Rose, Peter Fürst
- Hearing Experts<sup>3</sup>:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
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- EFSA:  
BIOCONTAM Unit: Kelly Niermans, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi  
DATA Unit: Zsuzsanna Horváth, Sofia Ioannidou, Marina Nikolic
- Others:

<sup>1</sup> Participated via teleweb on 2 July until 12.30 CET and on 3 July whole session.

<sup>2</sup> Participated via teleweb both days whole sessions.

<sup>3</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.



Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Veerle Vanheusden (DG SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>4</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>5</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 2nd Working Group meeting held on 7-8 May 2019, Brussels.

The minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 7-8 May 2019 were agreed.<sup>6</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to Brominated Flame Retardants in food (EFSA-Q-2016-00911)<sup>7</sup>

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the sections on supporting information for the assessment, studies on experimental animals, studies in humans and mode of action. A preliminary discussion on the approach for the exposure assessment was held. The WG also discussed the draft protocol for the risk assessment. Tasks were distributed.

## 6. Any Other Business

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>7</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00433>



Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

3 September 2019



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN/CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**Brussels, 7-8 May 2019**

**(Agreed on 8 May 2019)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Diane Benford<sup>1</sup>, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani<sup>2</sup>, Martin Rose, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair)
- Hearing Experts<sup>3</sup>:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Not applicable
- EFSA:  
BIOCONTAM Unit: Anna Christodoulidou, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi
- Others:  
Not Applicable

<sup>1</sup> Participated via teleconference 7 and 8 May whole session.

<sup>2</sup> Participated via teleconference on 7 May from 9.00-12.00, and on 8 May whole session.

<sup>3</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>



## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Laurent Bodin, Peter Fürst, Kelly Niermans (EFSA) and Veerle Vanheusden (DG SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>4</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>5</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 1<sup>st</sup> Working Group meeting held on 8 April 2019, telemeeting.

The minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Working Group meeting held on 8 Apr 2019 were agreed.<sup>6</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for animal and human health related to Brominated Flame retardants in food (EFSA-Q-2016-00911)<sup>7</sup>

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the sections on supporting information for the assessment, studies on experimental animals and studies in humans. The WG also developed a draft protocol for the risk assessment. Tasks were distributed.

## 6. Any Other Business

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/wg-BfRs.pdf>

<sup>7</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00433>



Not Applicable

## 7. Next meeting(s)

2-3 July 2019



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN/CONTAM

### MINUTES OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS IN FOOD

**TELE-conference, 8 April 2019**

**(Agreed on 15 April 2019)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Diane Benford, Laurent Bodin, Peter Fürst, Christer Hogstrand, Evangelia Ntzani, Martin Rose, Christiane Vleminckx (Chair)
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Not applicable
- EFSA:  
BIOCONTAM Unit: Kelly Niermans, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi
- Others:  
Not Applicable

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<sup>1</sup> 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/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.



## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Veerle Vanheusden (DG SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 4.1. **Scientific opinions on the risks for human health related to the presence of Brominated Flame Retardants in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00432-00436)<sup>4</sup>**

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the terms of reference of the mandate, the approach for the assessment and the work plan. The members also discussed the table of contents of the draft opinion on HBCDDs in food as well as the literature search. Tasks were distributed.

## 5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

## 6. Next meeting(s)

7-8 May 2019

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<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

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