

Scientific Panel on Food Contact Materials, Enzymes, Flavourings and Processing Aids (CEF)

Minutes of the 14th meeting of the Working Group on BPA assessment protocol

Held by TELE-conference, 8 November 2017

(Agreed on 15 November 2017, by written procedure)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Johanna Bodin, Rex FitzGerald, Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair), Annika Hanberg and Detlef Wölfle

- **European Commission:**

Lisa Filipuzzi

- **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: J. Cara Carmona, Anna F. Castoldi, Cristina Croera, Claudio Putzu

AMU Unit: Fulvio Barizzone

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Andy Rooney, Cristina Bosetti, Ulla Hass, Christophe Rousselle and Henk Van Loveren.

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 and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

Carlijn Hoojmans is not being invited anymore to the WG meetings as long as she will not have a validly approved ADoI.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 13th Working Group meeting held on 30 October 2017

The minutes of the 13th Working Group meeting held on 30 October 2017 were agreed on 15 November 2017³, by written procedure.

5. Discussion

5.1. Preparation for the re-evaluation of the safety of BPA⁴ (EFSA-Q-2016-00673)

The revised version of the BPA protocol was discussed with the experts and final amendments were made.

6. Next meeting(s)

No additional meeting are planned.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/BPAProtocol.pdf>

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00673>

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Minutes of the 13th meeting of the Working Group on BPA assessment protocol

Held by TELE-conference, 30 October 2017

(Agreed on 15 November 2017, by written procedure)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Johanna Bodin, Cristina Bosetti, Rex FitzGerald, Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair), Annika Hanberg, Ulla Hass, Christophe Rousselle and Detlef Wölfle

- **European Commission:**

Jonathan Briggs

- **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Anna F. Castoldi, Cristina Croera, Claudio Putzu
AMU Unit: Fulvio Barizzzone, Federica Barrucci

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Andy Rooney and Henk Van Loveren.

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 and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

Carlijn Hoojmans is not being invited anymore to the WG meetings as long as she will not have a validly approved ADoI.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 12th Working Group meeting held on 5-6 Oct 2017

The minutes of the 12th Working Group meeting held on 5-6 Oct 2017 were agreed on 6 Oct 2017³.

5. Discussion

5.1. Preparation for the re-evaluation of the safety of BPA⁴ (EFSA-Q-2016-00673)

The expert's trial of the appraisal tool for human and animal studies was discussed and amendments were made. Some important points of discussion regarded the integration of the different aspects in the tools and the treatment of cross-sectional studies.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held on 8 November 2017 by TELE-conference.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/BPAProtocol.pdf>

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00673>

Scientific Panel on Food Contact Materials, Enzymes, Flavourings and Processing Aids (CEF)

Minutes of the 12th meeting of the Working Group on BPA assessment protocol

Held on 5-6 October 2017, Parma,

(Agreed on 6 October 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Johanna Bodin, Cristina Bosetti, Rex FitzGerald, Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair), Annika Hanberg, and Detlef Wölfle¹

- **European Commission:**

Jonathan Briggs²

- **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Anna F. Castoldi, Cristina Croera, Claudio Putzu
AMU Unit: Fulvio Barizzone and Federica Barrucci

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Ulla Hass, Andy Rooney, Christophe Rousselle and Henk Van Loveren.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

¹ By teleconference

² By teleconference

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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Carlijn Hoojmans is not being invited anymore to the WG meetings as long as she will not have a validly approved ADoI.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 11th Working Group meeting held on 12 September 2017, by TELE-conference.

The minutes of the 11th Working Group meeting held on 12 September 2017 were agreed on 12 September 2017⁵.

5. Discussion

5.1 Preparation for the re-evaluation of the safety of BPA⁶ (EFSA-Q-2016-00673)

The main comments received and the proposal for the revision of the protocol were discussed with the experts of the WG. Specific tasks were assigned to the experts.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held on 30 October 2017, by TELE-conference.

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencypolicy.pdf>

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁵ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/BPAProtocol.pdf>

⁶ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00673>

Scientific Panel on Food Contact Materials, Enzymes, Flavourings and Processing Aids (CEF)

Minutes of the 11th meeting of the Working Group on BPA assessment protocol

Held by TELE-conference, 12 September 2017

(Agreed on 12 September 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Johanna Bodin, Cristina Bosetti, Rex FitzGerald, Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair), Annika Hanberg, Ulla Hass, Christophe Rousselle and Detlef Wölfle

- **European Commission:**

Jonathan Briggs

- **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Anna F. Castoldi, Cristina Croera, Claudio Putzu
AMU Unit: Fulvio Barizzone

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Carlijn Hooijmans, Andy Rooney and Henk Van Loveren.

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 and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 10th Working Group meeting held on 10 May 2017

The minutes of the 10th Working Group meeting held on 10 May 2017 by TELE-conference were agreed on 10 May 2017³.

5. Discussion

5.1. Preparation for the re-evaluation of the safety of BPA⁴ (EFSA-Q-2016-00673)

The main points of discussion that arose from the public consultation were discussed with the experts of the WG. The agenda of the BPA workshop was described and discussed with the Chair and the experts of the WG.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held on 5 - 6 October 2017 in Parma.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/BPAProtocol.pdf>

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00673>

Scientific Panel on Food Contact Materials, Enzymes, Flavourings and Processing Aids (CEF)

Minutes of the 10th meeting of the Working Group on BPA assessment protocol

Held by TELE-conference, 10 May 2017

(Agreed on 10 May 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Johanna Bodin, Cristina Bosetti, Rex FitzGerald, Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair), Annika Hanberg, Ulla Hass, Christophe Rousselle, Henk van Loveren and Detlef Wölfle

- **European Commission:**

Jonathan Briggs

- **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Anna F. Castoldi, Cristina Croera, Claudio Putzu

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Carlijn Hooijmans and Andy Rooney.

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 and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 9th Working Group meeting held on 6-7 April 2017, Parma.

The minutes of the 9th Working Group meeting held on 6-7 April 2017 were agreed by written procedure on 18 April 2017³.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Preparation for the re-evaluation of the safety of BPA⁴ (EFSA-Q-2016-00673)

The Chair of the WG reported the feedback received from the CEF Panel on its 68th Plenary meeting and thanked the WG experts for their contributions on behalf of the Panel. The WG discussed pending issues raised by the CEF Panel on the BPA assessment protocol. The decisions proposed will be implemented in the protocol and the revised document will be transmitted to the WG for further revisions.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting was not planned.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

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Scientific Panel on Food Contact Materials, Enzymes, Flavourings and Processing Aids (CEF)

Minutes of the 9th meeting of the Working Group on BPA assessment protocol

Held on 6th-7th of April 2017, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 18 April 2017)¹

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Johanna Bodin, Cristina Bosetti, Rex FitzGerald, Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair), Annika Hanberg, Carlijn Hooijmans, Christophe Rousselle, Henk van Loveren and Detlef Wölfle

- **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Anna F. Castoldi, Cristina Croera, Claudio Putzu

AMU Unit: Fulvio Barizzone

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received by Ulla Hass and Andrew Rooney.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

¹ By written procedure

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 8th Working Group meeting held on 31 March 2017, by TELE-conference.

The minutes of the 8thth Working Group meeting held on 31 March 2017 were agreed⁴.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Preparation for the re-evaluation of the safety of BPA (EFSA-Q-2016-00673)⁵

The WG reviewed the current draft of the BPA protocol. Revisions were made and the main topics of discussion were the appraisal of individual studies, rating the confidence in the body of evidence and integration of the evidence.

Next meeting(s)

- The next meeting will be held on 10 May 2017, from 14h00 to 17h00 by TELE-conference

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

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/BPAProtocol.pdf>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00673>

Scientific Panel on Food Contact Materials, Enzymes, Flavourings and Processing Aids (CEF)

Minutes of the 8th meeting of the Working Group on BPA assessment protocol – Subgroup on animal studies

Held by TELE-conference, 31 March 2017

(Agreed on 07 April 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair), Johanna Bodin, Rex FitzGerald, Annika Hanberg, Carlijn Hooijmans, Henk van Loveren and Detlef Wölfle

- **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Anna F. Castoldi, Cristina Croera, Claudio Putzu

AMU Unit: Fulvio Barizzone

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Christophe Rousselle and Ulla Hass.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 7th Working Group meeting held on 30 March 2017.

The minutes of the 7th Working Group meeting held on 30 March 2017 were agreed.³

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Preparation for the re-evaluation of the safety of BPA (EFSA-Q-2016-00673)⁴

The WG discussed the feedbacks received from the experts on the revised appraisal forms for the BPA animal studies. A proposal for revision of the rating was done by the WG members and a discussion on the evidence integration started.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held on 6, 7 of April 2017 in Parma.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/BPAProtocol.pdf>

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00673>

Scientific Panel on Food Contact Materials, Enzymes, Flavourings and Processing Aids (CEF)

Minutes of the 7th meeting of the Working Group on BPA assessment protocol – Subgroup on human studies

Held on 30 March 2017, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 06 April 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair)

Andrew Rooney participated via teleconference

Cristina Bosetti participated via teleconference

- **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Anna F. Castoldi, Cristina Croera, Claudio Putzu

AMU Unit: Fulvio Barizzone

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 and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 6th Working Group meeting held on 02 - 03 March 2017, Parma (Italy).

The minutes of the 6th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 13 March 2017³.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Preparation for the re-evaluation of the safety of BPA (EFSA-Q-2016-00673)⁴

The WG discussed the appraisal criteria for human studies. A proposal was done by the WG members and a discussion on the evidence integration started.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held on 31 March 2017, by TELE-conference.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/BPAProtocol.pdf>

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00673>

Scientific Panel on Food Contact Materials, Enzymes, Flavourings and Processing Aids (CEF)

Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Working Group on BPA assessment protocol

Held on 2-3 March 2017, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 17 March 2017)¹

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Johanna Bodin², Rex FitzGerald, Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair), Annika Hanberg, Carlijn Hooijmans, Christophe Rousselle, Henk van Loveren and Detlef Wölfle

- **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Anna F. Castoldi, Cristina Croera, Claudio Putzu
AMU Unit: Fulvio Barizzone

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received by Ulla Hass and Andy Rooney.

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 and Scientific Decision-Making Processes³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on

¹ By written procedure

² Only on 2 March

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

Declarations of Interest⁴, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 5th Working Group meeting held on 27 February 2017, by TELE-conference.

The minutes of the 5th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 08 March 2017.⁵

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Preparation for the re-evaluation of the safety of BPA (EFSA-Q-2016-00673)⁶

The WG discussed the feedbacks received from the experts concerning the draft protocol for the BPA studies' screening and appraisal. Most of the criteria to be used were agreed on and individual tasks were assigned to the WG members.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held on 30 March 2017, as teleconference.

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/BPAProtocol.pdf>

⁶ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00673>

Scientific Panel on Food Contact Materials, Enzymes, Flavourings and Processing Aids (CEF)

Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Working Group on BPA assessment protocol- Subgroup on animal studies

Held by TELE-conference, 27 February 2017

(Agreed on 08 March 2017)¹

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Johanna Bodin, Rex FitzGerald, Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair), Annika Hanberg, Carlijn Hooijmans, Christophe Rousselle, Henk van Loveren and Detlef Wölfle

- **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Anna F. Castoldi, Cristina Croera, Claudio Putzu
AMU Unit: Fulvio Barizzzone

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants and invited Christophe Rousselle, new member of the Working Group (WG) to introduce himself.

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 and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific

¹ By written procedure

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

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 4th Working Group meeting held on 24 February 2017.

The minutes of the 4th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 08 March 2017⁴.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Preparation for the re-evaluation of the safety of BPA (EFSA-Q-2016-00673)⁵

The WG discussed the feedbacks received from the experts on the revised appraisal forms for the BPA animal studies.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held on 2-3 March 2017, in Parma.

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/BPAProtocol.pdf>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00673>

Scientific Panel on Food Contact Materials, Enzymes, Flavourings and Processing Aids (CEF)

Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Working Group on BPA assessment protocol- Subgroup on human studies

Held by TELE-conference, 24 February 2017

(Agreed on 08 March 2017)¹

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Cristina Bosetti, Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair), Andrew Rooney and Christophe Rousselle

- **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Anna F. Castoldi, Cristina Croera, Claudio Putzu

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 and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

¹ By written procedure

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

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting held on 26 - 27 January 2017, Parma (Italy).

The minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting held on 26 – 27 January 2017 were agreed⁴.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Preparation for the re-evaluation of the safety of BPA (EFSA-Q-2016-00673)⁵

The WG discussed the feedbacks received from the experts on the revised appraisal forms for the BPA human studies.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held on 27 February 2017, by TELE-conference.

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/BPAProtocol.pdf>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00673>

Scientific Panel on Food Contact Materials, Enzymes, Flavourings and Processing Aids (CEF)

Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group on BPA assessment protocol

Held on 26-27 of January 2017, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 27 January 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Johanna Bodin, Cristina Bosetti, Rex FitzGerald, Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair), Annika Hanberg¹, Ulla Hass, Carlijn Hooijmans, Henk van Loveren and Detlef Wölfle
Andrew Rooney participated via teleconference

- **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Anna F. Castoldi, Cristina Croera, Claudio Putzu
AMU Unit: Fulvio Barizzone and Daniela Tomcikova

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 and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of

¹ On 27th January only

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³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting held on 12 December 2017, by TELE-conference.

The minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 11 January 2017⁴.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Preparation for the re-evaluation of the safety of BPA (EFSA-Q-2016-00673)⁵

The WG discussed the feedbacks received from the experts concerning the draft protocol for the BPA studies screening and appraisal. Most of the criteria to be used were agreed on and individual tasks and deadlines were assigned to the WG members.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held on 24 February 2017, by TELE-conference.

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/BPAProtocol.pdf>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00673>

Scientific Panel on Food Contact Materials, Enzymes, Flavourings and Processing Aids (CEF)

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group on BPA assessment protocol

Held by TELE-conference, 12 December 2016

(Agreed on 11 January 2017)¹

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Johanna Bodin, Cristina Bosetti, Rex FitzGerald, Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair), Annika Hanberg, Ulla Hass, Andrew Rooney, Henk van Loveren and Detlef Wölfle.

- **European Commission:**

Jonathan Briggs (DG SANTE)

- **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Anna F. Castoldi, Cristina Croera, Claudio Putzu and Camilla Smeraldi
AMU Unit: Fulvio Barizzone and Daniela Tomcikova

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Carlijn Hooijmans.

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 and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific

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Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 10-11 November 2016, Parma (Italy).

The minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 29 November 2016⁴.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Preparation for the re-evaluation of the safety of BPA (EFSA-Q-2016-00673)⁵

EFSA secretariat and the experts of the WG discussed new developments regarding the preparation of the protocol for the re-assessment of BPA. These related mostly to the initial screening and appraisal of the literature relevant to the topic. Key parameters and criteria to be used were agreed on and individual tasks and deadlines were assigned to the WG members.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next Working Group meeting will be held on 26-27 January, in Parma.

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/BPAProtocol.pdf>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00673>

Scientific Panel on Food Contact Materials, Enzymes, Flavourings and Processing Aids (CEF)

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on BPA assessment protocol

Held on 10-11 November 2016, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 29 November 2016)¹

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**²

Ursula Gundert-Remy (chair), Johanna Bodin, Cristina Bosetti, Rex Fitzgerald, Henk van Loveren and Detlef Wölfle.

Annika Hanberg, Carlijn Hooijmans and Andrew Rooney participated via teleconference.

- **European Commission:**

Jonathan Briggs (DG SANTE) participated via teleconference.

- **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Anna F. Castoldi, Cristina Croera and Camilla Smeraldi

AMU Unit: Fulvio Barizzone

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. All the participants introduced themselves and presented their scientific background. Apologies were received from Ulla Hass.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

¹ By written procedure

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4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Preparation for the re-evaluation of the safety of BPA (EFSA-Q-2016-00673)⁵

EFSA secretariat and the Chair of the WG introduced the EFSA's way of working, including the respective roles of the Panel and of the WG members, presented the EFSA mandate on the BPA protocol development and the EFSA Prometheus project. Also an overview of the EFSA's previous opinion on BPA (2015), mainly addressing the methodological aspects, and of protocol developed for the Isoflavones opinion published in 2015, were given.

The WG held an initial brainstorming on structure and content of the protocol and individual tasks and deadlines were assigned to the WG members.

5. Next meeting(s)

The next WG meeting was planned on 12 December 2016, by TELE-conference.

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 10th Working Group meeting held on 10 May 2017

The minutes of the 10th Working Group meeting held on 10 May 2017 by TELE-conference were agreed on 10 May 2017³.

5. Discussion

5.1. Preparation for the re-evaluation of the safety of BPA⁴ (EFSA-Q-2016-00673)

The main points of discussion that arose from the public consultation were discussed with the experts of the WG. The agenda of the BPA workshop was described and discussed with the Chair and the experts of the WG.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held on 5 - 6 October 2017 in Parma.

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

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