

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 9TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PHTHALATES

TELE-conference, 26 April 2019

(Agreed on 08 May 2019)¹

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle (chair), Jean-Pierre Cravedi, Cristina Fortes, David Gott, Inger-Lise Steffensen, Henk Van Loveren, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Wölfle
- Hearing Experts²:
Maarten Roggeman (ECHA)
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Takis Daskaleros (DG SANTE)
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Anna F. Castoldi, Katharina Volk
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

¹ by written procedure

² 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>.



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 Independence³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁴, 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 14-15 March 2019, Parma.

The minutes of the 8th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 02 April 2019.⁵

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Update of the risk assessment for di-butylphthalate (DBP, FCM No 157), butyl-benzyl-phthalate (BBP, FCM No 159) and Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP, FCM No 283), di-isononylphthalate (DINP, FCM No 728), di-isodecylphthalate (DIDP, FCM No 729) (EFSA-Q-2017-00588⁶/-00589⁷/-00590⁸ /-2018-00800⁹ / -2018-00801¹⁰) and related public consultation (EFSA-Q-2019-00102)¹¹

Summary statistics on the outcome of the public consultation of EFSA's draft opinion "Update of the risk assessment of di-butylphthalate (DBP), butyl-benzyl-phthalate (BBP), bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP), di-isononylphthalate (DINP) and di-isodecylphthalate (DIDP) for use in food contact materials" were presented. Comments received on the draft opinion, with a focus on those regarding the toxicological assessment and the grouping approach, were presented and discussed. Tasks were distributed among the experts. Revisions of the draft opinion and answers to the comments will be discussed in a forthcoming WG meeting.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

⁴ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

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

⁶ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00588>

⁷ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00589>

⁸ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00590>

⁹ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00800>

¹⁰ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00801>

¹¹ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00102>

7. Next meeting(s)

13 May 2019
6-7 June 2019

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 8TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PHTHALATES

Held on 14-15 March 2019, Parma

(Agreed on 02 April 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle (chair)
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Anna F. Castoldi, Cristina Croera, Foteini Pantazi, Katharina Volk
DATA Unit: Davide Arcella, Claudia Cascio
- 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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², 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 22 January 2019, TELE-conference.

The minutes of the 7th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 07 February 2019.³

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Update of the risk assessment for di-butylphthalate (DBP, FCM No 157), butyl-benzyl-phthalate (BBP, FCM No 159) and Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP, FCM No 283), di-isononylphthalate (DINP, FCM No 728), di-isodecylphthalate (DIDP, FCM No 729) (EFSA-Q-2017-00588⁴/-00589⁵/-00590⁶ /-2018-00800⁷ / -2018-00801⁸)

Preparations for the Food Ingredients and Packaging (FIP) Unit's webinar "Learn more about the risk assessment of phthalates used in plastic food contact materials" were scheduled on 14 March, while the actual webinar was held on 15 March. Further information regarding the event can be retrieved on the EFSA website⁹.

6. Next meeting(s)

26 April 2019 (tele-conference)

13 May 2019 (tele-conference)

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

³ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wqs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/phthalates-min.pdf>

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00588>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00589>

⁶ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00590>

⁷ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00800>

⁸ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00801>

⁹ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/event/190315>

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 7TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PHTHALATES

Held on 22 January 2019, Parma

(Agreed on 07 February 2019)¹

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

David Gott, Inger-Lise Steffensen, Henk Van Loveren, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen.

Laurence Castle (chair), Jean-Pierre Cravedi, Cristina Fortes and Detlef Wölfle have participated via teleconference

■ Hearing Experts²:

Maarten Roggeman (ECHA)

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Takis Daskaleros (DG SANTE)

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Julia Cara Carmona, Anna F. Castoldi, Foteini Pantazi, Katharina Volk

■ Others:

Not Applicable

¹ By written procedure

² 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 Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças and Christina Tlustos (both members).

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 Independence³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁴, 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 16 January 2019, TELE-conference.

The minutes of the 6th Working Group meeting (subgroup on exposure) were agreed by written procedure on 25 January 2019.⁵

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Update of the risk assessment for di-butylphthalate (DBP, FCM No 157), butyl-benzyl-phthalate (BBP, FCM No 159) and Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP, FCM No 283), di-isononylphthalate (DINP, FCM No 728), di-isodecylphthalate (DIDP, FCM No 729) (EFSA-Q-2017-00588⁶/-00589⁷/-00590⁸ /-2018-00800⁹/ -2018-00801¹⁰)

The experts discussed the structure and content of the draft opinion. Changes were noted and individual tasks assigned. The draft opinion will be updated accordingly, before it is scheduled again for discussion at the CEP Panel meeting of 5-7 February 2019.

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

⁴ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

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

⁶ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00588>

⁷ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00589>

⁸ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00590>

⁹ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00800>

¹⁰ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00801>



6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting(s)

To be decided

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

Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Working Group on Phthalates – subgroup exposure

Held by TELE-conference, 16 January 2019

(Agreed on 25 January 2019, by written procedure)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Laurence Castle (chair), Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças, Christina Tlustos

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Takis Daskaleros (DG SANTE)

- **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Julia Cara Carmona, Anna F. Castoldi, Foteini Pantazi, Katharina Volk

DATA Unit: Claudia Cascio

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Mark Blainey and Maarten Roggeman (hearing experts from 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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², 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 17 December 2018, TELE-conference.

The minutes of the 5th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 16 January 2019.³

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

³ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wqs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/phthalates-min.pdf>

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Update of the risk assessment for di-butylphthalate (DBP, FCM No 157), butyl-benzyl-phthalate (BBP, FCM No 159) and Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP, FCM No 283) , diisononylphthalate (DINP, FCM No 728), diisodecylphthalate (DIDP, FCM No 729) (EFSA-Q-2017-00588⁴/-00589⁵/-00590⁶ /-2018-00800⁷ / -2018-00801⁸)

The experts discussed the structure and content of the draft opinion with respect to the sections on exposure assessment. Changes were noted and individual tasks assigned. The draft opinion will be updated accordingly, before it is scheduled again for discussion at the CEP Panel meeting of 5-7 February 2019.

6. Any Other Business

Not applicable

7. Next meeting(s)

22 January 2019 (Parma)

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00588>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00589>

⁶ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00590>

⁷ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00800>

⁸ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00801>

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

Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Working Group on Phthalates

Held by TELE-conference, 17 December 2018

(Agreed on 16 January 2019, by written procedure)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Laurence Castle (chair), Cristina Fortes, David Gott, Inger-Lise Steffensen, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças, Henk Van Loveren, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Wölfle

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

DG SANTE: Jonathan Briggs, Takis Daskaleros

- **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Julia Cara Carmona, Foteini Pantazi, Katharina Volk

DATA Unit: Claudia Cascio

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Jean-Pierre Cravedi and Christina Tlustos (both members), as well as from Mark Blainey and Maarten Roggeman (hearing experts from 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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², 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 22 November 2018, TELE-conference.

The minutes of the 4th Working Group meeting (subgroup on exposure) were agreed by written procedure on 11 December 2018.³

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

³ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wqs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/phthalates-min.pdf>

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Update of the risk assessment for di-butylphthalate (DBP, FCM No 157), butyl-benzyl-phthalate (BBP, FCM No 159) and Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP, FCM No 283), di-isononylphthalate (DINP, FCM No 728), di-isodecylphthalate (DIDP, FCM No 729) (EFSA-Q-2017-00588⁴/-00589⁵/-00590⁶ /-2018-00800⁷ / -2018-00801⁸)

Feedback on the discussions of the draft opinion during the 4th CEP Plenary meeting (4-6 December 2018) was provided to the WG. The main questions raised by the Panel experts were presented (e.g. on the proposed approach to establish a group-TDI, the composition of the group of phthalates, the identification of an index compound as reference point for a possible group-TDI, remarks on the exposure assessment approach), along with the proposals on how to address these points. The WG discussed the feedback from the Panel as well as the text of the draft opinion, and changes were noted.

6. Any Other Business

Not applicable

7. Next meeting(s)

16 January (tele-conference)

22 January (Parma)

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00588>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00589>

⁶ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00590>

⁷ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00800>

⁸ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00801>

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

Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Working Group on Phthalates – subgroup exposure

Held by TELE-conference, 22 November 2018

(Agreed on 11 December 2018, by written procedure)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Laurence Castle (chair), Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças, Christina Tlustos

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Takis Daskaleros (DG SANTE)

- **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Foteini Pantazi, Katharina Volk

DATA Unit: Davide Arcella, Claudia Cascio

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Mark Blainey and Maarten Roggeman (hearing experts from 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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², 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 14+16 November 2018, TELE-conference.

The minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 27 November 2018.³

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

³ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wqs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/phthalates-min.pdf>

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Update of the risk assessment for di-butylphthalate (DBP, FCM No 157), butyl-benzyl-phthalate (BBP, FCM No 159) and Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP, FCM No 283), di-isononylphthalate (DINP, FCM No 728), di-isodecylphthalate (DIDP, FCM No 729) (EFSA-Q-2017-00588⁴/-00589⁵/-00590⁶ /-2018-00800⁷ / -2018-00801⁸)

Feedback on the discussions of the draft opinion during the 3rd CEP Plenary meeting (23-25 October 2018) was provided to the WG subgroup on exposure. The main questions raised by the Panel experts were presented (e.g. on the proposed approach to establish a group-TDI, the composition of the group of phthalates, the identification of an index compound as reference point for a possible group-TDI, remarks on the exposure assessment approach), along with the proposals on how to address these points, as agreed during the WG meeting of 14+16 November 2018. The WG subgroup on exposure discussed the text of the draft opinion pertinent to the exposure assessment, and changes were noted. Exposure scenarios for different age groups as well as methodologies for combined exposure assessment were discussed.

6. Any Other Business

Not applicable

7. Next meeting(s)

17 December 2018 (tele-conference)

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00588>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00589>

⁶ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00590>

⁷ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00800>

⁸ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00801>

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

Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group on Phthalates

Held by TELE-conference, 14+16 November 2018

(Agreed on 27 November 2018, by written procedure)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Laurence Castle (chair), Jean-Pierre Cravedi¹, Cristina Fortes, David Gott², Inger-Lise Steffensen, Henk Van Loveren, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen³, Detlef Wölfle

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Takis Daskaleros, Jonathan Briggs, Bastiaan Schupp (DG SANTE⁴)

- **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Julia Cara Carmona, Anna F. Castoldi⁵, Foteini Pantazi, Katharina Volk

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

¹ Participated on 16 November only

² Participated on 14 November only

³ Participated on 14 November only

⁴ Participated on 14 November only

⁵ Participated on 14 November only

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças (member), Mark Blainey and Maarten Roggeman (hearing experts from 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 Independence⁶ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁷, 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 08 October 2018, TELE-conference.

The minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 19 October 2018.⁸

⁶ 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

⁸ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wqs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/phthalates-min.pdf>

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Update of the risk assessment for di-butylphthalate (DBP, FCM No 157), butyl-benzyl-phthalate (BBP, FCM No 159) and Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP, FCM No 283) , diisononylphthalate (DINP, FCM No 728), diisodecylphthalate (DIDP, FCM No 729) (EFSA-Q-2017-00588⁹/-00589¹⁰/-00590¹¹ /-2018-00800¹²/ -2018-00801¹³)

Feedback on the discussions of the draft opinion during the 3rd CEP Plenary meeting (23-25 October 2018) was provided to the WG. The main questions raised by the Panel experts were presented to the WG members, e.g. on the proposed approach to establish a group-TDI, the composition of the group of phthalates, the identification of an index compound as reference point for a possible group-TDI. The WG discussed the comments received and the draft opinion will be updated accordingly in order to better reflect the proposed approach and related uncertainties.

In addition, the WG discussed the feedback received from the experts concerning the update of the sections of the draft opinion according to the discussions of the previous WG meeting. General considerations on the scope, content and structure of the opinion were raised.

6. Any Other Business

The WG was informed that during the discussions on the draft opinion at the 3rd CEP Panel meeting (23-25 October 2018) the need for additional experts in the WG was identified. In order to further support the WG with both the toxicological and the exposure assessment, David Gott and Christina Tlustos were invited to join the WG.

The WG was also informed that once revised and endorsed by the Panel, the opinion will undergo public consultation.

7. Next meeting(s)

22 November 2018 (tele-conference), subgroup on exposure.

⁹ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00588>

¹⁰ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00589>

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¹³ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00801>

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

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group on Phthalates

By WEB-conference, 08 October 2018

(Agreed on 19 October 2018, by written procedure)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Laurence Castle (chair), Jean-Pierre Cravedi, Cristina Fortes, Inger-Lise Steffensen, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças, Henk Van Loveren, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Wölfle

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Julia Cara Carmona, Katharina Volk

DATA Unit: Claudia Maria Cascio

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Mark Blainey and Maarten Roggeman (hearing experts from ECHA).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Update of the risk assessment for di-butylphthalate (DBP, FCM No 157), butyl-benzyl-phthalate (BBP, FCM No 159) and Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP, FCM No 283) (EFSA-Q-2017-00588⁴/-00589⁵/-00590⁶)

An update on the analysis of occurrence and exposure data on phthalates was presented to the Working Group (WG) by EFSA's DATA Unit. Different approaches for assessment of dietary exposure to phthalates were discussed, along with considerations on how to estimate the contribution from (plastic) food contact materials to the overall exposure.

In addition, the WG discussed the feedback received from the experts concerning the screening of literature and the update of the sections of the draft opinion according to the discussions of the previous WG

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00588>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00589>

⁶ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00590>

meeting. General considerations on the scope, content and structure of the opinion were raised.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

6. Next meeting(s)

To be decided

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

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on Phthalates

Held on 17 September 2018, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 04 October 2018, by written procedure)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

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

Takis Daskaleros³ (DG SANTE)

- **EFSA:**

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DATA Unit: Claudia Maria Cascio

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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

² Participated by teleconference

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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

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5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

6. Next meeting(s)

08 October 2018 (by teleconference)