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**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES, FLAVOURINGS
AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEF)**

**Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Working Group (WG) on Processing aids
(Teleconference)**

Parma, 05 December 2011

EFSA / Unit / CEF

Agreed by written procedure on 06th December 2011

Participants:

WG Experts: Aguilar F., Ahlers J., Brimer L., Bursch W., Crebelli R., de Knecht
J., Toldrá F. (chair), Vighi M.

EFSA: Theobald A., Croera C., Carfi M.

1. Welcome and apologies

The chair welcomed the members of the working group (WG)

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Adoption of the minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted with editorial changes.

4. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. Fidel Toldrá declared to have participated as expert in the joint FAO/WHO Project to assess the benefits and risks of the use of chlorine-containing compounds and other disinfectants in food production and food processing. This interest is in the remit of the WG. Since the advice is given to a public organisation and there is not a financial benefit for the expert, this interest was not considered as a conflict.

5. Matters arising from the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

6. Discussion on the draft opinion on "Cecure"

The WG members were informed that the confidentiality on relevant data in the opinion was disclosed and that EFSA was informed by the applicant on the possibility to receive new data for the ERA. The WG members discussed and agreed to revise and finalise as well the opinion on the basis of the available data.

The draft opinion, harmonised with the Biohazard one, was presented to the WG members and all the sections were discussed and revised accordingly.

7. Any other business

None.

8. Next meeting dates

The next meeting was not planned. The opinion will be revised according to the discussion and presented to the next Plenary for its adoption.

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**Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group (WG) on Processing aids
(Teleconference)**

Parma, 17 October 2011

EFSA / Unit / CEF

Agreed by the WG on 5th December 2011

Participants:

WG Experts: Aguilar F., Ahlers J., Brimer L., Bursch W., Crebelli R., de Knecht J., Toldrá F. (chair), Vighi M.

EFSA: Theobald A., Croera C.

1. Welcome and apologies

The chair welcomed the members of the working group (WG).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Adoption of the minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted with editorial changes.

4. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. Fidel Toldrá declared to have participated as expert in the joint FAO/WHO Project to assess the benefits and risks of the use of chlorine-

containing compounds and other disinfectants in food production and food processing. This interest is in the remit of the WG. Since the advice is given to a public organisation and there is not a financial benefit for the expert, this interest was not considered as a conflict.

5. Matters arising from the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

6. Discussion on the draft opinion on “Cecure”

The draft opinion was presented to the WG members. New data received from the applicant on stability, purity, consumer exposure and human toxicity of Cecure were discussed and the draft opinion revised accordingly. The environmental risk assessment section was also discussed and the WG members agreed to revise and finalise the conclusions of the ERA on the basis of the available data.

7. Any other business

None.

8. Next meeting dates

The next meeting of the WG is scheduled for 5th December 2011 as audio-web-conference.

Parma, 17 10 2011

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES, FLAVOURINGS
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Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group (WG) on Processing aids

Brussels, 19 September 2011

EFSA / Unit / CEF

Agreed by the WG on 17th October 2011

Participants:

WG Experts: Aguilar F.(morning, by teleconference), Ahlers J., Brimer L., Bursch W., Crebelli R., de Knecht J., Toldrá F. (chair)
Hearing expert: Lapasin C. (morning, by teleconference)
European Commission: Moretti B.
EFSA: Theobald A., Feigenbaum A.
Apologies: Vighi M.

1. Welcome and apologies

The chair welcomed the members of the working group (WG); apologies were noted.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. Fidel Tondrá declared to have participated as expert in the joint FAO/WHO Project to assess the benefits and risks of the use of chlorine-containing compounds and other disinfectants in food production and food processing. This interest is in the remit of the WG. Since the advice is given to a public organisation and there is not a financial benefit for the expert, this interest was not considered as a conflict.

4. Matters arising from the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

5. Discussion on the draft opinion on "Cecure"

The draft opinion was presented to the WG members and the parts on technical data, toxicological safety to humans and environmental risk assessment were discussed. The WG members noted the lack of data especially in the part of environmental risk assessment and not submitted toxicological studies supporting the risk assessment for humans. The secretariat was asked to contact the applicant and clarify these issues. In the morning session Christoph Lapasin was connected by phone and explained the slaughterhouse practise in Europe and answered questions of the WG members.

6. Any other business

None.

7. Next meeting dates

The next meeting of the WG is scheduled for 17 October 2011 (audio-web-conference, from 10h-13h).

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Parma, 13 10 2011

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES, FLAVOURINGS
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Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group (WG) on Processing aids

**Teleconference, 9 September 2011
EFSA / Unit / CEF**

Agreed by the WG on 19th September 2011

Participants:

WG Experts: Aguilar F., Ahlers J., Brimer L., Bursch W., Crebelli R., de Knecht J., Toldrá F. (chair), Vighi M.
Hearing experts: Pratt I.
EFSA: Carfi M., Croera C., Feigenbaum A., Theobald A.

1. Welcome and apologies

The chair of the WG welcomed the members of the working group (WG) to the teleconference. All the participants introduced themselves and their scientific background.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted after addition of one point in AOB related to the information update on Environmental risk assessment that will be given to the CEF Panel members in the September Plenary meeting.

3. **Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present teleconference. Fidel Tondrá declared to have participated as expert in the joint FAO/WHO Project to assess the benefits and risks of the use of chlorine-containing compounds and other disinfectants in food production and food processing. This interest is in the remit of the WG. Since the advice is given to a public organisation and there is not a financial benefit for the expert, this interest was not considered as a conflict.

4. **Discussion on the dossier on "Cecure"**

The EFSA secretariat introduced the mandate and the Terms of Reference for the evaluation of the "Cecure" dossier.

The chair of the WG presented the "Revision of the joint AFC/BIOHAZ guidance document on the submission of data for the evaluation of the safety and efficacy of substances for the removal of microbial surface contamination of foods of animal origin intended for human consumption", highlighting the requirements needed in the areas of interest of the CEF Panel.

The WG members discussed the data included in the dossier on "Cecure", in relation to the Guidance requirements. Data gaps and need for clarifications were identified for the consumer exposure assessment, the human toxicity evaluation and the environmental risk assessment.

The structure the draft opinion including the areas within the CEF Panel remit was discussed and defined. Specific tasks to provide text for a draft opinion which should be available at the next WG meeting were assigned to the WG experts in relation to their area of competence.

5. **Any other business**

The possibility was discuss to give to the CEF Panel members an introduction to environmental risk assessment (ERA) under REACH regulation (with emphasis on hazard identification and derivation of PNEC) and to environmental exposure assessment, respectively.

6. **Next meeting dates**

The next meeting of the WG is scheduled for 19 September 2011 and will be held in Brussels.