

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

Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Standing Working Group on the evaluation of substances used to remove microbial contamination from product of animal origin

Held on 4-5 June 2018, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 25 June 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Participated on the 1st day:

Joop De Knecht, Paul Fowler (Chair), Konrad Grob, Panagiotis Skandamis (Vice-Chair), Christina Tlustos
Fernando Aguilar has participated via teleconference

Participated on the 2nd day:

Declan Bolton, Kostas Koutsoumanis, Panagiotis Skandamis (Chair),
John Threlfall

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

Participated on the 1st day:

BIOCONTAM Unit: Winy Messens

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts:
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

FIP Unit: Carla Martino, Giorgia Vianello

Participated on the 2nd day:

BIOCONTAM Unit: Winy Messens, Eleonora Sarno

FIP Unit: Carla Martino

AMU Unit: Andrea Baù, 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 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 4th Working Group meeting held on 16 May 2018, WEB-conference

The minutes of the 4th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 25 May 2018.⁴

5. Scientific topic for discussion

5.1. Evaluation of the safety and efficacy of lactic and acetic acids for reduction of pathogens on pork carcasses and cuts (EFSA-Q-2017-00666)⁵

The Working Group requires additional information from the applicant to be able to conclude on the safety and the efficacy of the

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decontamination substances. The scientific evaluation is suspended, awaiting the submission of the additional information requested.

6. Any Other Business

None.

7. Next meeting

To be decided.

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Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Standing Working Group on the evaluation of substances used to remove microbial contamination from product of animal origin

Held by WEB-conference, 16 May 2018

(Agreed on 25 May 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Fernando Aguilar and Paul Fowler (Chair)

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Fidel Toldrá (Instituto de Agroquímica y Tecnología de Alimentos - IATA)

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Carla Martino

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Konrad Grob.

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting held on 18 April 2018, WEB-conference

The minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 30 April 2018.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Evaluation of the safety and efficacy of lactic and acetic acids for reduction of pathogens on pork carcasses and cuts (EFSA-Q-2017-00666)⁵

The dossier was discussed and will be further evaluated at the next working group meeting on the evaluation of substances used to remove microbial contamination from product of animal origin.

6. Any Other Business

None.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held in Parma from 4 to 5 June 2018.

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Held by WEB-conference, 18 April 2018

(Agreed on 30 April 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Fernando Aguilar, Joop De Knecht, Paul Fowler (Chair), Konrad Grob, and Christina Tlustos

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Carla Martino, Giorgia Vianello

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting held on 17 April 2018, Parma

The minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting held on 17 April 2018 were agreed⁴.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Evaluation of the safety and efficacy of lactic and acetic acids for reduction of pathogens on pork carcasses and cuts (EFSA-Q-2017-00666)⁵

The dossier was discussed and will be further evaluated at the next working group meeting on the evaluation of substances used to remove microbial contamination from product of animal origin.

6. Any Other Business

None.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 16 May 2018 by WEB-conference.

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Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Standing Working Group on the evaluation of substances used to remove microbial contamination from product of animal origin

Held on 17 April 2018, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 17 April 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Kostas Koutsoumanis, Panagiotis Skandamis (Chair), John Threlfall,
Declan Bolton

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Winy Messens, Eleonora Sarno
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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 02 February 2018, WEB-conference

The minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 23 February 2018.⁴

5. Scientific topic for discussion

5.1. Evaluation of the safety and efficacy of lactic and acetic acids for reduction of pathogens on pork carcasses and cuts (EFSA-Q-2017-00666)⁵

The dossier was discussed and will be further evaluated at the next working group meeting on the evaluation of substances used to remove microbial contamination from product of animal origin.

6. Any Other Business

None.

7. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held on 18 April 2018 by WEB-conference.

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

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Standing Working Group on the evaluation of substances used to reduce microbial contamination from products of animal origin

Held by WEB-conference, 02 February 2018

(Agreed on 23 February 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Fernando Aguilar, Declan Bolton, Joop De Knecht, Paul Fowler (Chair), Konrad Grob, Kostas Koutsoumanis, Panagiotis Skandamis (Vice-Chair) and John Threlfall

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

None

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

None

- **EFSA:**

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4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. Evaluation of the safety and efficacy of lactic and acetic acids for reduction of pathogens on pork carcasses and cuts (EFSA-Q-2017-00666)⁴

The Working Group requires additional information from the applicant to be able to conclude on the safety and the efficacy of the decontamination substances. The scientific evaluation will be suspended, awaiting the submission of the additional information requested.

5. Any Other Business

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6. Next meeting(s)

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