

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

## Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Working Group on BPA Immunotoxicity

**Held on 23-24 August 2016, Oslo (Norway)**

**(Agreed on 20 September 2016)**

### **Participants**

- **Working Group Members:**

Stacey Anderson, Dori Germolec, Trine Husøy (Chair), Raymond Pieters and Detlef Wölfle

- **European Commission:**

Jonathan Briggs (DG SANTE)

- **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Anna F. Castoldi and Cristina Croera

### **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. All the participants introduced themselves and presented their scientific background.

### **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 Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest<sup>2</sup>, 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 1st Working Group meeting held on 22 June 2016.**

The minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 22 June 2016 were agreed by written procedure on 7th July 2016<sup>3</sup>.

#### **5. Discussion**

The draft statement was discussed and changes were noted. The revised version will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption in the Panel.

#### **6. Next meeting(s)**

N/A

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

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

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wqbpImmunoToxicity.pdf>

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**Held on 22 June 2016, Parma (Italy)**

**(Agreed on 05 July 2016)**

### **Participants**

- **Working Group Members:**

Trine Husøy (chair) and Detlef Wölfle

Stacey Anderson, Dori Germolec and Raymond Pieters have participated via teleconference

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### 4. Discussion

The Chair of the WG introduced the EFSA's way of working, including the respective roles of the Panel and of the WG members.

The Chair then presented the mandate received from the Dutch Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sports asking EFSA to consider the RIVM report "Bisphenol A, Part 2 Recommendations for Risk Management", and specifically to review new data suggesting BPA effects on the rat developing immune system in the same dose range as the current t-TDI.

A presentation of the EFSA's previous opinion on BPA (2015) was also given to the members.

The work to be carried out by the ad-hoc WG on BPA Immunotoxicity mainly implies to evaluate the new studies by Menard et al. (2014a<sup>3</sup> and 2014b<sup>4</sup>), using the same review criteria previously applied for the study evaluation as described in the EFSA's 2015 opinion-Part II and to prepare a draft statement to be submitted for discussion and possible adoption by the CEF Panel within 30 September 2016.

The draft structure of the statement was discussed and individual tasks and deadlines were assigned to the WG members.

### 5. Next meeting(s)

The next WG meeting was planned for 23-24 August 2016, in Oslo (Norway).

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<sup>3</sup> Ménard S. et al., 2014a. Perinatal exposure to a low dose of bisphenol A impaired systemic cellular immune response and predisposes young rats to intestinal parasitic infection. *PLoS One* 9(11): e112752.

<sup>4</sup> Ménard S. et al., 2014b. Food intolerance at adulthood after perinatal exposure to the endocrine disruptor bisphenol A. *FASEB J.* 28, 4893-4900.