

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

### Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> 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:**

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 Experts<sup>1</sup>:**

European Chemical Agency (ECHA): Marteen Roggeman<sup>2</sup>

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

Takis Daskaleros<sup>3</sup> (DG SANTE)

- **EFSA:**

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

DATA Unit: Claudia Maria Cascio

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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<sup>1</sup> 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>.

<sup>2</sup> 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**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>4</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>5</sup>, 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. 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-2017-00588<sup>6</sup>/-00589<sup>7</sup>/-00590<sup>8</sup>)**

An update on the preliminary analysis of data on occurrence of phthalates extracted from the EFSA Occurrence Database was presented to the Working Group (WG) by EFSA's DATA Unit. Different approaches for assessment of dietary exposure to phthalates were discussed.

In addition, the WG discussed the feedback received from the experts concerning the screening of literature and appraisal of studies. General considerations on the scope, content and structure of the opinion were raised.

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<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](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](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

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

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

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

## **5. Any Other Business**

Not Applicable

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

08 October 2018 (by teleconference)