



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

MINUTES OF THE 123rd PLENARY MEETING

Audio-web conference, 3 June 2022

(Agreed on 14 June 2022)

Participants

■ Panel Members:

Margherita Bignami, Laurent Bodin, Jesús Del Mazo, Bettina Grasl-Kraupp, Christer Hogstrand¹, Ron Hoogenboom, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Carlo Nebbia², Evangelia Ntzani, Dieter Schrenk, Tanja Schwerdtle, Christiane Vleminckx and Heather Wallace.

■ Hearing Experts³:

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■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Veerle Vanheusden, Frans Verstraete (European Commission, DG Health and Food Safety, Unit E2).

■ EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit:

Federico Cruciani, Mary Gilsean, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi, Katja Schirmer, Hans Steinkellner.

■ Observers:

Not applicable

■ Others:

Not applicable.

¹ Participated from 9.00 to 13.00 CET.

² Participated from 9.00 to 14.30 CET.

³ 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/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/expertselection.pdf

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Kevin Chipman, Elsa Nielsen, Annette Petersen and Salomon Sand.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence⁴ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁵, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Panel 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 122nd Plenary meeting held on 17-19 May 2022

The minutes of the 122nd Plenary meeting held on 17-19 May 2022 were agreed by the CONTAM Panel on 3 June 2022.

5. Report on written procedures since the 120th Plenary meeting held on 15-17 March 2022

None.

6. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion and possible adoption

6.1. Update of the risk assessment of inorganic arsenic in food (EFSA-Q-2021-00250)⁶

The Chair of the WG on Arsenic in food presented for discussion and possible endorsement the sections on toxicokinetics, genotoxicity, and several subsections in the observations in humans part. A discussion on the approach for dose-response analysis also took place. The Panel welcomed the presented sections and provided feedback to the WG that will take into account to progress in the development of the Scientific Opinion.

7. Feedback from the Scientific Committee/ Scientific Panels, CONTAM Working Groups, EFSA, the European Commission

7.1. European Commission

This item was deferred to the 124th Plenary meeting 12-14 July 2022.

7.2. Update from CONTAM Panel Working Groups

⁴ 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

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This item was deferred to the 124th Plenary meeting 12-14 July 2022.

7.3. EFSA

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7.4. Scientific Committee and Working groups of interest to the CONTAM Panel

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8. Any other business

Not applicable.