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# **Renewal of Mandate and ToR for the “Discussion Group on Food Chemical Occurrence Data”**

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# Evolution of the Discussion Group and ToRs

2022

8<sup>th</sup> mtg  
Framework for  
interaction  
amended

## **Discussion Group on Food Chemical Occurrence Data**

Currently composed by:

- 11 industry groups,
- 1 retail group,
- 1 NGO (consumer group)

2018

5<sup>th</sup> mtg  
Framework for  
interaction  
replaces the TOR

2016

SEA  
4<sup>th</sup> mtg  
(name  
change)

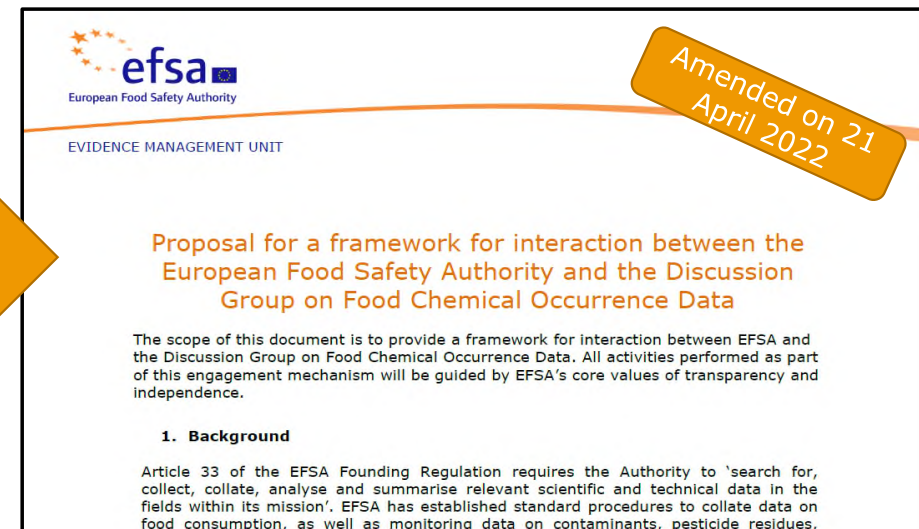
[New EFSA's Stakeholder Engagement Approach]

2013

1<sup>st</sup> mtg

## **Stakeholder Consultative Platform Discussion Group on Food Chemical Occurrence Data (until Oct 2016)**

Current  
TOR



efsa  
European Food Safety Authority

EVIDENCE MANAGEMENT UNIT

Amended on 21 April 2022

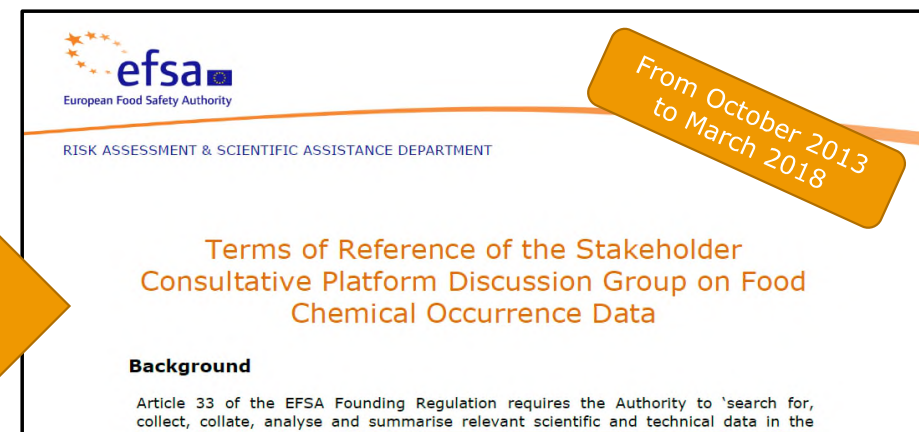
**Proposal for a framework for interaction between the European Food Safety Authority and the Discussion Group on Food Chemical Occurrence Data**

The scope of this document is to provide a framework for interaction between EFSA and the Discussion Group on Food Chemical Occurrence Data. All activities performed as part of this engagement mechanism will be guided by EFSA's core values of transparency and independence.

**1. Background**

Article 33 of the EFSA Founding Regulation requires the Authority to 'search for, collect, collate, analyse and summarise relevant scientific and technical data in the fields within its mission'. EFSA has established standard procedures to collate data on food consumption, as well as monitoring data on contaminants, pesticide residues,

Initial  
TOR



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RISK ASSESSMENT & SCIENTIFIC ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

From October 2013 to March 2018

**Terms of Reference of the Stakeholder Consultative Platform Discussion Group on Food Chemical Occurrence Data**

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# Evolution of the Discussion Group ToR

## Original ToR

- SCOPE: discuss and exchange information on practical aspects and challenges related to the provision of occurrence data and usage of data by stakeholders with focus on **food additives and contaminants**
- MEMBERS: nominated by the EFSA Stakeholder Platform
- MEETINGS: at least once per year and chaired by EFSA

## New ToR (framework for interaction:

- SCOPE: discuss and exchange information on the practical aspects and challenges regarding the provision of data on food additives, contaminants **and food enzymes**.
- MEMBERS: nominated by the EFSA Stakeholder Platform
- MEETINGS: at least once per year and chaired by EFSA
- OBJECTIVES (new):
  - Provide a forum for discussing challenges and opportunities of data provision to EFSA
  - Elicit members' knowledge and experiences (improvement of practical aspects of data collection)
  - Promote and share EFSA's data collection activities (e.g. Additives, enzymes and contaminants)
  - Share and discuss all aspects on how data is collected, processed, stored, used in EFSA outputs
  - Commitment to the continuous improvement of the data quality and explore opportunities for open data

# 1<sup>st</sup> extension of the Discussion Group mandate

## Rationale of the 1<sup>st</sup> extension until end of 2022:

The experience acquired by the members of the DG and their engagement have motivated EFSA

- to benefit for a longer period of activity of this group of experts (regular meetings/trainings, information sharing, etc)
- to maintain dialogue and interaction among EFSA and DG's experts
- to wait for the new Stakeholder Engagement Approach (SEA) to be finalized in 2022.

The new SEA, under review at the time of the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, was adopted in July 2022 by the EFSA MB

# Way forward and renewal process steps

- The renewal of the Discussion Group will start beginning 2023
- A call for interest will be published on the EFSA website in Q1 2023 with the new draft framework of interaction (new ToR with minor modifications)
- Interested parties to apply within the closing date
- EFSA will perform a selection and inform successful candidates
- New list of DG members published on the EFSA website
- 1<sup>st</sup> meeting expected in May 2023

## LOOKING AHEAD

- Increase collaboration between DG members and EFSA (feedbacks, inputs, consultations, etc...)
- Explore proactive data sharing (e.g. publication of chemical contaminants submitted by Industry)
- Extend the scope to food flavorings and food contact materials as new domains
- Propose training/webinars on data collection tools or other EFSA's data products and services

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