

15-16 December 2022

09:00-13.30/13.30-18.00

MINUTES - Agreed on 10 January 2023

Location: EFSA – Parma, Webconference

Attendees:

■ **Panel Members:**

Margherita Bignami, Laurent Bodin, Kevin Chipman¹, Jesús Del Mazo, Bettina Grasl-Kraupp², Christer Hogstrand, Ron Hoogenboom, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Carlo Nebbia, Elsa Nielsen, Evangelia Ntzani³, Annette Petersen, Salomon Sand, Dieter Schrenk, Tanja Schwerdtle, Christiane Vleminckx, Heather Wallace⁴.

■ **Hearing Experts⁵:**

Andy Hart (for Item 6.4)

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

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

■ **EFSA:**

FEEDCO Unit:

Maria Anastassiadou, Anna Christodoulidou, Federico Cruciani, Mary Gilsean, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi, Elena Rovesti, Hans Steinkellner, Tuuli Tauriainen, Ben Whitty

FIP Unit:

Chantra Eskes

■ **Observers:**

Not applicable

■ **Others:**

Not applicable.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants to this plenary meeting.

¹ Participated on 16 December 2022 only.

² On 15 December 2022 participated from 10.00 CET onwards.

³ Participated on 15 December 2022 only.

⁴ Participated on 16 December 2022 only.

⁵ 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



2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence⁶ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁷, 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.

The Panel member Laurent Bodin indicated that he was a member of the ANSES Working Group that developed the Opinion of the French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES) on the relevance of reassessing the chronic oral TRV for perchlorate. As such, in accordance with the general rule that 'no expert can review his/her own work', the Panel member was asked to abstain from the discussion under Item 6.3 related to perchlorate.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 127th Plenary meeting held on 22-24 November 2022

The minutes of the 127th Plenary meeting held on 22-24 November 2022 were agreed by written procedure on 7 December 2022⁸.

5. Report on written procedures since the 127th Plenary meeting held on 22-24 November 2022

None.

6. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion and possible adoption

6.1. Request for an assessment of information as regards the toxicity of deoxynivalenol for horses and poultry other than laying hens (EFSA-Q-2021-00712)⁹

The EFSA WG coordinator provided a brief presentation of the mandate, the points already discussed in previous plenaries and critical aspects which had already been agreed. The Chair of the WG on Mycotoxins in Feed presented the draft Opinion to the Panel for possible adoption. Various comments provided by the Panel, prior and during the meeting, were discussed and the Opinion modified according to the decisions taken. The Panel proceeded with the adoption of the Opinion.

⁶ 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

⁸ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2022-12/Minutes.pdf>

⁹ <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2021-00712>



6.2. Risk assessment of N-nitrosamines in food (EFSA-Q-2020-00665)¹⁰

The EFSA WG coordinator presented a number of comments received during the public consultation that are under discussion in the WG for further advice and agreement on the proposed answers by the Panel. The draft Opinion on N-nitrosamines in food including the outcome of the public consultation will be presented for possible adoption at the next Plenary meeting.

6.3. Feedback from EFSA

The following items were discussed:

Perchlorate: The EFSA CONTAM Secretariat informed the Panel about the latest ANSES assessment on perchlorate published in February 2022 together with an overview of previous work by the Panel on perchlorate and chlorate in 2014 and 2015, respectively. The Panel agreed that the information and updates in the methodology since the previous Opinion on perchlorate warranted an update of the risk assessment, possibly including an update of the exposure assessment.

BEA/ENNs: The EFSA CONTAM Secretariat presented an overview of the outcome of the Opinion on Beauvericin and Enniatins in food and feed (published in 2014¹¹) as well as the results of later toxicity studies (published 2018)¹² commissioned by EFSA to address data gaps identified in the Opinion to be able to perform a conclusive risk assessment. At the 92nd CONTAM Panel in June 2018 further clarity on the results of the commissioned studies was requested by the Panel¹³. EFSA subsequently re-arranged the raw data from the studies to improve clarity. The Panel agreed to set up an *ad hoc* group involving some Panel members to assess whether the results are sufficient to perform a risk assessment. This assessment would also consider newly published studies on these compounds since 2014.

Feed detoxification: The Panel agreed on a new self-tasking activity in relation to the preparation of guidance to feed business operators regarding the information needed to support the risk assessment of the detoxification processes applied to products intended for animal feed as provided for in Directive 2002/32/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and in line with the acceptability criteria of the Regulation (EU) 2015/786.

Other matters: The members were informed about the upcoming launch of the new EFSA DOI tool in February 2023, and about the upcoming work related to biomarkers of effects under the umbrella of the EFSA Scientific Committee.

The EFSA CONTAM Panel coordinator confirmed that there will be two half-day ad-hoc Plenary meetings on 13 February 2023 and on 21 February 2023.

6.4. Risk assessment of grayanotoxins (GTXs) in certain honey (EFSA-Q-2020-00509)¹⁴

The Chair of the WG on GTXs in certain honey presented the draft Opinion for possible adoption. The sections on uncertainty analysis, conclusions, recommendations,

¹⁰ <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2020-00665>

¹¹ <https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.2903/j.efsa.2014.3802>

¹² <https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.2903/sp.efsa.2018.EN-1406>

¹³ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/event/180612-m.pdf>

¹⁴ <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2020-00509>



summary, abstract and parts of the draft Opinion where comments were introduced by the CONTAM Panel at the last meeting, were discussed. The Panel suggested additional amendments. The draft Opinion will be revised, and if appropriate, it will be sent to the Panel for possible adoption via written procedure.

7. Any other business

Not applicable.