

15 & 16 May 2023
13:00-18:00 / 14:30-17:30
MINUTES – agreed on 16 May 2023

Location: EFSA – Parma, Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Christer Hogstrand (Chair), Jürgen Gropp, and Gerhard Karrer.
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Frans Verstraete¹.
- EFSA:
Feed and Contaminants unit (FEEDCO unit): Anna Christodoulidou and Ben Whitty.
- Others:
Not Applicable.

I. Welcome and apologies for absence.

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologise for absence were given. All invited WG members attended.

II. Adoption of agenda.

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members.

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, 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.

¹ from 13.30 on.

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



IV. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the 4th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 26 April 2023.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion.

Scientific opinion on the assessment of processing conditions which make *Ambrosia* spp. unviable (EFSA-Q-2020-00501)⁴.

The WG discussed the feedback from industries on the processing conditions which make *Ambrosia* spp. unviable. The WG discussed the updates and amendments to the draft opinion. The conclusions and uncertainty sections were also discussed. Tasks were distributed and timelines for these tasks were established and agreed. The opinion will be presented at the Plenary meeting on 9 June for discussion and possible adoption.

VI. Any Other Business

Not Applicable.

VII. Next meeting

Not Applicable.

26 April 2023
09:00 – 13:00

MINUTES – agreed on 26 April 2023

Location: EFSA – Parma, Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Christer Hogstrand (Chair), Jürgen Gropp, and Gerhard Karrer
- Hearing Experts :
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not applicable
- EFSA:
Feed and Contaminants unit (FEEDCO unit): Anna Christodoulidou and Ben Whitty.
- Others:
Not Applicable

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologise for absence were given. All invited WG members attended.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4th Working Group meeting on the assessment of processing conditions which make *Ambrosia* spp. unviable

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting

The minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 18 April 2023.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

Scientific opinion on the assessment of processing conditions which make *Ambrosia* spp. unviable (EFSA-Q-2020-00501)⁴.

The Working Group discussed the feedback from the industries. Recent updates and amendments to the draft opinion were also discussed. Tasks were distributed and timelines for these tasks were established and agreed.

VI. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 15 May 2023 via web conference.

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4th Working Group meeting on the assessment of processing conditions
which make *Ambrosia* spp. unviable

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

3rd Working Group meeting on the assessment of
processing conditions which make
Ambrosia spp. unviable



18 April 2023

9:00 – 13:00

MINUTES – agreed on 18 April 2023

Location: EFSA – Parma, Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Christer Hogstrand (Chair), Jürgen Gropp, and Gerhard Karrer
- Hearing Experts :
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not applicable
- EFSA:
Feed and Contaminants unit (FEEDCO unit): Anna Christodoulidou and Ben Whitty.
- Others:
Not Applicable

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. All invited WG members attended.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², 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.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting

The minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 9 March 2023.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

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Scientific opinion on the assessment of processing conditions which make *Ambrosia* spp. unviable (EFSA-Q-2020-00501).

The Working Group discussed recent updates and amendments to the draft opinion. Tasks were distributed and timelines for these tasks were established and agreed.

VI. Any Other Business

Not applicable

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 26 April 2023, via webconference.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

2nd Working Group meeting on the assessment of
processing conditions which make
Ambrosia spp. unviable

9 March 2023

9:00 – 13:00

Minutes agreed on 9 March 2023



Location: EFSA – Parma, Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Christer Hogstrand (Chair), Jürgen Gropp, and Gerhard Karrer
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Frans Verstraete
- EFSA:
Feed and Contaminants unit (FEEDCO unit): Anna Christodoulidou and Ben Whitty.
- Others:
Not Applicable

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. All invited WG members attended.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, 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.

¹ 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>

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2nd Working Group meeting on the assessment of processing conditions which make *Ambrosia* spp. unviable

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting

The minutes of the first meeting of the Working Group on Ambrosia seeds viability were adopted on 25 January 2023.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

Scientific opinion on the assessment of processing conditions which make *Ambrosia* spp. unviable (EFSA-Q-2020-00501)⁴.

The members of the WG discussed the contributions on the characteristics and nature of Ambrosia seeds, the methods of analysis of the seeds and the conditions required to reduce Ambrosia seeds viability as well as the processing conditions of feed as described in the literature. Tasks were distributed.

VI. Any Other Business

Not applicable

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 18 April 2023, 9:00-13:00, via web conference.

⁴ <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2020-00501>

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

1st Working Group meeting on the assessment of
processing conditions which make
Ambrosia spp. unviable

18 January 2023

09:00-13:00

Minutes agreed on 18 January 2023



Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Christer Hogstrand (Chair), Jürgen Gropp, and Gerhard Karrer.
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable.
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable.
- EFSA:
Feed and Contaminants unit (FEEDCO unit): Anna Christodoulidou and Ben Whitty.
- Others:
Not Applicable.

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

Christer (chair) welcomed the WG members to the meeting. No members were absent.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted by the WG members.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, 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.

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IV. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting

Not applicable.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

Scientific opinion on the assessment of processing conditions which make *Ambrosia* spp. unviable (EFSA-Q-2020-00501)⁴.

The members of the WG discussed the terms of reference of the mandate, the previous EFSA opinion on *Ambrosia*, the literature search, the protocol, and the table of contents of the draft opinion on the assessment of processing conditions which make *Ambrosia* spp. unviable. Tasks were distributed.

VI. Distributed Tasks

Tasks to be complete for the next WG meeting.	Responsible Person
Detection and identification of the seeds	Gerhard
Define LOD and LOQ for seed detection	Gerhard
The minimum number of samples needs to be defined for the study to have sufficient statistical power (20+ was suggested by Gerhard)	Gerhard
Define the dimensions of the seed samples (size, weight, etc.)	Gerhard
Provide a summary of the 'HALT <i>Ambrosia</i> ' results and information provided by FEDIOL	Gerhard
Define the feed treatment processes (crushing, grinding, hammering, etc.)	Jürgen
Define the processing conditions (temperature, pressure, moisture, solvent etc)	Jürgen

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Investigate the processes/conditions for different <i>Ambrosia</i> species and feeds.	Jürgen
Contact an expert on feed processing conditions (Jürgen provided a link to IFF)	Anna
Write the summary (most relevant points) of the previous <i>Ambrosia</i> opinion.	Christer

VII. Next meeting

2 February 2023, 9:00-13:00.



Annex I

(depending on the interest declared and number of the Annexes adapt numbering)

Interests and actions resulting from the screening of Annual Declarations of Interest (ADoI)

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: In the Annual Declaration of Interest submitted by <Mr, Ms, Dr or Prof. please select as appropriate and insert the name of the expert>, the following interest has been declared: <please insert a reference to the interest>. In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was deemed to represent a Conflict of Interest.

This resulted in the exclusion of the expert from any discussion, voting or other processing of item <XXX> by the concerned scientific group.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH WAIVERS: In the Annual Declaration of Interest filled by <Mr, Ms, Dr or Prof. please select as appropriate and insert the name of the expert/s> the following interest has been declared: <please insert a reference to the interest>, which constitutes a Conflict of Interest (CoI) with the mandate of the EFSA Working Group in hand. In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence⁴ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁵, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, a waiver was granted in accordance with Article 21 of the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management. (you can put the relation to a specific item of the meeting or it can stay general as a new interest declared and related to the mandate, see Article 21 of the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁶).

Pursuant to Article 21(6) of the above-mentioned Decision, the concerned expert/s was/were allowed to take part in the discussion and in the drafting phase of the EFSA Scientific Report <please insert the title>, and has/have not been allowed to be, or act as, a chairman, a vice-chairman or rapporteur of the Working Group.

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Annex II (adapt numbering according to specific situation)

Interests and actions resulting from the Oral Declaration of Interest done at the beginning of the meeting

NO CONFLICT: With regard to this meeting, <Mr, Ms, Dr or Prof. please select as appropriate and insert the name of the expert> declared the following interest: <please insert a reference to the interest>. In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence⁷ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁸, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was not deemed to represent a Conflict of Interest for the expert concerned.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: With regard to this meeting, <Mr, Ms, Dr or Prof. please select as appropriate and insert the name of the expert> declared the following interest: <please insert a reference to the interest>. In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence⁹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management¹⁰, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was deemed to represent a Conflict of Interest (CoI).

This results in the exclusion of the expert from any discussion, voting or other processing of item <XXX> by the concerned scientific group.

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