

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCTS AND THEIR RESIDUES**  
1<sup>st</sup> Working Group meeting on Chitosan – Chitosan  
Hydrochloride \_Review of approval



26<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (10:00-17:00)  
MINUTES – Agreed on 07 April 2024

**Location:** Web-conference

**Attendees:**

- **WG Members:**

Marina Marinovich, Paulien Adriaanse

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

None

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

None

- **EFSA:**

PREV UNIT: Giorgia Vianello, Martina Panzarea, Marco Binaglia

PLANTS UNIT: Roberto Lava (Chair), Kyriaki Koukoutsis, Christopher Lythgo

MESE: Isabelle Delaunois

- **Others:**

None

## **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 and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management, 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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<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>



## **4. Scientific topics for discussion**

### **4.1 Opinion according to Article 23(6) of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 concerning basic substances chitosan and chitosan hydrochloride (EFSA-Q-2024-00037)**

The WG was provided with an overview of the available data for the present assessment, including evidence from other regulatory sectors and agencies and from the peer reviewed scientific literature. Discussion on problem formulation and interpretation of mandate terms of reference took place.

Next steps to move forward were noted. The present assessment will be discussed in a forthcoming WG meeting.

## **5. Next meeting**

24th April 2024 (mammalian toxicology session) and 25th April 2024 (environmental session), via web-conference of half day.