

# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS in the FOOD CHAIN

## 1<sup>st</sup> Working Group meeting on Perchlorate in food

9 April 2024 9:00 – 13:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 15 April 2024



**Location:** Hybrid meeting (EFSA, Parma and Web-conference)

### Attendees:

- Working Group Members:  
Kevin J. Chipman (chair), Aleksandra Buha Djordjevic, Thorhallur I. Halldorsson and Jean-Charles Leblanc
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
Laurent Bodin and Federico Cruciani
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Frans Verstraete
- EFSA:  
Chantra Eskes<sup>2</sup>, Marianna Kujawa, Francesca Riolo, Elena Rovesti, Efsio Solazzo and Alexios Zormpas

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies for absence were received.

## 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 Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

**Updated scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to the presence of perchlorate in food ([EFSA-Q-2024-00168](#)).**

The WG members discussed the scope of the opinion and the terms of reference. There was a clear understanding of the requests from the European Commission. The draft structure of the opinion was discussed. The assessment questions and sub-questions for the risk

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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>

<sup>2</sup> Participated from 10:35.

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> Participated from xxx:00-xxx:00



assessment protocol were discussed and further inputs will be considered during the next meeting. Tasks were allocated to the different WG members.

## **V. Any Other Business**

Not applicable.

## **VI. Next meeting**

The next meetings will be:

- 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024;
  - 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024;
  - 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024.
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