

# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS in the FOOD CHAIN

3<sup>rd</sup> Working Group meeting on Perchlorate in food

24 May 2024

14:00-18:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 31 May 2024



**Location:** Hybrid meeting (EFSA, Parma and Webconference)

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Kevin J. Chipman (chair), Gisela Degen, Aleksandra Buha Djordjevic<sup>1</sup>, Thorhallur I. Halldorsson and Jean-Charles Leblanc
- Hearing Experts<sup>2</sup>:  
Laurent Bodin, Federico Cruciani<sup>3</sup>
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Frans Verstraete
- EFSA:  
Marianna Kujawa, Francesca Riolo, Elena Rovesti, Efsio Solazzo and Alexios Zormpas

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Aleksandra had informed the WG that she would have been able to connect with some delay.

## 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>4</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>5</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. Agreement of the minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024, via web-conference

The [minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting](#) were agreed by written procedure on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

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<sup>1</sup> Participated from 17:00.

<sup>2</sup> As defined in Article 34 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>3</sup> Participated as ISA expert.

<sup>4</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>5</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)



## V. 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 had a final read of the draft protocol for the mandate and agreed with submission to the CONTAM Panel. The first draft of the parts on MOA and toxicity in experimental animals were discussed. Tasks were allocated to the different WG members.

## VI. Any Other Business

Not applicable.

## VII. Next meeting

The next meetings will be:

- 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024
  - 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024
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**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
CONTAMINANTS in the FOOD CHAIN**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting on Perchlorate in food



7 May 2024 14:00 – 18:00  
MINUTES - Agreed on 15 May 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, Federico Cruciani<sup>2</sup>
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Frans Verstraete<sup>3</sup>
- EFSA:  
Chantra Eskes, Marianna Kujawa, Francesca Riolo, Elena Rovesti, Efsio Solazzo and Alexios Zormpas

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

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

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Working Group meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024, via web-conference

The [minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Working Group meeting](#) were agreed by written procedure on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

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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 as ISA expert.

<sup>3</sup> Participated from 16:00.

<sup>4</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>5</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)



## V. 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 and finalised the draft protocol for the mandate, incorporating the assessment questions and sub-questions for the risk assessment which have been discussed in the previous meeting. The introductory parts of the draft opinion were discussed. Tasks were allocated to the different WG members.

## VI. Any Other Business

Not applicable.

## VII. Next meeting

The next meetings will be:

- 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024
  - 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024
  - 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024
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# 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>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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