



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS in the FOOD CHAIN

5th Working Group meeting on Perchlorate in food

23 July 2024 11:00 – 17:00
MINUTES - Agreed on 26 July 2024



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

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Kevin J. Chipman (chair), Laurent Bodin, Aleksandra Buha Djordjevic, Thorhallur I. Halldorsson, Gisela Degen and Jean-Charles Leblanc
- Hearing Experts¹:
Mary Gilbert (US EPA)², Walid El Serry (ANSES)
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Frans Verstraete
- Observers:
Paschalina Papadaki (ECHA)
- EFSA:
Elena Rovesti, Chantra Eskes, Federico Cruciani, Jose Cortiñas, Francesca Riolo³, and Alexios Zormpas

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Efisio Solazzo (EFSA) and Paschalina Papadaki (ECHA – Observer).

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 Independence⁴ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁵, 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>

² Participated 14:00 – 17:00.

³ Participated 11:00 – 13:00.

⁴ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

⁵ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 4th Working Group meeting held on 25th – 25th June 2024, in Parma (hybrid meeting)

The [minutes of the 4th Working Group meeting](#) were agreed by written procedure on 9th July 2024.

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 actions from the previous meeting, in particular in the area of collection of evidence. The WG also discussed at length experimental animal studies, with particular contribution from Mary Gilbert from US EPA, epidemiology studies and BDM modelling. Further tasks were allocated in preparation for the next WG meeting and the September Panel meeting.

VI. Any Other Business

Not applicable.

VII. Next meeting

The next meetings will be:

- 3rd September 2024
- 8th October 2024
- 4th – 5th November 2024
- 2nd December 2024



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS in the FOOD CHAIN

4th Working Group meeting on Perchlorate in food

25 June 2024 14:00 – 18:00

26 June 2024 09:00 – 18:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 9 July 2024



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

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Kevin J. Chipman (chair), Laurent Bodin¹, Aleksandra Buha Djordjevic, Thorhallur I. Halldorsson² and Jean-Charles Leblanc
- Hearing Experts³:
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- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Frans Verstraete⁴
- Observers:
Paschalina Papadaki (ECHA)
- EFSA:
Chantra Eskes, Marianna Kujawa, Hans Steinkellner⁵, Francesca Riolo⁶, Elena Rovesti, Efisio Solazzo and Alexios Zormpas

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Gisela Degen.

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 Independence⁷ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁸, 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 Participated until 14:00 on 26 June.

² Participated from 16:00 on 25 June.

³ 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 Participated from 15:30 on 25 June.

⁵ Participated on 26 June am.

⁶ Participated on 25 June am.

⁷ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

⁸ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting held on 24th May 2024, via web-conference

The [minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting](#) were agreed by written procedure on 31th May 2024.

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 the newly available evidence as collected from the ELS, with particular focus on experimental animals and epidemiology studies. BMD modelling performed in previous assessments on perchlorate and recent EFSA Opinions was also discussed. The WG decided to bring the discussion on BMD modelling to the July Panel meeting. Tasks were allocated to the different WG members.

VI. Any Other Business

Not applicable.

VII. Next meeting

The next meetings will be:

- 23rd July 2024
 - 3rd September 2024
 - 8th October 2024
 - 4th – 5th November 2024
 - 2nd December 2024
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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS in the FOOD CHAIN

3rd 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 Djordjevic¹, Thorhallur I. Halldorsson and Jean-Charles Leblanc
- Hearing Experts²:
Laurent Bodin, Federico Cruciani³
- 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 Independence⁴ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁵, 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 2nd Working Group meeting held on 7th May 2024, via web-conference

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

¹ Participated from 17:00.

² 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>

³ Participated as ISA expert.

⁴ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

⁵ 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:

- 25th – 26th June 2024
- 23rd July 2024
- 3rd September 2024



**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
CONTAMINANTS in the FOOD CHAIN**
2nd 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 Experts¹:
Laurent Bodin, Federico Cruciani²
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Frans Verstraete³
- 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

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence⁴ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁵, 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 1st Working Group meeting held on 9th April 2024, via web-conference

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

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² Participated as ISA expert.

³ Participated from 16:00.

⁴ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

⁵ 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:

- 24th May 2024
- 25th – 26th June 2024
- 23rd July 2024
- 3rd September 2024



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS in the FOOD CHAIN

1st 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 Experts¹:
Laurent Bodin and Federico Cruciani
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Frans Verstraete
- EFSA:
Chantra Eskes², Marianna Kujawa, Francesca Riolo, Elena Rovesti, Efisio 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

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁴, 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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² Participated from 10:35.

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

⁴ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ 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:

- 7th May 2024;
- 28th May 2024;
- 25th – 26th June 2024.