

# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

## CONTAM Panel Plenary meeting



13 May 2024

13:30-18:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 27 May 2024

**Location:** Teleconference

**Attendees:**

○ Panel Members:

Margherita Bignami, Laurent Bodin, James Kevin Chipman, Jesús Del Mazo, Bettina Grasl-Kraupp, Christer Hogstrand, Laurentius (Ron) Hoogenboom, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Carlo Nebbia, Elsa Nielsen, Evangelia Ntzani, Annette Petersen, Salomon Sand, Dieter Schrenk (Chair), Tanja Schwerdtle, Christiane Vlemminckx

○ Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:

Not applicable

○ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

EC: Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE)

○ EFSA:

FEEDCO\_CONTAM: Mst Tazmin Akhter, Maria Anastassiadou, Anna Christodoulidou, Chantra Eskes, Mary Gilsean (HoU), Elena Gkimprixi, Eirini Kouloura, Marianna Kujawa, Mariano Lopez Romano, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi, Annamarija Romac, Hans Steinkellner, Tuuli Tauriainen

○ Others:

MESE\_Analysis: José Cortiñas Abrahantes, José Ángel Gómez Ruiz, Francesca Riolo

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Heather Wallace, Frans Verstraete (DG-SANTE) and Ivana Poustkova (DG-SANTE).

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Panel members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</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.

<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> [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>3</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)



## **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 141<sup>st</sup> CONTAM Panel Plenary meeting held on 29-30 April 2024, tele-conference**

The minutes of the 141<sup>st</sup> Panel plenary meeting were agreed at the meeting on 13 May 2024.

## **5. Report on written procedure**

None.

## **6. Scientific output(s) submitted for discussion/adoption**

### **6.1 Draft Opinion on small organoarsenic species in food ([EFSA-Q-2021-00496](#))**

The Chair of the WG on Arsenic presented the comments received during the Public Consultation together with the draft responses to these by the WG. The CONTAM Panel agreed with the responses, and proposed some refinements to be made.

### **6.2 Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment on tetrabromobisphenol A (TBBPA) and its derivatives in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00434](#))**

The Chair of the WG on BFRs in food presented the comments received during the Public Consultation. The CONTAM Panel discussed and made some suggestions on the lines to address the comments.

### **6.3 Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment on brominated phenols and their derivatives in food ([EFSA-Q-2018-00436](#))**

The Chair of the WG on BFRs in food presented the draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of brominated phenols and their derivatives in food for discussion of selected sections. The CONTAM Panel members went through the sections on Toxicity in experimental animals, Consideration of critical effects, Dose-response assessment and Approach for risk characterisation. The Panel provided comments to these draft sections and agreed on the approach for risk characterisation that will be taken into consideration by the WG to continue with the development of the draft Opinion.

## **7. Any other business**

None.

## **8. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 4-6 June 2024, in Parma.