

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

20th Working Group meeting on Dioxins update

27 and 29 October 2025
9:00-17:30 CET / 9:00-17:30 CET
MINUTES - Agreed on 3 November 2025



Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:

Andy Hart¹, Jesús del Mazo, Ron Hoogenboom (Chair), Helle K Knutsen, Evi Ntzani, Dieter Schrenk

- Hearing Experts²:

Not applicable

- Applicants participating in a technical hearing³:

Not Applicable

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

EC: Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)

- EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Maria Anastassiadou, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

MESE Unit: Francesca Riolo

- Others:

Federico Cruciani, Tuuli Tauriainen (Observers)

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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 has been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the Working Group members at the beginning of this meeting.

¹ On Day 2 present until 13.00 CET.

² As defined in Article 34 of the document "Implementing Rule of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority laying down the rules on the selection, appointment and operations of the Scientific Committee, Scientific Panels and of their Working Groups":

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/paneloperation.pdf>

³ As defined in the "EFSA's Catalogue of support initiatives during the life cycle of applications for regulated products":

<https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.2903/sp.efsa.2021.EN-6472>

⁴ https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/independence-policy-2024.pdf

⁵ https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/decision-ed-on-competing-interest-management-2024.pdf



IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 19th Working Group meeting held on 14-15 October 2025, via webconference

The minutes of the 19th Working Group meeting were agreed on 3 November 2025.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of PCDD/Fs and DL-PCBs in food and feed ([EFSA-Q-2024-00227](#))

The members of the Working Group discussed and revised the sections in the draft Opinion on Mode of action, Derivation of a health-based guidance value, Risk characterisation, Uncertainty analysis, Conclusions, Recommendations, Abstract and Summary. Tasks were distributed.

VI. Any Other Business

None

VII. Next meeting

TBD

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

19th Working Group meeting on Dioxins update

14-15 October 2025

9:00-17:30 CET / 9:00-12:00 CET

MINUTES - Agreed on 3 November 2025



Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:

Andy Hart, Jesús del Mazo¹, Ron Hoogenboom (Chair), Helle K Knutsen, Dieter Schrenk²

- Hearing Experts³:

Laurent Bodin⁴

- Applicants participating in a technical hearing⁵:

Not Applicable

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

EC: Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)

- EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Chantra Eskes, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

MESE Unit: Francesca Riolo

- Others:

Federico Cruciani, Tuuli Tauriainen (Observers)

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Evi Ntzani,

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 Independence⁶ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁷, 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 has been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the Working Group members at the beginning of this meeting.

¹ Absent on Day 1 from 9:00 to 12:00 CET.

² Absent on Day 1.

³ As defined in Article 34 of the document "Implementing Rule of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority laying down the rules on the selection, appointment and operations of the Scientific Committee, Scientific Panels and of their Working Groups":
<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/paneloperation.pdf>

⁴ Participated on Day 1 from 9:00 to 11:00 CET.

⁵ As defined in the "EFSA's Catalogue of support initiatives during the life cycle of applications for regulated products":
<https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.2903/sp.efsa.2021.EN-6472>

⁶ https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/independence-policy-2024.pdf

⁷ https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/decision-ed-on-competing-interest-management-2024.pdf



IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 18th Working Group meeting held on 17, 18 and 26 September 2025, via webconference

The minutes of the 18th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 3 October 2025.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of PCDD/Fs and DL-PCBs in food and feed ([EFSA-Q-2024-00227](#))

The members of the Working Group discussed the sections in the draft Opinion related to the approach for hazard characterisation, Risk characterisation, Uncertainty analysis and Conclusions.

VI. Any Other Business

None

VII. Next meeting

27 and 29 October 2025.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

18th Working Group meeting on Dioxins update

17, 18 and 26 September 2025

13:30-18:00 / 9:00-11:00 / 9:00-17:30 CET

MINUTES - Agreed on 3 October 2025



Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:

Andy Hart¹, Jesús del Mazo, Ron Hoogenboom (Chair), Helle K Knutsen, Evi Ntzani², Dieter Schrenk

- Hearing Experts³:

Not applicable

- Applicants participating in a technical hearing⁴:

Not Applicable

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

EC: Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)

- EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Maria Anastassiadou, Chantra Eskes, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi, Hans Steinkellner,

MESE Unit: Francesca Riolo

- Others:

Federico Cruciani, Tuuli Tauriainen (Observers)

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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 Independence⁵ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁶, 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 has been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the Working Group members at the beginning of this meeting.

¹ Absent on 26 09 2025 from 11.30 CET onwards.

² Absent on 26 09 2025 from 14.00 to 15.30 CET.

³ As defined in Article 34 of the document "Implementing Rule of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority laying down the rules on the selection, appointment and operations of the Scientific Committee, Scientific Panels and of their Working Groups":

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/paneloperation.pdf>

⁴ As defined in the "EFSA's Catalogue of support initiatives during the life cycle of applications for regulated products":

<https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.2903/sp.efsa.2021.EN-6472>

⁵ https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/independence-policy-2024.pdf

⁶ https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/decision-ed-on-competing-interest-management-2024.pdf



IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 17th Working Group meeting held on 15 September 2025, via webconference

The minutes of the 17th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 22 September 2025.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of PCDD/Fs and DL-PCBs in food and feed ([EFSA-Q-2024-00227](#))

The members of the Working Group discussed the sections in the draft Opinion related to the approach for hazard characterisation, and the sections on Risk characterisation, Conclusions and Recommendations. A discussion on the uncertainties that impact the risk assessment was held.

VI. Any Other Business

None

VII. Next meeting

14-15 October 2025.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

17th Working Group meeting on Dioxins update

15 September 2025

9:00-17:30 CET

MINUTES - Agreed on 22 September 2025



Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:

Andy Hart, Jesús del Mazo, Ron Hoogenboom (Chair), Helle K Knutsen, Evi Ntzani, Dieter Schrenk

- Hearing Experts¹:

Not applicable

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

EC: Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)

- EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Luisa Ramos Bordajandi, Tuuli Tauriainen, Hans Steinkellner, Chantra Eskes

MESE Unit: Francesca Riolo

- Others:

Federico Cruciani (Observer)

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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 Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, 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 non interest were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 16th Working Group meeting held on 26-27 August 2025, in Parma

The minutes of the 15th Working Group meeting had been agreed by written procedure on 9 September 2025.

¹ 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>

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of PCDD/Fs and DL-PCBs in food and feed ([EFSA-Q-2024-00227](#))

The members of the Working Group discussed the feedback received from the CONTAM Panel at its ad-hoc Plenary meeting held 8 and 11 September. The members discussed the sections in the draft Opinion related to the approach for hazard characterisation, risk characterisation, Conclusions and Recommendations. A discussion on the uncertainties that impact the risk assessment was held.

VI. Any Other Business

None

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 17, 18 and 26 September 2025, via webconference.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

16th Working Group meeting on Dioxins update

26-27 August 2025

Day 1: 9:00-18:00 CET, Day 2: 9:00-13:00 CET

MINUTES - Agreed on 9 Sept 2025



Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:

Andy Hart, Jesús del Mazo, Ron Hoogenboom (Chair), Helle K Knutsen, Evi Ntzani, Dieter Schrenk

- Hearing Experts¹:

Not applicable

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

EC: Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)

- EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Luisa Ramos Bordajandi, Tuuli Tauriainen

MESE Unit: Francesca Riolo

- Others:

Federico Cruciani (Observer)

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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 Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, 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 meetings have been identified during the screening process, and non interest were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 15th Working Group meeting held on 25 June and 11 July 2025, via webconference

¹ 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>

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



The minutes of the 15th Working Group meeting had been agreed by written procedure on 18 July 2025.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of PCDD/Fs and DL-PCBs in food and feed ([EFSA-Q-2024-00227](#))

The members of the Working Group discussed the sections of the draft Opinion related to the approach for hazard characterisation, the mode of action, the studies in experimental animals and epidemiological studies. The occurrence data in feed and exposure estimates for food-producing animals were presented. A discussion on the uncertainties that impact the risk assessment was held.

VI. Any Other Business

None

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 15 September 2025 via webconference.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

15th Working Group meeting on Dioxins update

25 June and 11 July 2025

Day 1: 11:00-15:00 CET, Day 2: 9:00-12:30

MINUTES - Agreed on 18 July 2025



Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:

Andy Hart, Jesús del Mazo, Ron Hoogenboom (Chair), Helle K Knutsen, Evi Ntzani, Dieter Schrenk

- Hearing Experts¹:

n/a

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

EC: Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)

- EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

- Observer:

n/a

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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 Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, 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 these meetings have been identified during the screening process.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 14th Working Group meeting held on 11-12 June 2025, in Parma

The minutes of the 14th Working Group meeting had been agreed via written procedure.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

¹ As defined in Article 34 of the document "Implementing Rule of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority laying down the rules on the selection, appointment and operations of the Scientific Committee, Scientific Panels and of their Working Groups": <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/paneloperation.pdf>
² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of PCDD/Fs and DL-PCBs in food and feed ([EFSA-Q-2024-00227](#))

On Day 1 of the meeting, the members of the Working Group discussed the draft sections to be presented to the July CONTAM Plenary, e.g. the sections related to the occurrence data in food submitted to EFSA and human dietary exposure assessment estimates, and the sections related to the approach for hazard characterisation. On Day2 of the meeting, the members discussed the feedback received from the Panel on the sections presented and agreed on the actions and tasks to be addressed before the next WG meeting.

VI. Any Other Business

None

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 26-27 August 2025, Parma.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

14th Working Group meeting on Dioxins update

11-12 June 2025

09:00-18:00 CET (day 1), 9:00-13:00 CET (day 2)

MINUTES - Agreed on 20 June 2025



Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:

Andy Hart, Ron Hoogenboom (Chair), Helle K Knutsen, Jesús del Mazo, Evi Ntzani¹, Dieter Schrenk

- Hearing Experts²:

n/a

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

EC: Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)

- EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Maria Anastassiadou, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi, Tuuli Tauriainen

MESE Unit: Francesca Riolo

- Observer:

Federico Cruciani

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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 these meetings have been identified during the screening process.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 13th Working Group meeting held on 6 June 2025, in via web-conference

The minutes of the 13th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure.

¹ Participated online.

² As defined in Article 34 of the document "Implementing Rule of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority laying down the rules on the selection, appointment and operations of the Scientific Committee, Scientific Panels and of their Working Groups": <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/paneloperation.pdf>

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



V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of PCDD/Fs and DL-PCBs in food and feed ([EFSA-Q-2024-00227](#))

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft section on Occurrence and Dietary exposure assessment for humans. The section on Consideration of critical effects and dose-response modelling and on Overall weight of evidence and derivation of a health-based guidance value were also discussed. Tasks were distributed.

VI. Any Other Business

None

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 26-27 August 2025, via web conference.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

13th Working Group meeting on Dioxins update

6 June 2025

9:00-12:00 CET

MINUTES - Agreed on 11 June 2025



Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:

Jesús del Mazo, Ron Hoogenboom (Chair), Helle K Knutsen, Dieter Schrenk

- Hearing Experts¹:

n/a

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

EC: Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)

- EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

- Observer:

n/a

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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 Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, 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 these meetings have been identified during the screening process.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 12th Working Group meeting held on 26 May 2025, in via web-conference

The minutes of the 12th Working Group meeting were agreed.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

¹ As defined in Article 34 of the document "Implementing Rule of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority laying down the rules on the selection, appointment and operations of the Scientific Committee, Scientific Panels and of their Working Groups": <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/paneloperation.pdf>

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of PCDD/Fs and DL-PCBs in food and feed ([EFSA-Q-2024-00227](#))

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft section related to the mode of action. Tasks were distributed.

VI. Any Other Business

None

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 11-12 June 2025, Parma.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

12th Working Group meeting on Dioxins update

26 May 2025

11:30-14:30 CET

MINUTES - Agreed on 30 May 2025



Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- o Working Group Members:

Ron Hoogenboom (Chair), Helle K Knutsen

- o Hearing Experts¹:

n/a

- o European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

EC: Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)

- o EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Luisa Ramos Bordajandi, Tuuli Tauriainen

MESE Unit: Francesca Riolo

- o Observer:

n/a

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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 Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, 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 these meetings have been identified during the screening process.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 10th Working Group meeting held on 6 May 2025, in via web-conference

The minutes of the 10th Working Group meeting were agreed on 30 May 2025.

¹ As defined in Article 34 of the document "Implementing Rule of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority laying down the rules on the selection, appointment and operations of the Scientific Committee, Scientific Panels and of their Working Groups": <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/paneloperation.pdf>

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

³ https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/decision-ed-on-competing-interest-management-2024.pdf



V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of PCDD/Fs and DL-PCBs in food and feed ([EFSA-Q-2024-00227](#))

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft sections related to the occurrence data in food and human dietary exposure assessment. Tasks were distributed.

VI. Any Other Business

None

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting (ad-hoc) will be held on 6 June 2025, via web conference.

Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:

Andy Hart, Ron Hoogenboom (Chair), Helle K Knutsen, Jesús del Mazo, Evi Ntzani, Dieter Schrenk

- Hearing Experts¹:

n/a

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

EC: Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)

- EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Luisa Ramos Bordajandi, Tuuli Tauriainen

MESE Unit: Francesca Riolo

- Observer:

Federico Cruciani

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Maria Anastassiadou (FEEDCO Unit).

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 Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, 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 these meetings have been identified during the screening process.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 10th Working Group meeting held on 2-3 April 2025, via web-conference

¹ As defined in Article 34 of the document "Implementing Rule of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority laying down the rules on the selection, appointment and operations of the Scientific Committee, Scientific Panels and of their Working Groups": <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/paneloperation.pdf>

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

³ https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/decision-ed-on-competing-interest-management-2024.pdf



The minutes of the 10th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 10 April 2025.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of PCDD/Fs and DL-PCBs in food and feed ([EFSA-Q-2024-00227](#))

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft sections on Toxicity in experimental animals, Observations in humans, Transfer from feed to food of animal origin (regarding ruminants) and general aspects of the Consideration of critical effects and dose-response modelling. In addition, a discussion on the occurrence data in food and first results of the estimates of dietary exposure for humans was presented. Tasks were distributed.

VI. Any Other Business

None

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting (ad-hoc) will be held on 26 May 2025, via web conference.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

10th Working Group meeting on Dioxins update

2-3 April 2025

09:30-17:30 CET (day 1), 9:30-13:00 CET (day 2)

MINUTES - Agreed on 10 April 2025



Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:

Andy Hart¹, Ron Hoogenboom (Chair), Helle K Knutsen, Jesús del Mazo, Evi Ntzani, Dieter Schrenk

- Hearing Experts²:

n/a

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

EC: Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)

- EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Luisa Ramos Bordajandi, Tuuli Tauriainen

MESE Unit: José Cortiñas Abrahantes

- Observer:

Federico Cruciani

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Maria Anastassiadou (FEEDCO Unit) and Francesca Riolo (EFSA MESE Unit).

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 these meetings have been identified during the screening process.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 9th Working Group meeting held on 7-10 March 2025, in via web-conference

¹ Absent on Day 2.

² As defined in Article 34 of the document "Implementing Rule of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority laying down the rules on the selection, appointment and operations of the Scientific Committee, Scientific Panels and of their Working Groups": <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/paneloperation.pdf>

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



The minutes of the 9th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 18 March 2025.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of PCDD/Fs and DL-PCBs in food and feed ([EFSA-Q-2024-00227](#))

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft section on Consideration of critical effects and dose-response modelling and on Mode of action. In addition, the planning for next meetings was discussed. Tasks were distributed.

VI. Any Other Business

None

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 6 May 2025, via web conference.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

9th Working Group meeting on Dioxins update

7-10 March 2025

09:00-17:00 CET, both days

MINUTES - Agreed on 18 March 2025



Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:

Andy Hart¹, Ron Hoogenboom (Chair), Helle K Knutsen, Jesús del Mazo, Evi Ntzani, Dieter Schrenk

- Hearing Experts²:

Klaus Abraham³

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

EC: Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)

- EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Maria Anastassiadou, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi, Tuuli Tauriainen

MESE Unit: Francesca Riolo, Octavian Michalache

- Observer:

Federico Cruciani

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants, including the new WG member Andy Hart.

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 these meetings have been identified during the screening process.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 8th Working Group meeting held on 10 February 2025, in via web-conference

¹ On 10 March participated from 11.15-13.00 CET.

² As defined in Article 34 of the document "Implementing Rule of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority laying down the rules on the selection, appointment and operations of the Scientific Committee, Scientific Panels and of their Working Groups": <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/paneloperation.pdf>

³ Participated on 7 March from 9.00-11.15 CET.

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



The minutes of the 8th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 25 February 2025.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of PCDD/Fs and DL-PCBs in food and feed ([EFSA-Q-2024-00227](#))

The members of the Working Group discussed with the Hearing Expert matters related to the critical effects and pivotal studies in the previous Opinion. The members then discussed the sections of the draft Opinion related to previous assessments, the toxicity equivalency factors established by WHO in 2022, European legislation and mode of action. In addition, a discussion on the approach for the risk assessment was held, as well as a first discussion on the main uncertainties impacting the assessment and the approach for uncertainty analysis. An update of the occurrence data in food and feed was provided. Tasks were distributed.

VI. Any Other Business

None

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 2-3 April 2025, via web conference.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

8th Working Group meeting on Dioxins update

10 February 2025

09:00-17:00 CET

MINUTES - Agreed on 25 February 2025



Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:

Ron Hoogenboom (Chair), Helle K Knutsen, Jesus del Mazo, Evi Ntzani, Dieter Schrenk

- Hearing Experts¹:

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- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

EC: Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)

- EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Maria Anastassiadou, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi, Tuuli Tauriainen

MESE Unit: Francesca Riolo

- Observer:

Federico Cruciani

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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 Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, 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 these meetings have been identified during the screening process.

Certain interests were declared orally by the members before the beginning of this meeting. For further details on the outcome of the screening of the Oral Declaration of Interest made at the beginning of the meeting, please refer to the Annex.

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

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 7th Working Group meeting held on 13 and 27 January 2025, in via web-conference

The minutes of the 7th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 6 February 2025.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of PCDD/Fs and DL-PCBS in food and feed ([EFSA-Q-2024-00227](#))

The members of the Working Group discussed the progress of the literature search and selection for relevance of toxicity studies in experimental animals and epidemiological studies. A discussion on the newly identified studies and the approach for the risk assessment was held. An update of the occurrence data in food and feed was provided. Tasks were distributed.

VI. Any Other Business

None

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 7-10 March 2025, via web conference.

Annex

Interests and actions resulting from the Oral Declaration of Interest done at the beginning of the meeting

With regard to this meeting, Prof Evi Ntzani declared the following interests: (i) Grant from the Columbia University on refugee mental health; (ii) UNICEF project to promote healthy eating and physical activity at community level. In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence⁴ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁵, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was not deemed to represent a Conflict of Interest for the expert concerned.

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



**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN**
7th Working Group meeting on Dioxins update



13 and 27 January 2025
09:30-16:30 CET both days
MINUTES - Agreed on 5 February 2025

Location: Teleconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Ron Hoogenboom (Chair), Helle K Knutsen, Jesus del Mazo, Evi Ntzani, Dieter Schrenk
- Hearing Experts¹:
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- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)
- EFSA:
FEEDCO Unit: Maria Anastassiadou, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi, Tuuli Tauriainen
MESE Unit: Alicia Paini, Francesca Riolo
- Observer:
Federico Cruciani

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the WG 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 Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, 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.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 4-5 December 2024 were agreed on 5 December.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

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

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of PCDD/Fs and DL-PCBS in food and feed ([EFSA-Q-2024-00227](#))

The members of the Working Group discussed the progress of the literature search and selection for relevance of toxicity studies in experimental animals and epidemiological studies. A discussion on the newly identified studies and their description was held. The members also discussed the PBK modelling. An update of the occurrence data in food and feed was provided. Tasks were distributed.

6. Any Other Business

None

7. Next meeting

10 February 2025.



**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN**
6th Working Group meeting on Dioxins update



4-5 December 2024

09:30-17:30 CET (day 1) and 9:30-13:00 CET (day 2)

MINUTES - Agreed on 5 December 2024

Location: Teleconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:

Ron Hoogenboom (Chair), Helle K Knutsen, Jesus del Mazo, Evi Ntzani, Dieter Schrenk

- Hearing Experts¹:

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- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)

- EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Maria Anastassiadou, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi, Tuuli Tauriainen

MESE Unit: Octavian Mihalache, Francesca Riolo

- Observer:

Federico Cruciani

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the WG 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 Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, 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.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 November 2024 were agreed on 25 November.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

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

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of PCDD/Fs and DL-PCBS in food and feed ([EFSA-Q-2024-00227](#))

The members of the Working Group discussed the progress of the literature search and selection for relevance of toxicity studies in experimental animals, epidemiological studies and mode of action. A discussion on the newly identified studies was held. An update of the occurrence data in food and feed was provided and timelines were discussed. Tasks were distributed.

6. Any Other Business

None

7. Next meeting

13 January 2025.



**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN**
5th Working Group meeting on Dioxins update



25 November 2024

9.00-16.30 CET

MINUTES - Agreed on 25 November 2024

Location: Teleconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:

Ron Hoogenboom (Chair), Helle K Knutsen, Jesus del Mazo, Evi Ntzani, Dieter Schrenk

- Hearing Experts¹:

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- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)

- EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Maria Anastassiadou, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi, Tuuli Tauriainen

- Observer:

Federico Cruciani

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the WG 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 Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, 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.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 - 17 October 2024 were agreed on 28 October.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

¹ 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>

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of PCDD/Fs and DL-PCBs in food and feed ([EFSA-Q-2024-00227](#))

The members of the Working Group noted the modifications introduced by the CONTAM Panel into the draft protocol that was endorsed at its 147th Plenary meeting. A discussion on the progress of the literature search for studies in experimental animals, epidemiological studies, and mode of actions studies was held. Tasks were distributed.

6. Any Other Business

None

7. Next meeting

4 - 5 December 2024



**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN**
4th Working Group meeting on Dioxins update

16 – 17 October 2024
9.00-18.00 CET / 9.00-13.00 CET
MINUTES - Agreed on 28 October



Location: EFSA, Parma

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:

Ron Hoogenboom (Chair), Helle K Knutsen, Jesus del Mazo, Evi Ntzani¹, Dieter Schrenk

- Hearing Experts²:

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- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Frans Verstraete (DG-SANTE)

- EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

MESE Unit: Octavian Mihalache, Francesca Riolo

- Observer:

Federico Cruciani

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the WG 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 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.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting

¹ Participated to the meeting online.

² 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>

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



The minutes of the previous meeting held 13 and 23 September 2024 were agreed on 30 September.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of PCDD/Fs and DL-PCBS in food and feed ([EFSA-Q-2024-00227](#))

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft protocol for the risk assessment following a written target consultation with Member and Observer Countries in the Advisory Forum and relevant EU agencies. Revisions were introduced. A discussion on the first outcomes of the literature search for studies in experimental animals, epidemiological studies, mode of actions studies and unclear studies was held. A first overview of the occurrence data in food and feed submitted to EFSA was given. Tasks were distributed.

6. Any Other Business

None.

7. Next meeting

25 November 2024.



**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN**
3rd Working Group meeting on Dioxins update



13 and 23 September 2024
9.30-16.30 CET / 9.30-16.30 CET
MINUTES - Agreed on 30 September

Location: Teleconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:

Ron Hoogenboom (Chair), Helle K. Knutsen, Jesus del Mazo, Evi Ntzani¹, Dieter Schrenk

- Hearing Experts²:

Not applicable

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Frans Verstraete (DG-SANTE)

- EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Chantra Eskes³, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

- Others:

Not applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the WG 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 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.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held 20 June 2024 were agreed on 20 June.

¹ On 13 September participated from 11.00 CET onwards.

² 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>

³ Participated on 13 September only.

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



5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of PCDD/Fs and DL-PCBS in food and feed ([EFSA-Q-2024-00227](#))

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft protocol for the risk assessment following a written target consultation with Member and Observer Countries in the Advisory Forum and relevant EU agencies. Revisions were introduced. A discussion on the first outcomes of the literature search for studies in experimental animals and epidemiological studies was held. Tasks were distributed.

6. Any Other Business

None.

7. Next meeting

16-17 October 2024.



**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN**
2nd Working Group meeting on Dioxins update



20 June 2024
9.30-16.30 CET
MINUTES - Agreed on 20 June

Location: Teleconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:

Ron Hoogenboom (Chair), Helle K. Knutsen, Jesus del Mazo, Evi Ntzani¹, Dieter Schrenk

- Hearing Experts²:

Not applicable

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Frans Verstraete (DG-SANTE)

- EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

MESE Unit: Francesca Riolo

- Others:

Not applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the WG 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 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.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held 29 May 2024 were agreed on 7 June.

¹ Participated until 15.30 CET.

² 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>

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



5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of PCDD/Fs and DL-PCBS in food and feed ([EFSA-Q-2024-00227](#))

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft protocol for the risk assessment and revisions were introduced. In the draft Opinion, the section describing the WHO₂₀₂₂-TEF values, as well as the first steps of the literature search were discussed. Tasks were distributed.

6. Any Other Business

None.

7. Next meeting

13 September 2024.



**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN**
1st Working Group meeting on Dioxins update



29 May 2024

9.30-16.30 CET

MINUTES - Agreed on 7 June

Location: Teleconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:

Ron Hoogemboom (Chair), Helle Knutsen, Jesus del Mazo, Evi Ntzani

- Hearing Experts¹:

Not applicable

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Frans Verstraete (DG-SANTE)

- EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

MESE Unit: Francesca Riolo

- Others:

Not applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the WG welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Dieter Schrenk (DG-SANTE).

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 Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, 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.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting

Not applicable.

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

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of PCDD/Fs and DL-PCBS in food and feed ([EFSA-Q-2024-00227](#))

The members of the Working Group discussed the Background and Terms of Reference to clarify the scope of the mandate. The draft protocol for the risk assessment was discussed. Tasks were distributed.

6. Any Other Business

None.

7. Next meeting

20 June 2024.
