

# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS in the FOOD CHAIN

## 11<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on 2025

11 December 2025 9:00-16:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 19 December 2025



**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Kevin J. Chipman<sup>1</sup> (chair), Agneta Åkesson<sup>1</sup>, Margherita Bignami, Gisela Degen, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Marie-Louise Scippo,
- Hearing Experts<sup>2</sup>:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
EC: Frans Verstraete
- EFSA:  
FEEDCO Unit: Elena Rovesti, Sofie Schryvers
- Others:  
Anamarija Romac participated as ISA (Individual Scientific Advisor) contractor (ref. EOI/EFSA/2022/01) for all agenda items, via web conference

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received by Peter Fürst.

## 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 Working Group members at the beginning of this meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> Attended from 9:00 to 10:00 and from 12:00 to 16:00.

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#### **IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 11 November, Teleconference**

The minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025.

#### **V. Scientific topic for discussion**

**Scientific opinion ON THE SAFETY OF THE USE OF CONVENTIONAL SMOKING PROCESSES FOR SMOKED FOODS ([EFSA-Q-2024-00692](#)).**

The WG continued the discussion on the list of contaminants of interest to be used in the assessment, with particular focus on aldehydes. The WG started revising the new sections of the draft Opinion.

#### **VI. Any Other Business**

N/A

#### **VII. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 14-15 January 2026 as a teleconference.

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# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS in the FOOD CHAIN

## 10<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on 2025

11 November 2025 09:00-16:00  
MINUTES - Agreed on 21 November 2025



**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Kevin J. Chipman (chair), Agneta Åkesson<sup>1</sup>, Margherita Bignami, Gisela Degen, Peter Fürst, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Marie-Louise Scippo,
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
Dr. Marco Iammarino (National Reference Centre for the Detection of Radioactivity in Feed and Foodstuff)
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
EC: Frans Verstraete
- EFSA:  
FEEDCO Unit: Elena Rovesti, Sofie Schryver
- Others:  
Anamarija Romac participated as ISA (Individual Scientific Advisor) contractor (ref. EOI/EFSA/2022/01) for all agenda items, via web conference

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies 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>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.

Certain interests were declared orally by the members before the beginning of the 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.

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<sup>3</sup> [https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/decision-ed-on-competing-interest-management-2024.pdf](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 9<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 13-22 October 2025, Teleconference**

The minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025.

#### **V. Scientific topic for discussion**

**Scientific opinion ON THE SAFETY OF THE USE OF CONVENTIONAL SMOKING PROCESSES FOR SMOKED FOODS ([EFSA-Q-2024-00692](#)).**

The WG started discussing the draft opinion, with particular focus on the structure of the document and the introductory sections. Marco Iammarino joined the meeting for one hour as a hearing expert to present the discussion on the list of contaminants of interest to be used in the assessment.

#### **VI. Any Other Business**

N/A

#### **VII. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 11 December as a teleconference.

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## **Annex**

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

With regard to this meeting, Agneta Åkesson declared the following interest: research funding from the National Research Council for the upcoming 3 years, on topics relating to nitrates, nitrites and phosphates in public health. In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>11</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>12</sup>, 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.

# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS in the FOOD CHAIN

## 9<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on 2025



13 October 2025 13:30-17:30  
22 October 2025 09:00-13:00  
MINUTES - Agreed on 31 October 2025

**Location:** Webconference

### **Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Kevin J. Chipman<sup>1</sup> (chair), Agneta Åkesson<sup>1</sup>, Margherita Bignami<sup>1</sup>, Gisela Degen, Peter Fürst<sup>2</sup>, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Marie-Louise Scippo,
- Hearing Experts<sup>3</sup>:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
EC: Frans Verstraete
- EFSA:  
FEEDCO Unit: Elena Rovesti
- Others:  
Anamarija Romac participated as ISA (Individual Scientific Advisor) contractor (ref. EOI/EFSA/2022/01) for all agenda items, via web conference

## **I. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received by Peter Fürst for 13 October and by Kevin J. Chipman, Agneta Åkesson and Margherita Bignami for 22 October. On 22 November the meeting was chaired by EFSA (Elena Rovesti).

## **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 Working Group members at the beginning of this meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> Attended only on 13 October.

<sup>2</sup> Attended only on 22 October.

<sup>3</sup> 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":  
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#### **IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 17-18 September 2025, EFSA Parma**

The minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

#### **V. Scientific topic for discussion**

**Scientific opinion ON THE SAFETY OF THE USE OF CONVENTIONAL SMOKING PROCESSES FOR SMOKED FOODS ([EFSA-Q-2024-00692](#)).**

The WG continued the discussion on the list of contaminants of interest to be used in the assessment.

#### **VI. Any Other Business**

N/A

#### **VII. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 11 November as a teleconference.

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# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS in the FOOD CHAIN

## 8<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on Smoked Foods



17 September 2025 09:00-17:00

18 September 2025 09:00-13:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 25 September 2025

**Location:** EFSA, Parma

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Kevin J. Chipman (chair), Agneta Åkesson<sup>1</sup>, Margherita Bignami<sup>2</sup>, Gisela Degen<sup>1</sup>, Peter Fürst, Jean-Charles Leblanc<sup>1</sup>, Marie-Louise Scippo
- Hearing Experts<sup>3</sup>:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
EC: Frans Verstraete
- EFSA:  
FEEDCO Unit: Elena Rovesti
- Others:  
Anamarija Romac participated as ISA (Individual Scientific Advisor) contractor (ref. EOI/EFSA/2022/01) for all agenda items, via web conference

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies 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>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 Working Group members at the beginning of this meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> Attended in teleconference.

<sup>2</sup> Attended on 17 September in person until 11am and on 18 September in teleconference.

<sup>3</sup> 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":  
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#### **IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 28 August 2025, via web-conference**

The minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 10th September 2025.

#### **V. Scientific topic for discussion**

**Scientific opinion ON THE SAFETY OF THE USE OF CONVENTIONAL SMOKING PROCESSES FOR SMOKED FOODS ([EFSA-Q-2024-00692](#)).**

The WG continued the discussion on the list of contaminants of interest to be used in the assessment and started drafting the Opinion on conventionally smoked foods.

#### **VI. Any Other Business**

N/A

#### **VII. Next meeting**

- 13 October and 22 October 2025, Teleconference
  - 11 November 2025, Teleconference
  - 11 December 2025, Teleconference
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**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Kevin J. Chipman (chair), Gisela Degen, Peter Fürst, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Marie-Louise Scippo
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
EC: Frans Verstraete
- EFSA:  
FEEDCO Unit: Elena Rovesti  
MESE Unit: José Ángel Gómez Ruiz
- Others:  
Anamarija Romac participated as ISA (Individual Scientific Advisor) contractor (ref. EOI/EFSA/2022/01) for all agenda items, via web conference

## **I. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. No Apologies were received by Agneta Åkesson and Margherita Bignami.

## **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>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 Working Group members at the beginning of this meeting.

## **IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 22 July 2025, via web-conference**

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The minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

## **V. Scientific topic for discussion**

**Scientific opinion ON THE SAFETY OF THE USE OF CONVENTIONAL SMOKING PROCESSES FOR SMOKED FOODS ([EFSA-Q-2024-00692](#)).**

The WG continued the discussion on the list of contaminants of interest to be used in the assessment in preparation for the upcoming Panel meeting.

## **VI. Any Other Business**

N/A

## **VII. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 17 and 18 September, in person in Parma.

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22 July 2025

09:00-16:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 28 July 2025

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Kevin J. Chipman (chair), Agneta Åkesson, Margherita Bignami, Gisela Degen (online), Peter Fürst (online), Marie-Louise Scippo
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
EC: Frans Verstraete
- EFSA:  
FEEDCO Unit: Elena Rovesti
- Others:  
Anamarija Romac participated as ISA (Individual Scientific Advisor) contractor (ref. EOI/EFSA/2022/01) for all agenda items, via web conference

## **I. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. No Apologies 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>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 Working Group members at the beginning of this meeting.

## **IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 17 June 2025, via web-conference**

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The minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

## **V. Scientific topic for discussion**

**Scientific opinion ON THE SAFETY OF THE USE OF CONVENTIONAL SMOKING PROCESSES FOR SMOKED FOODS ([EFSA-Q-2024-00692](#)).**

The WG continued reviewing the available literature on contaminants of potential interest for the mandate, including a preliminary analysis of the occurrence data in the EFSA's database. The WG drafted a list of contaminants of interest to be used in the assessment. Tasks were allocated to the different WG members.

## **VI. Any Other Business**

N/A

## **VII. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 29 August 2025, via web conference.

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# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS in the FOOD CHAIN

## 5<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on Conventionally Smoked Foods

17 June 2025 09:00–16:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 25 June 2025



**Location:** Web conference

### **Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Kevin J. Chipman (chair), Agneta Åkesson, Margherita Bignami, Gisela Degen<sup>1</sup>, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Marie-Louise Scippo
- Hearing Experts<sup>2</sup>:  
n/a
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Frans Verstraete (DG-SANTE)
- EFSA:  
FEEDCO Unit: Elena Rovesti, Anamarija Romac  
MESE Unit: José Ángel Gómez Ruiz
- Others:  
n/a

## **I. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants and introduced the new WG member, Agneta Åkesson. Apologies were received from Peter Fürst.

## **II. 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.

## **III. Agreement of the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 30 April 2025, Teleconference**

The minutes of the 4<sup>rd</sup> Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

## **IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

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<sup>1</sup> Attended from 12.00.

<sup>2</sup> 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":  
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**Updated scientific opinion ON THE SAFETY OF THE USE OF CONVENTIONAL SMOKING PROCESSES FOR SMOKED FOODS (EFSA-Q-2024-00692).**

The WG continued reviewing the available literature on contaminants of potential interest for the mandate. The WG started discussing dietary exposure assessment and availability of occurrence data within EFSA's database. Tasks were allocated to the different WG members.

## **V. Any Other Business**

Not applicable.

## **VI. Next meeting**

The next meetings will be:

- 22 July 2025
- 17-18 September 2025

**Location:** Web conference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Kevin J. Chipman (chair), Margherita Bignami, Gisela Degen, Peter Fürst, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Marie-Louise Scippo
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
n/a
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Frans Verstraete (DG-SANTE)
- EFSA:  
FEEDCO Unit: Elena Rovesti, Anamarija Romac  
iDATA Unit: Alexios Zormpas  
MESE Unit: José Ángel Gómez Ruiz
- Others:  
n/a

## **I. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants and introduced the new WG member, Jean-Charles Leblanc. No apologies for absence were received.

## **II. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups 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.

## **III. Agreement of the minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 7 and 8 April 2025, hybrid (EFSA, Parma)**

The minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

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<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)





#### **IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

**Updated scientific opinion ON THE SAFETY OF THE USE OF CONVENTIONAL SMOKING PROCESSES FOR SMOKED FOODS (EFSA-Q-2024-00692).**

The WG continued reviewing the available literature on contaminants of potential interest for the mandate. The WG started discussing dietary exposure assessment and availability of occurrence data within EFSA's database. Tasks were allocated to the different WG members.

#### **V. Any Other Business**

Not applicable.

#### **VI. Next meeting**

The next meetings will be:

- 17 June 2025
- 22 July 2025
- 17-18 September 2025

# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS in the FOOD CHAIN

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Working Group meeting on Conventionally Smoked Foods

7 April 2025 - 9:00 – 17:00

8 April 2025 - 9:00 – 13:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 16 April 2025



**Location:** Hybrid (EFSA, Parma)

### **Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Kevin J. Chipman (chair), Margherita Bignami, Gisela Degen (online), Peter Fürst (online), Marie-Louise Scippo
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
n/a
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
n/a
- EFSA:  
FEEDCO Unit: Elena Rovesti, Anamarija Romac  
iDATA Unit: Alexios Zormpas
- Others:  
n/a

## **I. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Frans Verstraete (DG-SANTE).

## **II. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups 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.

## **III. Agreement of the minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 14 March 2025, in via web-conference**

The minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

## **IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

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<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)



**Updated scientific opinion ON THE SAFETY OF THE USE OF CONVENTIONAL SMOKING PROCESSES FOR SMOKED FOODS (EFSA-Q-2024-00692).**

The WG continued the discussions on the scope of the mandate, and finalised the drafting of the protocol which will be presented to the next CONTAM Panel meeting. The WG also started the discussion of the preliminary output of the literature. Tasks were allocated to the different WG members

## **V. Any Other Business**

Not applicable.

## **VI. Next meeting**

The next meetings will be:

- 30 April 2025
- 17 June 2025
- 22 July 2025
- 17-18 September 2025

# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS in the FOOD CHAIN

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting on Conventionally Smoked Foods

14 March 2025 - 9:00 – 13:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 28 March 2025



**Location:** Webconference

### **Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Kevin J. Chipman (chair), Margherita Bignami, Gisela Degen, Peter Fürst<sup>1</sup>, Marie-Louise Scippo
- Hearing Experts<sup>2</sup>:  
n/a
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)
- EFSA:  
FEEDCO Unit: Elena Rovesti, Anamarija Romac  
iDATA Unit: Alexios Zormpas
- Others:  
Federico Cruciani

## **I. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Chantra Eskes.

## **II. 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.

## **III. Agreement of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 26 February 2025, in via web-conference**

The minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

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<sup>1</sup> Participated from 12:30.

<sup>2</sup> 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>

<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)

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#### **IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

**Updated scientific opinion ON THE SAFETY OF THE USE OF CONVENTIONAL SMOKING PROCESSES FOR SMOKED FOODS (EFSA-Q-2024-00692).**

The WG discussed the mandate, and in particular assessed the protocol which is being drafted. Further input to the assessment questions and sub-questions for the risk assessment protocol were discussed. Tasks were allocated to the different WG members

#### **V. Any Other Business**

Not applicable.

#### **VI. Next meeting**

The next meetings will be:

- 7-8 April 2025
- 30 April 2025
- 17 June 2025



# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS in the FOOD CHAIN

## 1<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on Conventionally Smoked Foods

19 February 9:00 – 13:00  
MINUTES - Agreed on 26 February 2025



**Location:** Teleconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Kevin J. Chipman (chair), Margherita Bignami, Gisela Degen, Peter Fürst, Marie-Louise Scippo
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
n/a
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)
- Observers:  
n/a
- EFSA:  
Elena Rovesti, Anamarija Romac, Alexios Zormpas

### I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the WG welcomed the participants to the 1st WG Meeting of the WG Conventional smoking. Apologies were received from Chantra Eskes and Federico Cruciani.

### II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with changes.

### III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups 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.

### IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

**Updated scientific opinion ON THE SAFETY OF THE USE OF CONVENTIONAL SMOKING PROCESSES FOR SMOKED FOODS ([EFSA-Q-2024-00692](https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf)).**

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

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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>



## **V. Any Other Business**

Not applicable.

## **VI. Next meeting**

The next meetings will be:

- 7-8 April 2025
- 30 April 2025
- 17 June 2025