SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN 6th Working Group meeting on Phomopsins

10 December 2025, 14:0<u>0-18:00</u>

MINUTES - Agreed on 10 December 2025



Location: Web conference

Attendees:

o Working Group Members:

Vasileios Bampidis, Ronald Maul, Guido Rychen¹

o European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

EC: Frans Verstraete²

o EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Chantra Eskes (WG Chair), Elena Rovesti³, Sofie Schryvers, Tuuli Tauriainen³

MESE Unit: Petra Gergelová⁴

o Others:

Federico Cruciani participated as ISA (Individual Scientific Advisor) contractor (ref. EOI/EFSA/2022/01) for all agenda items, via web conference.

Lydia Alarcón Asensio participated as an EFSA contractor, as observer.

- Hearing Experts⁵: Not Applicable
- o Applicants participating in a technical hearing⁶: Not Applicable

Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received by Federico Cruciani.

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 and the preparatory meetings listed under agenda item "Preparatory meeting/s with Risk Assessment". No

 $^{^{1}}$ Attended from 14.00 to 17.30.

 $^{^{2}}$ Attended from 15.50 to 18.00.

 $^{^{3}}$ Attended from 14.00 to 15.40.

⁴ Attended from 14.00 to 17.00.

Sa 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

⁶ 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

⁷ https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/independence-policy-2024.pdf

⁸ https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/decision-ed-on-competing-interest-management-2024.pdf

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conflicts of interest related to the issues discussed in these meetings have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the Working Group members at the beginning of these meetings.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 5th Working Group meeting held on 11-12 November 2025, in Parma

The minutes of the 6th Working Group meeting were agreed before closure of the meeting on 12 November 2025.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

1.1. Draft scientific Statement on the current knowledge regarding the risks for human and animal health related to the presence of phomopsins in food and feed (EFSA-Q-2024-00401)

The WG discussed the draft Statement on the current knowledge regarding the risks for human and animal health related to the presence of phomopsins in food and feed. In particular, the WG discussed the updates on Occurrence data in food and feed submitted to EFSA, the approach to Dietary exposure assessment for animals and the updates on the Draft Statement. The list of upcoming actions was agreed upon.

VI. Any Other Business

None.

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on the 23 January 2026, online.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

5th Working Group meeting on Phomopsins



MINUTES - Agreed on 12 November 2025



Location: Web conference

Attendees:

o Working Group Members:

Vasileios Bampidis¹, Ronald Maul, Guido Rychen

European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

EC: Frans Verstraete²

o EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Chantra Eskes (WG Chair), Sofie Schryvers

MESE Unit: Petra Gergelová³

Others:

Federico Cruciani participated as ISA (Individual Scientific Advisor) contractor (ref. EOI/EFSA/2022/01) for all agenda items, via web conference.

Lydia Alarcón Asensio participated as an EFSA contractor, as observer.

- Hearing Experts⁴: Not Applicable
- Applicants participating in a technical hearing⁵: Not Applicable

Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members III.

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 and the preparatory meetings listed under agenda item "Preparatory meeting/s with Risk Assessment". No conflicts of interest related to the issues discussed in these meetings have been identified

 $^{^{1}}$ Absent on the 12 Nov from 12.00 to 13.00.

 $^{^{2}\,\,}$ Absent on the 12 Nov from 9.00 to 13.00.

Absent on the 11 Nov from 15.00 to 18.00.

⁴ 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 Schttps://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/paneloperation.pdf Working Scientific Committee, Scientific Panels and of their

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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

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during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the Working Group members at the beginning of these meetings.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 4th Working Group meeting held on 22 October 2025, via web-conference

The minutes of the 4th Working Group meeting were agreed before closure of the meeting on 22 October 2025.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

1.1. Draft scientific Statement on the current knowledge regarding the risks for human and animal health related to the presence of phomopsins in food and feed (EFSA-Q-2024-00401)

The WG discussed the draft Statement on the current knowledge regarding the risks for human and animal health related to the presence of phomopsins in food and feed. In particular, the WG discussed the relevance of the different studies retrieved from the systematic literature search, and the updates on the submitted occurrence data. Lastly, the following Sections were discussed: 'Sources of phomopsins, structural diversity & analytical methods'; 'Occurrence & exposure data'; 'Hazard identification and characterization'; and a new subsection was added on 'Other substances named phomopsins not relevant to the present assessment'. The list of upcoming actions was agreed on.

VI. Any Other Business

None.

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on the 10 December 2025, online.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

4th Working Group meeting on Phomopsins



MINUTES - Agreed on 22 October 2025



Location: Web conference

Attendees:

o Working Group Members:

Vasileios Bampidis, Ronald Maul, Guido Rychen

Hearing Experts¹:

Sofie Schryvers

European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

EC: Frans Verstraete

EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Lydia Alarcón Asensio, Chantra Eskes (WG Chair)

MESE Unit: Petra Gergelová

o Others:

Federico Cruciani participated as ISA (Individual Scientific Advisor) contractor (ref. EOI/EFSA/2022/01) for all agenda items, via web conference.

Applicants participating in a technical hearing²: Not Applicable

Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Frans Verstraete.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members III.

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 and the preparatory meetings listed under agenda item "Preparatory meeting/s with Risk Assessment". No conflicts of interest related to the issues discussed in these meetings have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the Working Group members at the beginning of these meetings.

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² 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

³ https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/independence-policy-2024.pdf

⁴ https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/decision-ed-on-competing-interest-management-2024.pdf

MEETING MINUTES – 22 October 2025 4th Working Group meeting on Phomopsins



IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting held on 16 – 17 September 2025, via webconference

The minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting were agreed before closure of the meeting on 16 September 2025.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Draft update of the Scientific Opinion on the risks for animal and public health related to the presence of phomopsins in feed and food. (EFSA-Q-2024-00401)

The WG discussed the draft Statement on the current knowledge regarding the risks for animal and public health related to the presence of phomopsins in feed and food. In particular, the WG discussed the contents of the different sections and annexes of the assessment and agreed on upcoming actions and timelines.

VI. Any Other Business

None.

VII. Next meeting

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

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN 3rd Working Group meeting on Phomopsins

16 September 2025, 14:00-18:00 & 17 September 2025, 9:00-13:00





Location: Web conference

Attendees:

o Working Group Members:

Vasileios Bampidis, Ronald Maul, Guido Rychen

Hearing Experts¹:

Sofie Schryvers

o European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

EC: Frans Verstraete

o EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Lydia Alarcón Asensio, Chantra Eskes (WG Chair)

MESE Unit: Petra Gergelová

o Others:

Federico Cruciani participated as ISA (Individual Scientific Advisor) contractor (ref. EOI/EFSA/2022/01) for all agenda items, via web conference

 Applicants participating in a technical hearing²: Not Applicable

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with the following changes:

- The agenda item on discussions on draft protocol was not addressed as no longer deemed necessary.
- The meeting was closed on 16 of September 2025, i.e. ahead of the initially foreseen schedule 17 September 2025.

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 and the preparatory meetings listed under agenda item "Preparatory meeting/s with Risk Assessment". No

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² 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

 $^{^{3}\ \}underline{\text{https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate}\ \underline{\text{publications/files/independence-policy-2024.pdf}}$

⁴ https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/decision-ed-on-competing-interest-management-2024.pdf

MEETING MINUTES - 16 & 17 September 2025 3rd Working Group meeting on Phomopsins



conflicts of interest related to the issues discussed in these meetings have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the Working Group members at the beginning of these meetings.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting held on 16 – 17 June 2025, via web-conference

The minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting were agreed before closure of the meeting on 16 June 2025.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Draft update of the Scientific Opinion on the risks for animal and public health related to the presence of phomopsins in feed and food. (EFSA-Q-2024-00401)

The WG discussed the draft Opinion on the risks for animal and public health related to the presence of phomopsins in feed and food. In particular, the WG assessed the preliminary update on the occurrence data on phomopsins collected through the 2025 annual call for data, and the outcome of the literature review. Based on the evidence available, the WG proposed an update of the terms of reference of the mandate. Finally, the WG discussed the table of contents of the assessment and agreed on upcoming actions and timelines.

VI. Any Other Business

None.

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 22 October 2025, via web conference.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS in the FOOD CHAIN 2nd Working Group meeting on Phomopsins



16 June 2025, 14:00-18:00 17 June 2025, 14:00-18:00 MINUTES - Agreed on 17 June 2025

Location: Webconference

Attendees:

Working Group Members:Vasileios Bampidis, Ronald Maul, Guido Rychen

Hearing Experts¹:
 Sofie Schryvers

European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

EC: Frans Verstraete²

o EFSA:

CONTAM Unit: Lydia Alarcón Asensio³, Chantra Eskes (WG Chair)

MESE: Petra Gergelová

o Others:

Federico Cruciani participated as ISA (Individual Scientific Advisor) for all agenda items, via web conference

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 Management^{5,} EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting and the preparatory meetings listed under agenda item "Preparatory meeting/s". No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in these meetings have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

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² Present on 16 June from 16h00 o'clock.

³ Present on 17 June.

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

MEETING MINUTES – 17 June 2025 2nd Working Group meeting on Phomopsins



IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Draft update of the Scientific Opinion on the risks for animal and public health related to the presence of phomopsins in feed and food. (M-2024-00046/EFSA-Q-2024-00401) / Deadline: 31.12.2026

The members of the Working Group discussed previous work conducted on the occurrence and on the analytical analysis of phomopsins in food and feed. The WG also discussed the outcome of the extended literature review performed by three reviewers. Finally, the WG went through the draft Protocol and the draft structure of the updated Opinion on the risks for animal and public health related to the presence of phomopsins in feed and food, and agreed on further actions.

V. Any Other Business

None.

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 16-17 September 2025, online.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS in the FOOD CHAIN 1st Working Group meeting on Phomopsins

1st Working Group meeting on Phomops



8 April 2025 13:30-17:30 MINUTES - Agreed on 08 April 2025

Location: Webconference

Attendees:

Working Group Members:
 Vasileios Bampidis, Ronald Maul, Guido Rychen

 Hearing Experts¹: Sofie Schryvers

European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

EC: Frans Verstraete

o EFSA:

CONTAM Unit: Lydia Alarcón Asensio, Chantra Eskes (WG Chair)

MESE: Petra Gergelová

Others:

Federico Cruciani participated as ISA (Individual Scientific Advisor) for all agenda items, via web conference

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 Management^{3,} EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting and the preparatory meetings listed under agenda item "Preparatory meeting/s". No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in these meetings have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

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² 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/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

MEETING MINUTES – 8 April 2025 1st Working Group meeting on Phomopsins



IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Draft update of the Scientific Opinion on the risks for animal and public health related to the presence of phomopsins in feed and food. ($\underline{\text{M-2024-00046/EFSA-Q-2024-00401}}$) / Deadline: 31.12.2026

The members of the Working Group were introduced to EFSA's collaborative way of work and discussed the mandate and the workplan for this Opinion. The WG was presented with an overview of the results from the 1st step of the systematic literature review, including preliminary numbers of selected relevant articles, and of the available occurrence data. A first discussion was performed on the draft structure and on the draft Protocol of the updated Opinion on the risks for animal and public health related to the presence of phomopsins in feed and food.

V. Any Other Business

None.

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 16 and 17 June 2025, via web conference.