

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN**
160th Panel Plenary meeting



21 – 22 May 2026
13:30-18:00 / 9:00-18:00
AGENDA

Location: Webconference

Chair: Helle Katrine Knutsen

Day 1: 21 May

No. Item

- 1 **Welcome and Apologies for absence**
- 2 **Adoption of the agenda**
- 3 **Declarations of interest**
- 4 **Agreement of the minutes of the 159th Panel plenary meeting held on 21-23 April 2026**
- 5 **Report on written procedures**
- 6 **Scientific outputs submitted for discussion/endorsement**
- 6.1 **Draft Statement on the findings presented in the 2024 report on the Toxicological Profile for Mercury issued by the US ATSDR [EFSA-Q-2025-00670](#)**
- 6.2 **Draft Opinion on the health risks related to the presence of capsaicin in foods [EFSA-Q-2025-00304](#)**

Day 2: 22 May

No. Item

- 6 **Continuation - Scientific outputs submitted for discussion/endorsement**
- 6.3 **Draft Opinion on the risks for animal and public health related to the presence of *Alternaria* toxins in feed and food [EFSA-Q-2024-00285](#)**
- 6.4 **Draft Statement on the appropriateness of the study carried out by ANSES on the effectiveness of sanitary shucking of queen scallops (*Aequipecten opercularis*) contaminated by okadaic acid toxins with a view to the production of edible parts meeting the safety requirements foreseen in the Union legislation [EFSA-Q-2026-00065](#)**
- 6.5 **Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of emerging and novel Brominated Flame Retardants (BFRs) in food [EFSA-Q-2018-00436](#)**
- 6.6 **Draft Opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of thebaine and oripavine in poppy seeds and derived products [EFSA-Q-2024-00400](#)**
- 7 **AOB**