SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

1st Working Group meeting on paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP) toxins

30 October 2026
9:30-13:30
MINUTES - Agreed on 30 October 2026

Location: EFSA - Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
  Isabelle Oswald (Chair), Nathalie Arnich, Diane Benford, Arjen Gerssen, Philipp Hess
- Applicants participating in a technical hearing[1]: N/A
- EFSA:
  FEEDCO Unit:Anita Radovnikovic
- Observer: Giulia Rampazzo, Giulia Polizzi (guest scientist)

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[2] 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 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.

IV. Tour de table

The participants at the 1st WG meeting provided a brief introduction of their background and their involvement in other EFSA's activities, if any.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The members of the Working Group were given a brief overview of the Background and Terms of Reference (ToR) for the mandate. The project plan and timelines were presented and the proposal for the approach to be taken was discussed. The members of the WG discussed the structure of

[1] 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

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

the draft statement, the interpretation of the ToR and aspects of the literature search. Finally, the WG was informed of the CONTAM Way of Working. Tasks were distributed to the members of the WG.

VI. Any Other Business

None.

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 17 and 20th of November 2026, via web conference.