

# EFSA JOURNAL

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## 1. What is the **EFSA Journal**?

The **EFSA Journal** is an open-access, free-of-charge online scientific journal that publishes the scientific outputs of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), which is the keystone of European Union (EU) risk assessment regarding food and feed safety. The various publications are devoted to the field of risk assessment in relation to food and feed and include nutrition, animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products. The EFSA Journal is one of the channels through which EFSA shares its scientific work with the outside world.

Whilst EFSA scientific outputs have always been published in the EFSA Journal on the Authority's corporate website, the EFSA Journal became the

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single repository and unique access point for EFSA's scientific outputs after the journal's relaunch in 2009.

## 2. What is the **scope** of the **EFSA Journal**?

The scope of the EFSA Journal is as broad as EFSA's remit, covering areas from farm to fork including plant health, plant protection products and their residues, genetically modified organisms, additives and products or substances used in animal feed, animal health and welfare, biological hazards, contaminants in the food chain, food contact materials, enzymes, flavourings and processing aids, food additives and nutrient sources added to food, dietetic products, nutrition and allergies.

In addition to risk assessments, the EFSA Journal publishes statements and guidance documents as well as scientific reports on data collected.

The EFSA Journal publishes eight types of scientific outputs. These are grouped into two categories: scientific opinions adopted by EFSA's Scientific Committee and Panels, and other scientific outputs of EFSA. Editorials and special issues on topics linked to EFSA's work are published occasionally.

### Output types published in the EFSA Journal

#### Scientific opinions of Scientific Committee/Panel:

- Opinion of the Scientific Committee/Panel
- Statement of the Scientific Committee/Panel
- Guidance of the Scientific Committee/Panel

#### Other scientific outputs of EFSA

- Statement of EFSA
- Guidance of EFSA
- Conclusion on Pesticide Peer Review
- Reasoned Opinion
- Scientific Report of EFSA



### 3. How does the EFSA Journal work?

The EFSA Journal is published in English. Each article carries a unique reference number and a Digital Object Identifier (doi), which is registered at the Publications Office of the European Union (OP), the official doi registration agency for all EU institutions. All articles include an abstract and key words. In addition to the web page dedicated to a scientific output, the full article is made available as a PDF document.

The EFSA Journal differs from other scientific journals in several ways. It does not accept contributions from third parties, and a classical peer review of EFSA scientific outputs is not carried out, because once an output is adopted, no further comments from external scientific experts can be taken into consideration; an even more stringent process is in place to ensure the output is based on the current state of sound science. For each scientific output published in the EFSA Journal more than

20 experts are involved from disciplines relevant to the topic, e.g. toxicologists, nutritionists, chemists, statisticians or veterinarians, who ensure the scientific advice is well balanced and based on sound science.

The EFSA Journal is governed by an Editorial Board. Its members, experts in the area of food and feed safety, are appointed for a three-year term. The Board regularly meets to discuss upcoming issues. Its meetings are chaired by the editor-in-chief, who is supported by an Editorial Team. The EFSA Journal complies with key requirements of ethical practices: a list of references included in each article, no plagiarism, no fraudulent data, announcements of errata and republication if errors are found, etc. To find out more about the principles, practices and policies of the EFSA Journal please consult the editorial policy available at

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/supporting/doc/270e.pdf>

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- Over 2 million page views per year
- 10 000 subscriptions to the monthly table of contents
- Indexation in many bibliographic databases and repositories relevant to EFSA's work, such as CAB Abstract, SciFinder, Food Science and Technology (FSTA), Directory of Open Access Journal (DOAJ), EBSCOhost

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