

Scientific Panel on Plant Protection Products and their Residues

Minutes of the 83rd Plenary meeting

Held on 9-10 November 2016, Parma (Italy)
(Agreed on 20 December 2016)

Participants

■ Panel Members

Paulien Adriaanse, Philippe Berny (9 November), Theodorus Brock, Sabine Duquesne, Sandro Grilli, Antonio Hernandez-Jerez, Michael Klein, Thomas Kuhl, Ryszard Laskowski, Kyriaki Machera, Colin Ockleford, Olavi Pelkonen, Silvia Pieper, Robert Smith, Michael Stemmer, Ingvar Sundh, Aaldrik Tiktak, Christopher Topping, Gerrit Wolterink.

■ Hearing Experts ¹:

Not Applicable

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not Applicable

■ EFSA:

Pesticides Unit: Maria Arena, Arianna Chiusolo, Federica Crivellente, Mark Egsmose, Paula Medina, Luc Mohimont, Franz Streissl, José Tarazona, Andrea Terron

Scientific Evaluation of regulated Products: Guilhem de Seze

■ Observers:

Not Applicable

¹ As defined in Article 11 of the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest:
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>.

- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome, apologies for absence and adoption of the draft agenda.

The Chair of the Panel, Colin Ockleford, welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Philippe Berny (10 November), Thomas Kuhl, Susanne Hougaard Bennekou and Ivana Teodorovic.

The Chair welcomed the new Head of Department on Scientific Evaluation of Regulated Products, Guilhem de Seze.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Committee/Scientific Panel/ Members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest and the Specific Declarations of Interest filled in by the Scientific Panel Members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 82nd Plenary meeting held on 21-22 September 2016, Parma (Italy).

The minutes of the 82nd plenary meeting held on 21-22 September 2016, were agreed on 26 October 2016 and published on the EFSA website.⁴

5. Report on the written procedures since the 82nd Plenary meeting

No written procedure took place since the 82nd plenary meeting.

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/event/160921b-m.pdf>

6. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion and/or possible adoption

6.1 Scientific Opinion addressing the state of the science on in-soil risk assessment ([EFSA-Q-2011-00978](#))

The Secretariat informed the Panel that the draft opinion will be submitted for adoption at the forthcoming plenary meeting.

6.2 Commission request for a scientific opinion on pesticides in foods for infants and young children ([EFSA-Q-2016-00702](#))

The Secretariat informed the Panel that the project plan regarding the preparation of a Scientific Opinion on pesticides in foods for infants and young children had been approved by EFSA and an acceptance letter had been sent to the EU Commission. The deadline for adopting the opinion is 30 June 2018.

6.3 Scientific Opinion investigating experimental toxicological properties of plant protection products having a potential link to Parkinson's disease and childhood leukaemia ([EFSA-Q-2014-00480](#))

The Secretariat informed the Panel on the main outcomes of the Public consultation which closed on 23rd September 2016. The draft opinion will be updated to address the relevant comments and submitted for adoption at the forthcoming plenary meeting.

6.4 Scientific opinion on the follow-up of the findings of the External Scientific report 'Literature review on epidemiological studies linking exposure to pesticides and health effects' (University of Ioannina Medical School, 2013) ([EFSA-Q-2014-00481](#))

The Chair of the Working Group informed the Panel about the outcome of the last meeting of the Working Group which included a technical hearing of Risk & Policy Analysts Ltd. on the outcome of the service contract on a collection of human biomonitoring data from occupational exposure to pesticides.

The consultation of the Scientific Committee and the public consultation will take place in spring 2017.

6.5 Scientific Opinion of the PPR Panel on the state of Toxicokinetic/Toxicodynamic (TK/TD) and Simple Food Chain effects modeling for regulatory risk assessment of pesticides for aquatic organisms ([EFSA-Q-2012-00960](#))

The Secretariat informed the Panel about the progress regarding the establishment of the Working Group.

The request to focus the scientific Opinion on Toxicokinetic/Toxicodynamic (TK/TD) and Simple Food Chain effects modeling was accepted by EFSA. The deadline for adoption (1st July 2018) was also accepted.

6.6 Scientific Opinion on the state of the science on pesticide risk assessment for amphibians and reptiles ([EFSA-QN-2011-00985](#))

A first draft of the Scientific Opinion was circulated for comments on 28 October. The Chair of the Working Group further informed the Panel on the outcome of the last meeting of the Working Group.

7. Feedback from the Scientific Committee/Scientific Panels, EFSA, the European Commission

7.1 Update on the activities of the Scientific Committee

The Panel was informed on the public consultation on the terms of reference of the Scientific Committee Working Group on "Harmonization of risk assessment methodologies for human health and ecological risk assessment of combined exposure to multiple chemicals", which was launched on 25 October 2016.

8. Other scientific topics for information and/or discussion

8.1 Use of historical control data in hazard assessment

The Panel discussed possible steps and options to develop an output on the use/interpretation of historical control data in the hazard assessment of pesticide active substances.

8.2 EFSA scientific report on the establishment of cumulative assessment groups of pesticides regarding their effects on the nervous system

The Secretariat informed the Panel on the progress regarding the preparation of EFSA Scientific Reports on cumulative assessment groups for the effects of pesticides on the nervous system and the thyroid.

8.3 Feedback from the OECD/EFSA Workshop on Developmental Neurotoxicity (DNT): the use of non-animal test methods for regulatory purposes

The secretariat informed the Panel on the outcome of the OECD/EFSA workshop on Developmental Neurotoxicity which took place in Brussels on 18 and 19 October. The Panel supported the elaboration of an action plan by EFSA in view of developing a testing strategy on this multisectoral issue, which is included as a key activity in the EFSA Strategy 2020.

9. Any other business

The following was brought to the attention of the Panel:

- The Chair of the Panel participated to the 61st meeting of the Advisory Forum which took place on 28 and 29 September 2016 and included a session dedicated to EFSA's work in the area of Pesticides.
- The EU Commission sent on 17 October 2016 a request to EFSA and ECHA for scientific and technical assistance in order to develop a common guidance document for the implementation of the hazard based criteria to identify endocrine disruptors.
- The minutes of the consultation of the Pesticides Steering Network on the corrigendum of the guidance for aquatic organisms were published on 27 September 2016.
- The EU Commission sent on 20 October a request to EFSA to prepare guidance on the RA of isomers, to revise the EFSA guidance on the risk assessment for birds and mammals and to proceed with the repair action of the FOCUS surface water scenarios.