

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 92nd Plenary meeting

**Held on 12-14 June 2018, Parma (Italy)
(Agreed on 29 June 2018)**

Participants

- **Panel Members:**

Jan Alexander, Lars Barregård¹, Margherita Bignami, Beat Brüscheweiler², Sandra Ceccatelli, Mike Dinovi², Lutz Edler, Bettina Grasl-Kraupp, Christer Hogstrand, Ron Hoogenboom, Helle Knutsen, Carlo Nebbia³, Isabelle Oswald⁴, Annette Petersen, Martin Rose, Alain-Claude Roudot⁴, Tanja Schwerdtle, Christiane Vleminckx, Günter Vollmer and Heather Wallace.

- **Hearing Experts⁵:**

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- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Frans Verstraete⁶

- **EFSA:**

- **BIOCONTAM Unit:**

Katleen Baert, Marco Binaglia, Paolo Colombo, Michaela Hempen, Ernesto Liebana Criado, Karen Mackay, Luisa Ramos

¹ Physical attendance on 12-13 June and by audio-web conference on 14 June.

² Attendance by audio-web conference

³ Attendance by audio-web conference on 12 June and physical attendance on 13-14 June.

⁴ Attendance on 12-13 June only.

⁵ 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>

⁶ Physical attendance on 13 June and by audio-web conference on 14 June.

Bordajandi, Ruth Roldán Torres, Marijke Schutte and Hans Steinkellner.

- **DATA Unit:**

 Davide Arcella and Zsuzsanna Horvath (for items 7.1 and 7.2.).

- **Observers:**

 Ben Daughtry (Food Standards Australia New Zealand)

- **Others:**

 Not applicable

1. Welcome

The Chair of the CONTAM Panel welcomed the participants.

2. Apologies for absence

Bruce Cottrill (CONTAM Panel), Veerle Vanheusden (European Commission, DG Health and Food Safety, unit E2) and Marina Marini (European Commission, DG Health and Food Safety, unit D1).

3. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

4. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Panel members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes⁷ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest⁸, 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 had been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

5. Agreement of the minutes of the 91st Plenary meeting held on 14-16 May 2018, Parma (Italy)

The minutes of the 91st Plenary meeting held on 14-16 May 2018 were agreed on 1 June 2018.

⁷ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

⁸ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

6. Report on the written procedures since the 91st Plenary meeting

Not applicable.

7. New mandate: Request for an update of the EFSA scientific opinions on Brominated Flame Retardants⁹

The CONTAM Team Leader presented to the Panel a request from the European Commission to update the assessment on five groups of Brominated Flame Retardants (BFRs). The Panel agreed to set up a new *ad hoc* WG to address the request. Following consultation with the CONTAM secretariat, the Panel Chair nominated Christiane Vleminckx as WG Chair. The Panel Members Christer Hogstrand and Martin Rose expressed an interest to join the WG.

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

8.1. Draft Scientific opinion on the health risks related to the presence of dioxins and dioxin like-PCBs in feed and food (EFSA-Q-2015-00028)¹⁰

The Chair of the WG on Dioxins in food and feed presented, for discussion and possible adoption, the draft opinion on the health risks related to the presence of dioxins and dioxin like-polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in feed and food. The CONTAM Panel discussed the different parts of the assessment and adopted the opinion, subject to incorporation of minor changes as suggested during the meeting. The Chair of the CONTAM Panel expressed her appreciation to the WG and EFSA staff.

8.2. Draft Scientific opinion on the risks to human and animal health related to the presence of 4,15-diacetoxyscirpenol in food and feed (EFSA-Q-2010-01010)¹¹

The Chair of the WG on *Fusarium* toxins presented, for discussion and possible adoption, the draft opinion on the risks to human and animal health related to the presence of 4,15-diacetoxyscirpenol in food and feed. The CONTAM Panel suggested additional changes in the draft opinion. Comments and suggestions received from the

⁹ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00432>
<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00433>
<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00434>
<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00435>
<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00436>

¹⁰ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00028>

¹¹ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2010-01010>

Panel will be taken into account and the draft opinion will be presented for possible adoption by written procedure by the end of June 2018.

8.3. Draft update of methodological principles and scientific methods to be taken into account when establishing Reference Points for Action (RPAs) for non-allowed pharmacologically active substances present in food of animal origin (EFSA-Q-2018-00114)¹²

The Chair of the SWG on non-allowed pharmacologically active substances in food and feed presented the draft opinion for discussion and possible adoption. The CONTAM Panel discussed the different parts of the assessment and adopted the opinion, subject to incorporation of minor changes as suggested during the meeting. The Chair of the CONTAM Panel expressed her appreciation to the WG and EFSA staff.

9. Second scientific opinion on hazard analysis approaches for certain small retail establishments and food donations (EFSA-Q-2017-00565)¹³

The Panel member representing the CONTAM Panel in the WG on HACCP presented the draft opinion with special focus on the chemical hazards. The CONTAM Panel discussed the sections related to chemical hazards and endorsed them. The-chair of the CONTAM Panel expressed her appreciation to the members of the WG and the EFSA staff.

10. Presentation of 2015-2018 CONTAM Panel achievements

The CONTAM Team Leader presented an overview of the activities performed and outputs adopted during the 2015-2018 5th mandate of the CONTAM Panel.

11. Proposals for the Suggestions for the upcoming 9th Framework Programme (FP9)

The Panel discussed and identified possible areas of interest for research to be proposed under the 9th EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation. The identified subjects will be communicated to the Secretariat of the EFSA Scientific Committee.

¹² <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00114>

¹³ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00565>

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

12.1. European Commission

The item was deferred to the 93rd CONTAM Panel meeting

12.2. CONTAM Panel Working Groups

12.2.1. Update from WG on Fusarium toxins

See item 8.2.

12.2.2. Update from WG on Dioxins in food and feed

See item 8.1.

12.2.3. Update from WG on Perfluoroalkylated substances in food

The CONTAM Panel discussed responses to a set of questions received from the Netherlands National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM), in relation to a potential divergence, which has been identified between the EFSA opinion on PFOS and PFOA in food (adopted in March 2018 and under publication) and a RIVM opinion on PFOA. The Chair of the WG on PFAS reported that the work is progressing on the second opinion on PFASs, other than PFOS and PFOA, in food.

12.2.4. Update from Standing WG on Feed detoxification

The Chair of the WG informed that the WG will be meeting after receiving the additional data for the last application under assessment.

12.2.5. Update from WG on Hydrocyanic acid in food

The draft opinion will be distributed to the CONTAM Panel for discussion at its 93rd meeting in July 2018.

12.2.6. Update from WG on Chlorinated paraffins in food and feed

The Chair of the WG informed that the work is progressing well. The next WG meeting will be held 11-12 September.

12.2.7. Update from WG on Glycoalkaloids in food and feed

The Chair of the WG informed that the work is progressing well. The next WG meeting will be held 21-22 June.

12.2.8. Update from WG on Quinolizidine alkaloids in food and feed

The Chair of the WG reported that the work is progressing well and that the next WG meeting will take place 30-31 August.

12.2.9. Update from Standing WG on Non-allowed pharmacologically active substances in food and feed and their RPAs

See item 8.3.

12.3. EFSA

12.3.1. Advisory Forum

The CONTAM Panel was informed that the 68th meeting of the EFSA Advisory Forum was held on 6-7 June. Additional information can be found in the EFSA website¹⁴.

12.3.2. Management Board

The CONTAM Panel was informed that the 77th meeting of the EFSA Management Board will be held on 20 June 2018. Additional information is available in the EFSA website¹⁵.

12.4 Scientific Committee and its Working Groups of interest to the CONTAM Panel

The Chair of the CONTAM Panel highlighted the main items discussed at the 88th and 89th Plenary meetings of the Scientific Committee (SC), held on 11-12 April and 28-29 May 2018, respectively. In particular, the Scientific Committee endorsed for public consultation the draft Guidance on risk assessment of chemical mixtures and the draft statement on genotoxicity testing of chemical mixtures. Other draft opinions of relevance to the CONTAM Panel were discussed, namely the draft guidance for risk assessment on nanomaterials in food and feed, which was updated following the comments received in the public consultation. The respective CONTAM Panel members who are members of the SC WGs of interest to the CONTAM Panel reported on the current status of these WGs, namely the WG on TTC and the WG on chemical mixtures.

13. Other scientific topics for information and/or discussion

13.1. Present status of current outsourcing activities of the CONTAM Team (BIOCONTAM Unit)

EFSA presented the final report on *In vivo toxicity and genotoxicity of beauvericin and enniatins. Combined approach to study in vivo toxicity and genotoxicity of mycotoxins beauvericin (BEA) and*

¹⁴ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/event/180606>

¹⁵ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/event/180620-0>

enniatin B (ENNB) that was adopted on 2 May and was published on 24 May and that was sent to selected CONTAM Panel members for an in-depth review. The Panel agreed that some of the results were presented in an unclear manner in the report and that EFSA needs to re-evaluate these based on the raw data before it can be considered further by the CONTAM Panel.

14. Any other business

Not applicable.