

**Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards**  
**Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Microfiltration Application**  
**Held by WEB/TELE-conference, 21 April 2015**  
**(Agreed on 29 April 2015 )**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Members:**
  - John Griffin (Chair)
  - Pablo S. Fernández Escámez
  - Reinhard Böhm
  - Avelino Álvarez-Ordóñez
  
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOCONTAM Unit: Angel Ortiz Pelaez, Sandra Correia

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted with one amendment: the time allocated to point 6 (12:45-13:00)

**3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group 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. Scientific topic for discussion**

**4.1 Microfiltration application<sup>3</sup>**

The decision on the confidentiality claim was presented. The latest version of the Scientific Opinion was reviewed and a number of amendments, corrections and additions were made to several sections. The Working Group agreed on the final draft of the

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Opinion to be submitted for thorough reading to the BIOHAZ Panel, after completion of minor tasks assigned to WG members and EFSA Secretariat.

## **5. Any Other Business**

Not applicable

## **6. Next meeting**

This was the last meeting of the WG. Future communications will be held by email and/or telephone.

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<sup>3</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2014-00703>

**Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards**

**Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Microfiltration application**

**Held on 17 February 2015, Parma (Italy)**

**(Agreed on 24 February 2015 )**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Members:**
  - John Griffin (Chair)
  - Pablo S. Fernández Escámez
  - Christophe Nguyen-the
  - Reinhard Böhm
  - Avelino Álvarez-Ordóñez
  
- **Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:**
  - Not Applicable
  
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
  - Not Applicable
  
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOCONTAM Unit: Sandra Correia, Angel Ortiz Pelaez
  
- **Others:**
  - Not Applicable

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

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<sup>1</sup> As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts:  
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

**Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards**

**Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Microfiltration application**

**Held by WEB/TELE-conference, 20 January 2015**

**(Agreed on 29 January 2015 )**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Members:**
  - John Griffin (Chair)
  - Pablo S. Fernández Escámez
  - Christophe Nguyen-the
  - Reinhard Böhm
  - Avelino Álvarez-Ordóñez
- **Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:**
  - Not Applicable
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
  - Not Applicable
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOCONTAM Unit: Sandra Correia, Angel Ortiz Pelaez
- **Others:**
  - Not Applicable

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

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## **2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes

## **3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

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## **4. Scientific topic for discussion**

### **4.1 Microfiltration application<sup>4</sup>**

The background and contents of the application were discussed, the final set of documents available for the assessment presented, the process to evaluate the confidentiality claim explained, and the table of contents of the draft Scientific Opinion decided.

The work plan was agreed and tasks assigned to be completed by the WG experts and EFSA's secretariat before the next WG meeting.

## **5. Any Other Business**

### **5.1 Not applicable**

## **6. Next meeting**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> WG meeting: 17 February 2015

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## **4. Scientific topic for discussion**

### **4.1 Microfiltration application<sup>4</sup>**

The confidentiality claim and associated documents were discussed. The latest version of the Scientific Opinion was reviewed and a number of amendments, corrections and additions made to several sections. The section 'conclusions and recommendations' was drafted. The work plan was agreed and tasks assigned to be completed by the WG experts and EFSA's secretariat before the next WG meeting.

## **5. Any Other Business**

Not applicable

## **6. Next meeting**

Third WG meeting: Tuesday 21 April 2015. Web-meeting

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