

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS BIOCONTAM UNIT

MINUTES OF THE 3rd MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON “the request for a scientific opinion on the capacity of certain specific processing and transformation methods of animal by-products used in the production of organic fertilisers and soil improvers in view of determining the endpoints in the manufacturing chain of certain derived products”

WEB-conference meeting, 17 December 2020

(Agreed on 21 December 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Avelino Alvarez Ordóñez (Chair)
Benedetta Bottari
Alessandra De Cesare
Enda Cummins
Paul Gale
Maarten Nauta
Kari Ylivainio
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Matjaz Klemencic (DG-SANTE G.2) (for point 4 of the final agenda).
- EFSA:
BIOCONTAM Unit: Katrin Bote, Angel Ortiz Pelaez, Pietro Stella (for point 4 of the final agenda).
- Others:
Not Applicable

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work:
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.



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 change. Due to the presence of the EC for discussion of the ToR, point 5 "Clarification of term of reference: letter to the EC" became point 4, and point 4 "Review actions previous meeting" became point 5.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting.

Oral Declaration(s) of Interest were asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting held on 5-6 November 2020

The minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting held on 5-6 November 2020 were agreed by written procedure on 13 November 2020⁴.

5. Scientific topic for discussion

5.1. Scientific Opinion on the on the capacity of certain specific processing and transformation methods of animal by-products used in the production of organic fertilisers and soil improvers in view of determining the endpoints in the manufacturing chain of certain derived products⁵

Following the participation of the EC in the meeting, the WG discussed again the list of materials and the scope of the risk assessment. The EC agreed to send a written reply to the letter sent by EFSA on 18 November seeking clarification on the list of materials and scope of the risk assessment. The WG reviewed the pilot study for the literature review of hazard identification and discussed options to move forward while waiting for clarification by the EC. It was agreed to conduct the literature review for the remaining groups of materials. Some other actions and deadlines were agreed.

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/biological-hazards/wg-organic-fertilisers-endpoint-efsa-q-2020-00401.pdf>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2020-00401>



6. Any Other Business

The Chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

7. Next meeting

The 4th meeting will be a full day web-meeting the second or third week of February 2021. If no progress is made by mid-January, the meeting may be reduced to a four-hour web-meeting. The secretariat will circulate a doodle poll to fix the date.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS BIOCONTAM UNIT

MINUTES OF THE 2nd MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON “the request for a scientific opinion on the capacity of certain specific processing and transformation methods of animal by-products used in the production of organic fertilisers and soil improvers in view of determining the endpoints in the manufacturing chain of certain derived products”

WEB-conference meeting, 5-6 November 2020

(Agreed on 13 November 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
 - Avelino Alvarez Ordóñez (Chair)
 - Benedetta Bottari
 - Alessandra De Cesare
 - Enda Cummins
 - Paul Gale
 - Maarten Nauta
 - Kari Ylivainio
- Hearing Experts¹:
 - Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
 - Matjaz Klemencic (DG-SANTE G.2) (por point X of the final agenda)
- EFSA:
 - BIOCONTAM Unit: Katrin Bote, Angel Ortiz Pelaez.
- Others:
 - Not Applicable

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



1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with changes. Two new points were included in day 1: 'Preparation clarification ToR' and 'Clarification of ToR with the EC'. Point 8 of the draft agenda 'Production of OF/SI with selected matrices and use' was deleted.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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Oral Declaration(s) of Interest were asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 8 September 2020

The minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 8 September 2020 were agreed by written procedure on 14 September 2020⁴.

5. Scientific topic for discussion

5.1. Scientific Opinion on the on the capacity of certain specific processing and transformation methods of animal by-products used in the production of organic fertilisers and soil improvers in view of determining the endpoints in the manufacturing chain of certain derived products⁵

Following the participation of the EC in the meeting, the WG prepared a set of questions to clarify the ToR. After the discussion with the EC and the agreement of list of materials and the scope of the risk assessment, the WG assessed various options for conducting the hazard identification, reaching a decision conducting a pilot with three of the nine groups. The WG also discussed the standards and methods to declare end points for the matrices included the mandate and the potential outcome of the opinion, depending on the definition of risk and how this could be estimated. Finally, the draft opinion was reviewed, and some actions and deadlines were agreed.

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wqs/biological-hazards/wg-organic-fertilisers-endpoint-efsa-q-2020-00401.pdf>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2020-00401>



6. Any Other Business

The Chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

7. Next meeting

The 3rd meeting will be a half-day web meeting on 17 December 2020. The date of the fourth meeting will be agreed during the next meeting.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS BIOCONTAM UNIT

MINUTES OF THE 1st MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON “the request for a scientific opinion on the capacity of certain specific processing and transformation methods of animal by-products used in the production of organic fertilisers and soil improvers in view of determining the endpoints in the manufacturing chain of certain derived products”

WEB-conference meeting, 8 September 2020

(Agreed on 14 September 2020)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Avelino Alvarez Ordóñez (Chair)
Benedetta Bottari
Alessandra De Cesare
Enda Cummins
Paul Gale
Maarten Nauta
Kari Ylivainio

■ Hearing Experts¹:

Not Applicable

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not Applicable

■ EFSA:

BIOCONTAM Unit: Katrin Bote, Angel Ortiz Pelaez.

TRANSFORMATION SERVICES (TS): Francesca Generali, Marco Conterbia, both for point 6 of the agenda

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- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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Oral Declaration(s) of Interest were asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. Scientific Opinion on the on the capacity of certain specific processing and transformation methods of animal by-products used in the production of organic fertilisers and soil improvers in view of determining the endpoints in the manufacturing chain of certain derived products⁴

After introductory presentations, the chair led the discussion of the background of the mandate and the term of reference. A request for clarification to the EC was agreed on the scope of the risk assessment and whether the use of the organic fertilisers and soil improvers should be considered. A brainstorming session about the approaches and methodology to address the ToR continued, and the potentially useful data to have were listed. General topics of the approach included the hazard identification, the processing methods, the definition of risk and level of tolerance, among others were brought into discussion. A number of actions were agreed to start the population of the draft opinion.

5. Any Other Business

The Chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

6. Next meeting

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2020-00401>



It was agreed to have the 2nd meeting as a full-day web meeting during the first week of November 2020 and the 3rd meeting as a half-day web meeting during the second week of December 2020.