

Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards

Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group "evaluation of an "Alternative method for ABP Category 3 material (ChainCraft B.V. Process)"

Held on 4 April 2018 by Web/Tele-conference

(Agreed on 5 April 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Pablo S. Fernandez Escamez (chair)

Avelino Alvarez Ordoñez

Rosina Girones

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Sandra Correia

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from John Griffin.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

¹ 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>.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups 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 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 topics for discussion

4.1. Scientific Opinion on the Evaluation of the Application for a new alternative processing method for animal by-products for Category 3-material⁴

In the follow up of the request for clarification on the specific justifications for the confidentially claims, EFSA will assess the new justifications provided. Experts went through all sections of the draft opinion, discussed and agreed on specific sections for which comments have been received from the BIOHAZ panel during the last plenary meeting (14, 15 March) and finalise the conclusions, recommendations, abstract and summary. The WG will revise the draft once more before being submitted for possible adoption during the next plenary meeting (18, 19 April).

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

6. Next meeting

Not Applicable

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

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

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00619>

Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group “evaluation of an “Alternative method for ABP Category 3 material (ChainCraft B.V. Process)”

Held on 31 January 2018, in Parma

(Agreed on 2 February 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Pablo S. Fernandez Escamez (chair)

Avelino Alvarez Ordoñez

John Griffin

Rosina Girones

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Sandra Correia

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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4. Scientific topics for discussion

4.1. Scientific Opinion on the Evaluation of the Application for a new alternative processing method for animal by-products for Category 3-material⁴

As previously agreed during the last meeting, a list of possible questions was sent to the Applicant and a reply with clarifications was received. In the follow up of the confidentially claim received by the Applicant on October 2017, EFSA will assess the confidentially claim and justifications provided. Experts went through all sections of the draft opinion and identified areas to be further improved and pending tasks for the different chapters. The structure/ table of contents of the draft was slightly revised and agreed. This Opinion will be presented to the BIOHAZ Panel for thorough reading at the plenary in March 2018 and for possible adoption at the plenary in April 2018.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

6. Next meeting

- 3rd WG meeting – 6 April 2017

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Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group “evaluation of an “Alternative method for ABP Category 3 material (ChainCraft B.V. Process)”

Held on 20 December 2017, by Web/Tele-conference

(Agreed on 19 January 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Pablo S. Fernandez Escamez (chair)

Avelino Alvarez Ordoñez

John Griffin

Rosina Girones

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Sandra Correia

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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2. Adoption of agenda

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3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topics for discussion

4.1. Scientific Opinion on the Evaluation of the Application for a new alternative processing method for animal by-products for Category 3-material⁴

The application was presented to the experts. The data to be used in the assessment, provided by the applicant, follows the standard format of applications for alternative methods set out in Annex VII of Commission Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 and its amendment by Commission Regulation (EU) No 749/2011. A report submitted by the Dutch Competent Authority (Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority) was also received. A proposal for the work plan was discussed and agreed. Tasks were defined in accordance to that plan and attributed to the experts. The applicant claimed parts of the application to be considered confidential. The claim will be evaluated by EFSA. This Opinion will be presented to the BIOHAZ Panel for thorough reading at the plenary in March 2018 and for possible adoption at the plenary in April 2018.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

6. Next meeting

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