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4. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting

The minutes of the 10th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 02 February 2015.⁶

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Draft opinion on the risks for human health related to the presence of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin (EFSA-Q-2013-00787).⁷

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft opinion and in particular the sections on Exposure assessment and the derivation of the health based guidance value.

6. Any Other Business

Not applicable

7. Next meeting

05 March 2015.

⁶ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/contamwgs/documents/CONTAMTetrahydrocannabinol_THC.pdf

⁷ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2013-00787>

Parma, 13 January 2015
EFSA/CONTAM/2355

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 10th meeting of the Working Group on tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin

Held on 12-13 January 2015, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 02 February 2015)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Werner Brueller, Birgit Dusemund, Peter Fürst (chair) and Carlo Nebbia¹
Sandra Ceccatelli² (vice-chair) has participated via teleconference.
- **Hearing Experts³:**
 - NA
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 - Frans Verstraete (DG SANCO)⁴

EFSA:

- **Biological hazards and contaminants unit:** Karen Mackay
- **Evidence management unit:** Jose Angel Gomez Ruiz⁵

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Bruce Cottrill.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

¹ Participated via teleconference on 12 January 2015 (1400-1800h); participated physically on 13 January 2015.

² Participated via teleconference on 12 January 2015 (until 1600h) and on 13 January 2015.

³ 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>.

⁴ Participated on 13 January 2015 only.

⁵ Participated on 13 January 2015 only.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes⁶ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest⁷, 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. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting

The minutes of the 9th Working Group meeting held on 16 December 2014 were agreed.⁸

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Draft opinion on the risks for human health related to the presence of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin (EFSA-Q-2013-00787).⁹

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft opinion and in particular the sections on Exposure assessment and Hazard Identification and Characterisation.

6. Any Other Business

Not applicable

7. Next meeting

20 February 2015.

⁶ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

⁷ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁸ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/contamwgs/documents/CONTAMTetrahydrocannabinol_THC.pdf

⁹ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2013-00787>

Parma, 16 December 2014
EFSA/CONTAM/2352

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 9th meeting of the Working Group on tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin

Held by WEB-conference, 16 December 2014

(Agreed on 16 December 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Bruce Cottrill, Birgit Dusemund, Peter Fürst (chair) and Carlo Nebbia

- **Hearing Experts¹:**
 - NA

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 - Frans Verstraete (DG SANCO)

EFSA:

- **Biological hazards and contaminants unit:** Karen Mackay
- **Evidence management unit:** Jose Angel Gomez Ruiz

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Werner Brueller and Sandra Ceccatelli.

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

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. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting

The minutes of the 8th Working Group meeting held on 08 December 2014 were agreed.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Draft opinion on the risks for human health related to the presence of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin (EFSA-Q-2013-00787).⁵

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft opinion and in particular the Introduction, Chemistry and Occurrence sections.

6. Any Other Business

Not applicable

7. Next meeting

12-13 January 2015

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/en/contamwgs/documents/CONTAMTetrahydrocannabinol_THC.pdf

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2013-00787>

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 8th meeting of the Working Group on tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin

Held by WEB-conference, 08 December 2014

(Agreed on 08 December 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Werner Brueller, Sandra Ceccatelli (vice-chair), Bruce Cottrill, Birgit Dusemund, Peter Fürst (chair) and Carlo Nebbia

- **Hearing Experts¹:**
 - NA

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 - Frans Verstraete (DG SANCO)

EFSA:

- **Biological hazards and contaminants unit:** Karen Mackay
- **DATA unit:** Jose Angel Gomez Ruiz

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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

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. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting

The minutes of the 7th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 24 November 2014.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Draft opinion on the risks for human health related to the presence of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin (EFSA-Q-2013-00787).⁵

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft opinion and in particular Hazard Identification and Characterisation.

6. Any Other Business

Not applicable

7. Next meeting

16 December 2014.

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/en/contamwgs/documents/CONTAMTetrahydrocannabinol_THC.pdf

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2013-00787>

Parma, 05 November 2014
EFSA/CONTAM/2282

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 7th meeting of the Working Group on tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin

Held on 04-05 November 2014, Asti, Italy

(Agreed on 24 November 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Werner Brueller, Sandra Ceccatelli (vice-chair), Bruce Cottrill (participated by teleconference), Birgit Dusemund, Peter Fürst (chair) and Carlo Nebbia
 - **Hearing Experts¹:**
 - Otmar Zollar (for item 6) (participated by teleconference)²
 - **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 - Frans Verstraete (DG SANCO)
- EFSA:**
- **Biological hazards and contaminants unit:** Karen Mackay
 - **DATA unit:** Jose Angel Gomez Ruiz (participated by teleconference).

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest⁴, EFSA

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>.

² Participated from 1400 – 1530h

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. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting

The minutes of the 6th Working Group meeting held on 23 September were agreed.⁵

5. Hearing Expert

Dr. Otmar Zoller was invited to present his views for item 6 – ‘Swiss Authority Studies’ of the present meeting.

6. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

6.1 Draft opinion on the risks for human health related to the presence of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin (EFSA-Q-2013-00787).⁶

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft opinion and in particular the Introduction and Occurrence sections and Hazard identification and Characterisation.

7. Any Other Business

Not applicable

8. Next meeting

08 December 2014.

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

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁵ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/contamwgs/documents/CONTAMTetrahydrocannabinol_THC.pdf

⁶ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2013-00787>

Parma, 23 September
2014
EFSA/CONTAM/2271

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Working Group on tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin

TELE-conference 23 September 2014

(Agreed on 23 September 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

Werner Brueller, Sandra Ceccatelli (vice-chair), Bruce Cottrill, Birgit Dusemund, Peter Fürst (chair) and Carlo Nebbia

- **Hearing Experts:**

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

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EFSA:

- **Unit on Biological hazards and contaminants:** Karen Mackay
- **Other EFSA Units/Departments:** -

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Frans Verstraete (DG SANCO) and Jose Angel Gomez Ruiz (DATA unit).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests,² EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of

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

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

interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at in the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting

The minutes were agreed on 23 September 2014.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

Draft opinion on the risks for human health related to the presence of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin (EFSA-Q-2013-00787). The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and in particular the sections on hazard identification and characterisation. Further revisions were proposed to these chapters.

6. Next meeting

04-05 November 2014.

Parma, 19 September
2014
EFSA/CONTAM/2269

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Working Group on tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin

TELE-conference 19 September 2014

(Agreed on 23 September 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

Werner Brueller, Sandra Ceccatelli (vice-chair), Bruce Cottrill, Birgit Dusemund, Peter Fürst (chair) and Carlo Nebbia

- **Hearing Experts:**

Franjo Grotenhermen¹ (nova-Institute)

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANCO)

EFSA:

- **Unit on Biological hazards and contaminants:** Karen Mackay
- **Other EFSA Units/Departments:** -

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Jose Angel Gomez Ruiz (DATA unit).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding

¹ Participated from 1400-1430h

Declarations of Interests,³ EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at in the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting

The minutes were agreed on 05 September 2014 and published on the EFSA website on 09 September.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

- Draft opinion on the risks for human health related to the presence of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin (EFSA-Q-2013-00787). The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and in particular the section on hazard identification and characterisation.

- The hearing expert was invited to give information on hemp plants and feed.

6. Next meeting

23 September 2014.

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

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

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain
Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Working Group on tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin
Held on 31 July & 01 August 2014, Vienna
(Agreed on 05 September 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
Werner Brueller, Sandra Ceccatelli (vice-chair), Bruce Cottrill, Birgit Dusemund, Peter Fürst (chair) and Carlo Nebbia
 - **Hearing Experts:**
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 - **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
Frans Verstraete (DG SANCO)
- EFSA:**
- **Unit on Biological hazards and contaminants:** Karen Mackay,
 - **Other EFSA Units/Departments:** Jose Angel Gomez Ruiz (DATA Unit)¹

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests,³ EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific

¹ Attended by tele/web conference on 31 July, from 1100h to 1245h

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

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

Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at in the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting

The minutes were agreed on 17 July 2014 and published on the EFSA website on 21 July 2014.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

Draft opinion on the risks for human health related to the presence of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin (EFSA-Q-2013-00787). The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and in particular the sections on the introduction, legislation, occurrence, hazard identification and characterisation. Further revisions were proposed to the chapters.

6. Next meeting

19 September 2014.

Parma, 12th June 2014
EFSA/CONTAM/2196

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group on tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin

Held on 11th & 12th June 2014, Brussels

(Agreed on 17 July 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

Werner Brueller, Sandra Ceccatelli¹ (vice-chair), Bruce Cottrill², Birgit Dusemund, Peter Fürst (chair) and Carlo Nebbia³.

- **Hearing Experts:**

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANCO)

EFSA:

- **Unit on Biological hazards and contaminants:** Karen Mackay,
- **Other EFSA Units/Departments:** Jose Angel Gomez Ruiz (DATA Unit)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes⁴ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding

¹ Participated on 12th June 2014

² Participated on 11th & 12th June 2014 by AudioWeb

³ Participated on 12th June 2014 by AudioWeb

Declarations of Interests,⁵ EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at in the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting

The minutes were agreed on 5th May 2014 and published on the EFSA website on 21st May 2014.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

Draft opinion on the risks for human health related to the presence of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin (EFSA-Q-2013-00787). The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and in particular the sections on the introduction, previous assessments, chemistry, occurrence and hazard identification. Further revisions were proposed to the chapters of this draft scientific output.

6. Next meeting

31st July - 1st August 2014

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencpolicy.pdf>

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

Parma, 16 April 2014
EFSA/CONTAM/2164

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain
Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group on tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin
Held on 14th & 15th April 2014, Parma
(Agreed on 05 May 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
Werner Brueller, Sandra Ceccatelli (vice-chair), Bruce Cottrill, Birgit Dusemund, Peter Fürst (chair) and Carlo Nebbia.
- **Hearing Experts:**
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- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
Frans Verstraete (DG SANCO)¹
- **EFSA:**
 - **Unit on Biological hazards and contaminants:** Karen Mackay,
 - **Other EFSA Units/Departments:** Jose Angel Gomez Ruiz (DATA Unit)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests,³ EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific

¹ Participated by AudioWeb on 15 April 2014

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

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

Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at in the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting

The minutes were agreed on 12 March 2014 and published on the EFSA website on 03 April 2014.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

Draft opinion on the risks for human health related to the presence of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin (EFSA-Q-2013-00787). The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and in particular the sections on previous assessments, chemistry, analytical methods, occurrence and hazard identification. Further revisions were proposed to the chapters of this draft scientific output.

6. Next meeting

11-12 June 2014

Parma, 12 03 2014
EFSA/CONTAM/2144

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain
Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin
TELE-conference, 12 03 2014
(Agreed on 12 03 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

Werner Brueller, Sandra Ceccatelli (vice-chair), Bruce Cottrill, Birgit Dusemund, Peter Fürst (chair) and Carlo Nebbia.

- **Hearing Experts:**

-

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANCO)

- **EFSA:**

- **Unit on Biological hazards and contaminants:** Karen Mackay, Athanasios Gkrillas
- **Other EFSA Units/Departments:** Jose Angel Gomez Ruiz (DATA Unit)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests,² EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at in the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting

Not applicable

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

Draft opinion on the risks for human health related to the presence of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin (EFSA-Q-2013-00787)

The working group (WG) discussed the terms of reference, the table of contents of the draft opinion and the work programme. Tasks were distributed among the WG members to draft the chapters of this opinion.

6. Next meeting

14-15 04 2014

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

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