

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 7th meeting of the Working Group on maximum level of aflatoxins in peanuts

Parma, 25 January 2018

(Agreed on 25 January 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jan Alexander (vice-chair) and Annette Petersen (chair)
Peter Fürst participated by teleconference

- **Hearing Experts:¹**

Not Applicable

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

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- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE).

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. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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 Interest,³ 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 6th Working Group meeting held on 9 January 2018

The minutes of the 6th Working Group meeting held on 9 January 2018 were agreed.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on maximum level of aflatoxins in peanuts (EFSA-Q-2017-00698)⁵

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the comments raised by the CONTAM Panel and revised the opinion accordingly. Revisions were done in abstract, summary, supporting information, occurrence data, exposure assessment, risk characterisation, uncertainties, conclusions and recommendations.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

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

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

⁴ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/aflatoxins.pdf>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00698>

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Working Group on maximum level of aflatoxins in peanuts

Teleconference, 9 January 2018

(Agreed on 11 January 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jan Alexander (vice-chair), Peter Fürst and Annette Petersen (chair)

- **Hearing Experts:¹**

Not Applicable

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert

DATA Unit: Bruno Dujardin

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

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>.

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 5th Working Group meeting held on 18 December 2017

The minutes of the 5th Working Group meeting held on 18 December 2017 were agreed.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on maximum level of aflatoxins in peanuts (EFSA-Q-2017-00698)⁵

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the supporting information, the occurrence data, the exposure assessment, the risk characterisation, the uncertainties, the conclusions and recommendations, summary and abstract. Tasks were distributed. The chair of the WG decided that after the amendments have been completed, the draft opinion will be presented at the next CONTAM Panel meeting for discussion and possible adoption.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

25 January 2018

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

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

⁴ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/aflatoxins.pdf>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00698>

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Working Group on maximum level of aflatoxins in peanuts

Teleconference, 18 December 2017

(Agreed on 20 December 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jan Alexander (vice-chair), Peter Fürst and Annette Petersen (chair)

- **Hearing Experts:**¹

Not Applicable

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)²

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert

DATA Unit: Bruno Dujardin and Krizia Ferrini

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

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² Participated between 12.00 and 13.15 CET

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 4th Working Group meeting held on 7 December 2017

The minutes of the 4th Working Group meeting held on 7 December 2017 were agreed.⁵

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on maximum level of aflatoxins in peanuts (EFSA-Q-2017-00698)⁶

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the supporting information, the occurrence data, the exposure assessment and the approach for the risk characterisation. Tasks were distributed.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

9 January 2018

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

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

⁵ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/aflatoxins.pdf>

⁶ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00698>

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Working Group on maximum level of aflatoxins in peanuts

Brussels, 7 December 2017

(Agreed on 7 December 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Peter Fürst and Annette Petersen (chair)

Jan Alexander (vice-chair) participated by teleconference

- **Hearing Experts:¹**

Not Applicable

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert

DATA Unit:

Bruno Dujardin

Krizia Ferrini participated by teleconference

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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>.

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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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting held on 23 November 2017

The minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting held on 23 November 2017 by teleconference were agreed.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on maximum level of aflatoxins in peanuts (EFSA-Q-2017-00698)⁵

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the supporting information, the occurrence data, the exposure assessment and the approach for the risk characterisation. Tasks were distributed.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

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

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

⁴ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/aflatoxins.pdf>

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7. Next meeting

18 December 2017

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group on maximum level of aflatoxins in peanuts

Parma, 23 November 2017

(Agreed on 23 November 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jan Alexander (vice-chair) and Annette Petersen (chair)
Peter Fürst participated by teleconference

- **Hearing Experts:¹**

Not Applicable

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

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- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert
DATA Unit: Bruno Dujardin and Krizia Ferrini

- **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.

Apologies were received from Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting held on 6 and 7 November 2017

The minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting held on 6 and 7 November 2017 by teleconference were agreed.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on maximum level of aflatoxins in peanuts (EFSA-Q-2017-00698)⁵

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the available occurrence data, the approach for the exposure assessment and the approach for the risk characterisation. Tasks were distributed.

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

⁴ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/aflatoxins.pdf>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00698>

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

7 December 2017

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group on maximum level of aflatoxins in peanuts

by TELE-conference, 6-7 November 2017

(Agreed on 13 November 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jan Alexander (vice-chair), Peter Fürst¹ and Annette Petersen (chair)

- **Hearing Experts:²**

Not Applicable

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

Frans Verstraete³ (DG SANTE)

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert

DATA Unit: Davide Arcella¹ and Krizia Ferrini¹

AMU Unit: José Cortinas Abrahantes³

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

¹ Participated on 7 November only

² 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 Participated on 6 November only

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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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 18 October 2017

The minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 18 October 2017 by teleconference were agreed.⁶

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on maximum level of aflatoxins in peanuts (EFSA-Q-2017-00698)⁷

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the available occurrence data, the approach for the exposure assessment and the approach for the risk characterisation. Tasks were distributed.

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

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁶ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/aflatoxins.pdf>

⁷ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00698>

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

23 November 2017

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on maximum level of aflatoxins in peanuts

by TELE-conference, 18 October 2017

(Agreed on 24 October 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jan Alexander (vice-chair), Peter Fürst and Annette Petersen (chair)

- **Hearing Experts:¹**

Not Applicable

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

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- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert

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2. Adoption of agenda

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

Not applicable

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on maximum level of aflatoxins in peanuts (EFSA-Q-2017-00698)⁴

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the terms of reference of the mandate, the available occurrence data, the approach for the assessment and the table of contents of the draft opinion on maximum levels of aflatoxins in peanuts. Tasks were distributed.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

6-7 November 2017

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-2017-00698>