SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN (CONTAM)

20th Working Group meeting on the feed detoxification processes

30th October 2023
14:00 – 17:00
Minutes – agreed on the 3rd November 2023.

Location: via Webconference.

Attendees:

- **Working Group Members:**
  Christer Hogstrand (Chair), Martin Rose, Manfred Metzler, Bruce Cottrill, Anne-Katrine Lundebye, and Laurentius (Ron) Hoogenboom.
- **Hearing Experts[1]:**
  Not Applicable.
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
  EC: Frans Verstraete.
- **EFSA:**
  Contaminants team: Anna Christodoulidou and Ben Whitty.

  Feed team: Alberto Navarro Villa.
- **Others:**
  Not Applicable.

I. Welcome and apologies for absence.

No apologies received.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members.

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence[2] and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management[3], EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

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

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 19th Working Group meeting held on 20th October 2023, held via web-conference.

The minutes of the 19th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 20th October 2023.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion.

Scientific Statement/Guidance on Feed Detoxification (EFSA-Q-2023-00187).

The draft guidance on the requirements for the assessment of detoxification processes in feed was discussed by the WG and finalised. The guidance will be presented at the next Plenary meeting for possible adoption.

VI. Next meeting

Not scheduled.

19th Working Group meeting on the feed detoxification processes

20th October 2023
09:30 – 13:30
Minutes – agreed on 20th October 2023.

Location: in EFSA and via Webconference.

Attendees:

- **Working Group Members:**
  Christer Hogstrand (Chair), Martin Rose, Manfred Metzler, Bruce Cottrill, Anne-Katrine Lundebye, and Laurentius (Ron) Hoogenboom.
- **Hearing Experts[1]:**
  Not Applicable.
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
  EC: Frans Verstraete.
- **EFSA:**
  Contaminants team: Anna Christodoulidou and Ben Whitty.

  Feed team: Alberto Navarro Villa and Montserrat Anguita Freixa.
- **Others:**
  Not Applicable.

I. Welcome and apologies for absence.

Anna welcomed the participants. Apologies were provided for Christer Hogstrand's absence.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members.

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence[2] and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management[3], EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process,

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and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 18th Working Group meeting held on 20th September 2023, held via web-conference.

The minutes of the 18th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 20th September 2023.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion.

Scientific Statement/Guidance on Feed Detoxification (EFSA-Q-2023-00187).

The draft guidance on the requirements for the assessment of detoxification processes in feed was discussed by the WG. Tasks were assigned and distributed.

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 30th October 2023, via Webconference. To be confirmed.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN (CONTAM)

18th Working Group meeting on the feed detoxification processes

20th September 2023
09:00 – 18:00
Minutes – agreed on 20th September 2023

Location: in EFSA and via Webconference.

Attendees:

- **Working Group Members:**
  Christer Hogstrand (Chair), Martin Rose, Manfred Metzler, Bruce Cottrill, Anne-Katrine Lundebye, and Laurentius (Ron) Hoogenboom.
- **Hearing Experts[1]:**
  Not Applicable.
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
  EC: Not applicable
- **EFSA:**
  Contaminants team: Anna Christodoulidou and Ben Whitty.

  Feed team: Alberto Navarro Villa and Montserrat Anguita Freixa.
- **Others:**
  Not Applicable.

I. Welcome and apologies for absence.

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologise were provided by Frans Verstraete.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members.

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence[2] and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management[3], EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues

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discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 16th Working Group meeting held on 24th May 2023, held via web-conference.

The minutes of the 17th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 6th July 2023.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion.

Scientific Statement/Guidance on Feed Detoxification (EFSA-Q-2023-00187).

An overview of the detoxification processes previously reviewed by EFSA and processes retrieved from the literature was presented to the WG. The draft guidance and the requirements for the assessment of detoxification processes in feed were discussed. Tasks were allocated and distributed to the WG.

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 20th October 2023, via Webconference.

17th Working Group meeting on the feed detoxification processes

6th July 2023
13:30 - 17:30
Minutes – agreed on 6th July 2023

Location: EFSA - Parma Webconference

Attendees:

- **Working Group Members:**
  Christer Hogstrand (Chair), Martin Rose, Manfred Metzler, Bruce Cottrill, Anne-Katrine Lundebye, and Laurentius (Ron) Hoogenboom.
- **Hearing Experts[1]:**
  Not Applicable.
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
  EC: Frans Verstraete.
- **EFSA:**
  Contaminants team: Anna Christodoulidou and Ben Whitty.

  Feed team: Alberto Navarro Villa and Montserrat Anguita Freixa.
- **Others:**
  Not Applicable.

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologise were provided for Frans who later joined the meeting.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 16th Working Group meeting held on 24th May 2023, held via web-conference

The minutes of the 16th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 24th May 2023.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion.

Scientific Statement/Guidance on Feed Detoxification (EFSA-Q-2023-00187).

The new text added to the statement/guidance was reviewed and discussed by the WG. The decontamination and detoxicification processes and the conditions involved in each process were discussed and updated, where applicable, by the WG. Tasks were allocated and distributed along with the timelines for their completion.

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 20th September 2023, in Parma.

24 May 2023
09:30-13:30
MINUTES - Agreed on 24th May 2023

Location: EFSA - Parma Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:

Christer Hogstrand (Chair), Martin Rose, Manfred Metzler, Bruce Cottrill, Anne Katrine Lundebye, and Laurentius (Ron) Hoogenboom (joined at 12:30).

- Hearing Experts[1]:

Not Applicable.

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

EC: Frans Verstraete (joined at 10.40).

- EFSA:

Contaminants team: Anna Christodoulidou and Ben Whitty.

Feed team: Alberto Navarro Villa and Montserrat Anguita Freixa.

- Others:

Not Applicable.

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Frans joined the meeting at 10.40. Ron joined the meeting at 12:30.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

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

Not Applicable

V. Feedback from the previous Panel plenary meeting

Not Applicable

VI. Feedback from the European Commission

Not Applicable

VII. Update on applications, new mandates

Not Applicable

VIII. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

Scientific Statement/Guidance on Feed Detoxification (EFSA-Q-2023-00187).

The WG discussed the following topics. The mandate and Terms of Reference (ToR), the work programme of the SWG with tentative deadlines and meeting dates, the background and legislative framework, the assessments and approaches, and the structure of the statement and points to be addressed. Tasks were established and allocated.

IX. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

X. Next meeting

The Working Group meetings for this self-mandate will occur on the following dates.

- 6th July (13:30 – 17:30).

- 20th September (9:30 – 17:30) (hybrid).
- 20th October (9:30 – 13:30) (without Christer).
- 17th November (9:30 – 13:30) (hybrid).

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Notes of the 15th meeting of the Standing Working Group on Feed Detoxification Processes

Held by WEB-conference, 13 May 2022

(Agreed on 13 May 2022)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Christer Hogstrand (chair), Anne-Katrine Lundebye, Manfred Metzler, Martin Rose Bruce Cottrill and Ron Hoogenboom.

- **Hearing Experts: N/A**
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:** Frans Verstraete
- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Anna Christodoulidou

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

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

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Committee/Scientific Panel/ Members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes[1] and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest[2], EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest and the Specific Declarations 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 on the minutes of the previous Standing Working Group meeting

Not applicable.

5. Scientific topics for discussion

5.1 Discussion on an application regarding a detoxification process of fish oil and vegetable oils and fats for dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs by a physical process with activated carbon for assessment (EFSA-Q-2021-00629)[3]

The WG discussed the responses to the questions sent to the applicant by the WG. The WG discussed and finalised the draft opinion which will be presented to the Panel for possible adoption.

Next meetings 2022

N/A

[1] http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf
[2] http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf
[3] https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2021-00629

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 14th meeting of the Standing Working Group on Feed Detoxification Processes

Held by WEB-conference, 30 November 2021

(Agreed on 30 November 2021)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Christer Hogstrand (chair), Anne-Katrine Lundebye, Manfred Metzler, Martin Rose and Ron Hoogenboom.

- **Hearing Experts:**

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:** Not present

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Anna Christodoulidou and Federico Cruciani

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

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

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Committee/Scientific Panel/ Members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes[1] and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest[2], EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest and the Specific Declarations 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 on the minutes of the previous Standing Working Group meeting

Not applicable.

5. Scientific topics for discussion

5.1 Discussion on an application regarding a detoxification process of fish oil and vegetable oils and fats for dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs by a physical process with activated carbon for assessment (EFSA-Q-2021-00629)[3]

The WG discussed the information provided on an application the dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs detoxification of vegetable oils and fats and fish oil. The WG will ask for further data and clarifications on the process.

Next meetings 2021

TBC

[1] http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf
[2] http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf
[3] https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2021-00629

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 13th meeting of the Standing Working Group on Feed Detoxification Processes

Held by WEB-conference, 1 October 2021

(Agreed on 1 October 2021)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Bruce Cottrill, Christer Hogstrand (chair), Anne-Katrine Lundebye, Manfred Metzler, Martin Rose and Ron Hoogenboom.

- **Hearing Experts:**

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Anna Christodoulidou and Federico Cruciani

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

1. The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Committee/Scientific Panel/ Members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes[1] and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest[2], EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest and the Specific Declarations 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 on the minutes of the previous Standing Working Group meeting

Not applicable.

5. Scientific topics for discussion

5.1. Discussion on an application regarding a detoxification process of groundnut press cake from aflatoxins by ammoniation (EFSA-Q-2020-00504)[3]

The WG revised and finalised the draft opinion on a detoxification process of groundnut press cake from aflatoxins by ammoniation for possible adoption at the CONTAM Panel's next Plenary meeting.

Next meetings 2021

30 November (tbc)

[1] http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf
[2] http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf
[3] https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2020-00504

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 12th meeting of the Standing Working Group on Feed Detoxification Processes

Held by WEB-conference, 18 March 2021

(Agreed on 22 March 2021)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Bruce Cottrill, Christer Hogstrand (chair), Anne-Katrine Lundebye, Manfred Metzler, Martin Rose and Ron Hoogenboom.

- **Hearing Experts:**[1]

Wayne Bryden

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Anna Christodoulidou

- **Others:**

[1] Applicant's attendance only for item 6 from 11:00 -12:15

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

1. The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Committee/Scientific Panel/ Members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes[2] and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest[3], EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest and the Specific Declarations 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 on the minutes of the previous Standing Working Group meeting

The WG discussed the minutes of the last meeting which will be approved by written procedure.

5. Scientific topics for discussion

5.1. Discussion on an application regarding a detoxification process of groundnut press cake from aflatoxins by ammoniation (EFSA-Q-2020-00504)[4]

The hearing expert presented to the WG an overview of the available information on the process of aflatoxins detoxification process by ammoniation. The information provided by the applicant was not adequate. If additional information required is not provided, the risk assessment will be finalised with the information currently available.

[2] http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf
[3] http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf
[4] *Please be aware that EFSA's Register of Questions is unavailable from 21 January until end of March. The temporary suspension of the tool is necessary to allow us to implement the launch of our new OpenEFSA portal. We apologise for the inconvenience. Further information is available here*

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

Next meetings

TBC

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 11th meeting of the Standing Working Group on Feed Detoxification Processes

Held by WEB-conference, 16 March 2021

(Agreed on 22 March 2021)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Bruce Cottrill, Christer Hogstrand (chair), Anne-Katrine Lundebye, Manfred Metzler, Martin Rose and Ron Hoogenboom.

- **Hearing Experts:**[1]

Jacob Turman, Hans Olsson

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Anna Christodoulidou

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

1. The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

[1] Applicant's attendance only for item 6 from 11:00 -12:15

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Committee/Scientific Panel/ Members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes[2] and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest[3], EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest and the Specific Declarations 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 on the minutes of the previous Standing Working Group meeting

Non applicable.

5. Scientific topics for discussion

5.1. Discussion on an application regarding a detoxification process of groundnut press cake from aflatoxins by ammoniation (EFSA-Q-2020-00504)[4]

The WG discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the necessary revisions.

6. Technical hearing

The WG members invited the applicant, as hearing expert, for clarifications on the additional information provided during the risk assessment which has been considered as incomplete. The applicant informed the WG and EC that he intends to perform further experiments in order to complete the application.

7. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

[2] http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf
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Next meetings

18 March, 2021

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 10th meeting of the Standing Working Group on Feed Detoxification Processes

Held by WEB-conference, 18 February 2021

(Agreed on 18 February 2021)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Bruce Cottrill, Christer Hogstrand (chair), Anne-Katrine Lundebye, Manfred Metzler, Martin Rose and Ron Hoogenboom.

- **Hearing Experts:**[1]

Not Applicable

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Anna Christodoulidou

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

1. The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

[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 Scientific Committee/Scientific Panel/ Members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes[2] and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest[3], EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest and the Specific Declarations 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 Standing Working Group meeting

Non applicable.

5. Scientific topics for discussion

5.1. Discussion on an application regarding a detoxification process of groundnut press cake from aflatoxins by ammoniation (EFSA-Q-2020-00504)[4]

The WG discussed the additional information provided by the applicant and the draft opinion. Tasks were allocated. The WG will discuss the draft opinion at its next meeting. The WG considered it appropriate to invite the applicant for a technical hearing.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

Next meetings

16 March, 2021

[2] http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf
[3] http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf
[4] *Please be aware that EFSA's Register of Questions is unavailable from 21 January until mid-February. The temporary suspension of the tool is necessary to allow us to implement the launch of our new OpenEFSA portal. We apologise for the inconvenience. Further information is available here*

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 9th meeting of the Standing Working Group on Feed Detoxification Processes

Held by WEB-conference, 12 November 2020

(Agreed on 12 November 2020)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Bruce Cottrill, Christer Hogstrand (chair), Anne-Katrine Lundebye, Manfred Metzler, Martin Rose and Laurentius (Ron) Hoogenboom.

- **Hearing Experts:**[1]

Not Applicable

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Anna Christodoulidou

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

1. The Chair welcomed the participants.

[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 Scientific Committee/Scientific Panel/ Members

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

Non applicable.

5. Scientific topics for discussion

5.1. Discussion on an application regarding a detoxification process of groundnut press cake from aflatoxins by ammoniation (EFSA-Q-2020-00504)[4]

The WG discussed the additional information provided by the applicant. Further information will be needed for the WG to continue its risk assessment. The WG will consult the CONTAM Panel at its next meeting.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

Next meetings

16 December, 2020

[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-2020-00504

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 8th meeting of the Standing Working Group on Feed Detoxification Processes

Held by WEB-conference, 16 July 2020

(Agreed on 16 July 2020)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Bruce Cottrill, Christer Hogstrand (chair), Anne-Katrine Lundebye, Manfred Metzler, Martin Rose.

- **Hearing Experts:**[1]

Not Applicable

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Anna Christodoulidou

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

[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 Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Ron Hoogenboom.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Committee/Scientific Panel/ Members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes[2] and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest[3], EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest and the Specific Declarations 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 Standing Working Group meeting

Non applicable.

5. Scientific topics for discussion

5.1. Discussion on an application regarding a detoxification process of groundnut press cake from aflatoxins by ammoniation (EFSA-Q-2020-00504)[4]

The standing WG on detox processes in feed reviewed the documents and the information provided by the feed business operator. A list of requested clarifications was formulated, and additional data were requested by the WG. Pending the requested information, the WG cannot proceed with its risk assessment.

5.2. Discussion on an application regarding the processsing conditions which make the ambrosia spp. seeds unviable (EFSA-Q-2020-00501)[5]

The WG considered that the information provided in the dossier is not addressing the acceptability criteria as they are provided in EC Reg 2015/786 and therefore a compete dossier needs be provided.

[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-2020-00504
[5] http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2020-00501

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

Next meetings

8-9 October, 2020 (tbc)

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 7th meeting of the Standing Working Group on Feed Detoxification Processes

Held by WEB-conference, 16 January 2018

(Agreed on 16 January 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Bruce Cottrill, Christer Hogstrand (chair), Anne-Katrine Lundebye, Martin Rose.

- **Hearing Experts:**[1]

Not Applicable

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)[2]

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Paolo Colombo

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Manfred Metzler.

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.

[2] Partial attendance

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Committee/Scientific Panel/ Members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes[3] and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest[4], EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest and the Specific Declarations 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 Standing Working Group meeting

Minutes were agreed on 16 January 2018[5]

5. Scientific topics for discussion

5.1. Discussion on the draft scientific opinion on a decontamination process for dioxins and PCBs from fish meal by replacement of fish oil (EFSA-Q-2016-00797)[6]

The members of the standing working group (SWG) discussed the draft opinion, including background and Terms of Reference, data and methodologies, description and efficacy of the process, characteristics and nature of the final product, uncertainty analysis, discussion and conclusions.

The draft opinion will be presented to the CONTAM Panel meeting for discussion and possible adoption.

5.2. Discussion on the draft scientific opinion on a decontamination process for dioxins and PCBs from fish meal by hexane extraction and replacement of fish oil (EFSA-Q-2016-00796)7

[3] http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf
[4] http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf
[5] https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/contamwg-feeddetoxification.pdf
[6] http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00797

[7] http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00796

The members of the SWG reviewed the draft opinion, with particular attention to the description of the process, characteristics and nature of the final product and conclusions.

The draft opinion will be presented to the CONTAM Panel meeting for discussion and possible adoption.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

Next meeting

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Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Standing Working Group on Feed Detoxification Processes

Held by WEB-conference, 18 December 2017

(Agreed on 18 December 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Bruce Cottrill, Christer Hogstrand (chair), Anne-Katrine Lundebye, Manfred Metzler, Martin Rose.

- **Hearing Experts:**[8]

Not Applicable

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)[9]

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Paolo Colombo

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

[8] 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.
[9] Partial attendance

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Committee/Scientific Panel/ Members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes[10] and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest[11], EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest and the Specific Declarations 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 Standing Working Group meeting

Minutes were agreed on 18 December2017[12]

5. Scientific topics for discussion

5.1. Discussion on the draft scientific opinion on a decontamination process for dioxins and PCBs from fish meal by replacement of fish oil (EFSA-Q-2016-00796)[13]

The members of the SWG discussed the draft opinion, with particular attention to the efficacy and irreversibility of the process, residues and disposal of waste, characteristics and nature of the feed, uncertainty analysis and conclusions. The draft opinion will be presented to the CONTAM Panel meeting for discussion and possible adoption.

[10] http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf
[11] http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf
[12] https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/contamwg-feeddetoxification.pdf
[13] http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00796

5.2. Discussion on the draft scientific opinion on fish oil and meal by physical filtration with activated carbon (EFSA-Q-2016-00797)[14]

The members of the SWG discussed the draft opinion, limited to the interpretation of Terms of Reference, data and methodologies, and description of the process. Revisions were proposed and tasks were distributed. The draft opinion will be presented to the next SWG meeting for further elaboration.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

Next meeting

16 January 2018

[14] http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00797

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Standing Working Group on Feed Detoxification Processes

Held on 30-31 October 2017, Parma

(Agreed on 31 October 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Christer Hogstrand (chair), Bruce Cottrill[1], Anne-Katrine Lundebye, Manfred Metzler

- **Hearing Experts:**[2]

Not Applicable

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)[3]

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Paolo Colombo

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

7. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Martin Rose.

[1] Participated by tele-web conference
[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] Partial attendance

8. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

9. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Committee/Scientific Panel/ Members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes[4] and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest[5], EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest and the Specific Declarations 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.

10. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Standing Working Group meeting

Minutes were agreed on 15 September2017[6]

11. Scientific topics for discussion

11.1. Discussion on the draft scientific opinion on fish oil decontamination processes by physical filtration (EFSA-Q-2016-00795)[7]

The members of the standing working group (SWG) discussed the draft opinion, including data and methodologies, description and efficacy of the process, characteristics and nature of the feed, disposal of the removed contaminants and filters, uncertainty analysis, discussion and conclusions. The draft opinion will be presented to the CONTAM Panel meeting for discussion and possible adoption.

11.2. Discussion on the draft scientific opinion on a decontamination process for dioxins and PCBs from fish meal by replacement of fish oil (EFSA-Q-2016-00796)[8]

The members of the SWG discussed the draft opinion, including data and methodologies, description of the process, efficacy and irreversibility of the process, residues, disposal of waste, characteristics and nature of the feed, uncertainty analysis, discussion and conclusions. The draft opinion will be presented to the CONTAM Panel meeting for discussion and possible adoption.

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[4] http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf
[5] http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf
[6] https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/contamwg-feeddetoxification.pdf
[7] http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00795
[8] http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00796

11.3. Discussion on the draft scientific opinion on fish oil and meal by physical filtration with activated carbon (EFSA-Q-2016-00797)[9]

The members of the SWG discussed the draft opinion, limited to the interpretation of Terms of Reference, data and methodologies, and description and efficacy of the process.

Revisions were proposed and tasks were distributed.

12. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

Next meeting

January 2018

[9] http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00797

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Standing Working Group on Feed Detoxification Processes

Held by WEB-conference, 15 September 2017

(Agreed on 15 September 2017)

Participants

Working Group Members:

Bruce Cottrill, Christer Hogstrand (chair), Anne-Katrine Lundebye, Martin Rose (vice-chair)

Hearing Experts:[1]

Not Applicable

European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

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EFSA:

BIOCONTAM Unit: Paolo Colombo

Others:

Not Applicable

13. Welcome and apologies for absence

[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 Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Manfred Metzler (SWG) and Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE).

14. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

15. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes[2] 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.

16. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Standing Working Group meeting

Not applicable

17. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

17.1. Discussion on the draft scientific opinion for the assessment of decontamination of hydrocyanic acid in linseed by physical process (EFSA-Q-2016-00798)[4]

The members of the standing working group (SWG) discussed the draft opinion, including data and methodologies, description of the process, efficacy and irreversibility of the process, reaction products, characteristics and nature of the feed, disposal of the removed contaminant, discussion, uncertainty analysis, conclusions and abstract. The draft opinion will be presented to the CONTAM Panel meeting for discussion and possible adoption.

17.2. Discussion on the draft scientific opinion for the assessment of decontamination processes for dioxins and PCBs in fish oil by physical filtration with activated carbons (EFSA-Q-2016-00795)[5]

[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-2016-00798
[5] http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00795

The members of the SWG discussed the draft opinion, including data and methodologies, description of the processes, efficacy of the processes, reaction products, disposal of the removed contaminants and filters, characteristics and nature of the feed, discussion, uncertainty analysis, conclusions and abstract. The draft opinion will be presented to the CONTAM Panel meeting for discussion.

18. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

19. Next meeting

30-31 October 2017 in Parma.

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Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Standing Working Group on Feed Detoxification Processes

Held on 14-15 June, Parma

(Agreed on 15 June 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Christer Hogstrand (chair), Anne-Katrine Lundebye, Manfred Metzler, Martin Rose (vice-chair)

- **Hearing Experts:**
- [1]

Not Applicable

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)[2]

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Paolo Colombo

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

[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] Partial attendance

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Bruce Cottrill.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Committee/Scientific Panel/ Members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes[3] and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest[4], EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest and the Specific Declarations 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 Standing Working Group meeting

Not applicable

5. Scientific topics for discussion

5.1. Discussion on the draft scientific opinion for the assessment of a decontamination process for dioxins and PCBs in fish oil by physical filtration with activated carbons (EFSA-Q-2016-00794)[5]

The members of the standing working group (SWG) discussed the draft opinion, including data and methodologies, description and efficiency of the process, characteristics and nature of the feed, disposal of the removed contaminants and filters, uncertainty analysis, discussion, conclusions and recommendations. The draft opinion will be presented to the CONTAM Panel meeting for discussion and possible adoption.

[3] http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf

[4] http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf

[5] http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00794

5.2. Discussion on the draft scientific opinion for the assessment of decontamination of hydrocyanic acid in linseed and linseed cake by physical process (EFSA-Q-2016-00798)6

The members of the SWG discussed the draft opinion, including data and methodologies, description of the process, efficiency and irreversibility of the process, reaction products, disposal of the removed contaminant, characteristics and nature of the feed, discussion and conclusions. The draft opinion will be presented to the CONTAM Panel meeting for discussion.

5.3. Discussion on the draft scientific opinion for the assessment of a decontamination process for dioxins and PCBs in fish oil by physical filtration with activated carbons (EFSA-Q-2016-00795)7

This agenda item was not discussed due to lack of time.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

15 September 2017.

[6] http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00798
[7] http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00795

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Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Standing Working Group on Feed Detoxification Processes

Held by WEB-conference, 2 May 2017

(Agreed on 2 May 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

  Bruce Cottrill, Christer Hogstrand (chair), Anne-Katrine Lundebye, Manfred Metzler, Martin Rose (vice-chair)

- **Hearing Experts:**
- [1]

  Not Applicable

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

  Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)[2]

- **EFSA:**

  BIOCONTAM Unit: Paolo Colombo

- **Others:**

  Not Applicable

8. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

[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] Partial attendance

9. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

10. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes[3] and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest,[4] 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.

11. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Standing Working Group meeting

Not applicable

12. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

12.1. Mandate for an assessment of six applications of feed detoxification processes for compliance with the acceptability criteria provided for in Commission Regulation (EU)2015/786 (EFSA-M-2016-0235)[5]

The members of the standing working group (SWG) discussed the available information for each dossier and assigned the priority. A rapporteur for five out of six applications was appointed; the last one will be appointed later. The need to request clarifications or additional data for selected applications was identified. Tasks with proposed timelines were allocated.

13. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

14. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 14-15 June 2017 in Parma.

[3] http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf
[4] http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf
[5] http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-M-2016-0235

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Standing Working Group on Feed Detoxification Processes

by TELE-conference, 12 April 2017

(Agreed on 12 April 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

  Bruce Cottrill, Christer Hogstrand (chair), Anne-Katrine Lundebye, Manfred Metzler, Martin Rose (vice-chair)

- **Hearing Experts:**[1]

  Not Applicable

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

  Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)

- **EFSA:**

  BIOCONTAM Unit: Paolo Colombo

- **Others:**

  Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes[2] 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 previous Working Group meeting

Not applicable

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Mandate for an assessment of six applications of feed detoxification processes for compliance with the acceptability criteria provided for in Commission Regulation (EU)2015/786 (EFSA-M-2016-0235)[4]

The members of the standing working group (SWG) discussed the terms of reference of the mandate, the background and the legislative framework, the approach to be followed for the assessment of the decontamination processes and the tentative table of contents of the draft opinions. Tasks with proposed timelines were allocated.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

May 2017, date to be specified

[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-M-2016-0235