

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

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 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. 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 Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, 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 processing 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 complete dossier needs to 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 Processes³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest⁴, 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 2018⁵

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/wqs/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 Processes¹⁰ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest¹¹, 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 December 2017¹²

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 Cottrill¹, 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 Processes⁴ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest⁵, 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 September 2017⁶

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.

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

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Not Applicable

Experts:

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 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.

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.

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

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**

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Not Applicable

Experts:

- **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 Processes³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest⁴, 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>

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

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**

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Not Applicable

Experts:

- **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 Processes³ 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 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 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/independencypolicy.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>