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**Note on the establishment of a Standing Working Group on  
assessment of applications of feed detoxification processes of the  
Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain  
(2015-2018)**

The Biological Hazards and Contaminants (BIOCONTAM) Unit is requested to manage the administrative and scientific activities of the Standing Working Group on assessment of applications of feed detoxification processes for compliance with acceptability criteria provided for in Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/786. The BIOCONTAM Unit is also requested to organise the meetings of the Standing Working Group and assist in the preparation of the relevant EFSA scientific outputs in line with the tasks delegated to the Standing Working Group.

**Background:**

The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) is the keystone of European Union risk assessment regarding food and feed safety, animal health and welfare, nutrition, plant protection and plant health. In close collaboration with national authorities and in open consultation with its stakeholders, EFSA provides independent and transparent scientific advice and clear communication on existing and emerging risks associated with the food chain. On request from the European Commission, European Parliament and Member States or on its own initiative<sup>1</sup>, EFSA provides scientific opinions on issues falling under its remit.

The Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain (CONTAM), which deals with questions on contaminants in the food chain and undesirable substances such as natural toxicants, mycotoxins and residues of unauthorised substances confirmed during its 81<sup>st</sup> Plenary Meeting the need of a Standing Working Group on the assessment of applications of feed detoxification processes.

**Terms of reference:**

The objective of the Standing Working Group on the assessment of applications of feed detoxification processes of the CONTAM Scientific Panel is to assess the applications of feed detoxification processes for compliance with the acceptability criteria provided for in Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/786 of

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and the Council of 28 January 2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety (OJ, L 31, 1.2.2002, p. 1-24).

19 May 2015<sup>2</sup>. In order to fulfil its objective, the above-mentioned Standing Working Group shall consist of members with expertise in the following scientific areas: chemistry, feed technology, toxicology, animal nutrition and exposure assessment.

### **Members:**

Following the 81<sup>st</sup> Plenary Meeting of the CONTAM Scientific Panel, the Panel Chair (in consultation with EFSA) appointed by written procedure the Chair of the Standing Working Group for assessment of applications of feed detoxification processes. The decision on the composition of the Standing Working Group was made by the Chair of the Standing Working Group upon proposal of the respective EFSA Head of Unit. The composition of the Standing Working Group for assessment of applications of feed detoxification processes of the Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain is available on the EFSA website.<sup>3</sup>

### **Scope in EFSA's work and outsourcing programme:**

The Standing Working Group will assess the available and relevant scientific information and data provided to EFSA by Member States, business operators and other stakeholders, those collected through the applicant's dossiers, as well as those collected by EFSA itself. As appropriate, EFSA may outsource the collection, collation or analysis of scientific information, through its grant and procurement schemes, in order to support the scientific assessments of the Standing Working Group.

### **Timelines:**

Provided the Standing Working Group on assessment of applications of feed detoxification processes is not closed earlier (e.g. as a result of a period of inactivity), then its mandate will terminate 4 months after the inaugural meeting of the subsequent Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain (2018-2021).

### **Expected deliverables:**

Draft EFSA scientific outputs, which will be submitted for consideration and possible adoption by the Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain.

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<sup>2</sup> Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/786 of 19 May 2015 defining acceptability criteria for detoxification process applied to products intended for animal feed as provided for in Directive 2002/32/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L125/10, 21.05.2015, p. 10-14).

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/chemical-contaminants/working-groups>