

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 14th meeting of the sub-Working Group on Zearalenone in feed

Held on 18 April 2017, Tele-conference

(Agreed 18 April 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Isabelle Oswald (Chair), Carlo Nebbia (Vice-Chair)

- **Hearing Experts:**

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

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- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Ruth Roldán Torres

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

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

The minutes of the 13th Working Group were agreed³.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for animal health related to the presence of zearalenone and its modified forms in feed ⁴ (EFSA-Q-2015-00247)⁵

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the latest version of the draft opinion on zearalenone and its modified forms in feed, particularly the comments from the 83rd CONTAM Panel meeting, risk characterisation, uncertainty analysis and conclusions. The chair of the WG decided that after the amendments have been completed, the draft opinion will be presented to the CONTAM Panel meeting for discussion and

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/contamzeafeed.pdf>

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00247>

possible adoption.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

Not Applicable

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 13th meeting of the Working Group on Zearalenone in feed

Held on 22 February 2017, Tele-conference

(Agreed 22 February 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Bruce Cottrill, Gunnar Sundstol Eriksen, Carlo Nebbia¹, Isabelle Oswald
(Chair)

- **Hearing Experts²:**

Andy Hart³

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Ruth Roldán Torres

DATA Unit: Andrea Altieri

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

¹ Partial participation, from 13.30 to 15.00

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 participation, from 13.30-15.00

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Sven Dänicke and Chiara dall'Asta.

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 Processes⁴ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest⁵, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

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

The minutes of the 12th Working Group were agreed⁶.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for animal health related to the presence of zearalenone and its modified forms in feed ⁷ (EFSA-Q-2015-00247)⁵

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the latest version of the draft opinion on zearalenone and its modified forms in feed, particularly the risk characterisation, uncertainty analysis and conclusions. The chair of the WG decided that after the amendments have been completed, 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 <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/contamzeafeed.pdf>

⁷ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00247>

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

Not Applicable

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 12th meeting of the Working Group on Zearalenone in feed

Held on 15 February 2017, Tele-conference

(Agreed 17 February 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Bruce Cottrill, Sven Dänicke¹, Gunnar Sundstol Eriksen², Carlo Nebbia, Isabelle Oswald (Chair)

- **Hearing Experts³:**

Andy Hart

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Ruth Roldán Torres

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

¹ Partial participation, from 16.00 to 17.30

² Partial participation, from 14.00 to 16.30

³ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts:
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Chiara dall'Asta.

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 Processes⁴ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest⁵, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

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

The minutes of the 11th Working Group were agreed⁶.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for animal health related to the presence of zearalenone and its modified forms in feed⁷ (EFSA-Q-2015-00247)⁵

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the latest version of the draft opinion on zearalenone and its modified forms in feed, particularly hazard and risk characterisation and uncertainty analysis. Further tasks were allocated on those sections.

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

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

⁶ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/contamzeafeed.pdf>

⁷ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00247>

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

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Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 11th meeting of the Working Group on Zearalenone in feed

Held on 1-2 February 2017, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 7 February 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Sven Dänicke, Chiara dall'Asta, Gunnar Sundstol Eriksen, Carlo Nebbia¹, Isabelle Oswald (Chair)

- **Hearing Experts²:**

Andy Hart³

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)⁴

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Ruth Roldán Torres

DATA Unit: Andrea Altieri

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

¹ Participated by phone on 01/02/2017 pm and physically on 02/02/2017

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 participation, morning 01/02/2017

⁴ Participated on 01/02/2017

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Bruce Cottrill.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes⁵ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest⁶, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

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

The minutes of the 10th Working Group were agreed⁷.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for animal health related to the presence of zearalenone and its modified forms in feed⁸ (EFSA-Q-2015-00247)⁵

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the feedback from the CONTAM Panel and latest version of the draft opinion on zearalenone and its modified forms in feed, particularly the toxicokinetics, adverse effects in livestock&companion animals, uncertainty, risk characterisation, conclusions and recommendations. This Opinion has been selected to evaluate and give feedback on the Draft for Internal Testing of the

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

⁶ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁷ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/contamzeafeed.pdf>

⁸ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00247>

“Guidance on Uncertainty in EFSA Scientific Assessment” (EFSA Scientific Committee, 2016). A pilot uncertainty analysis was conducted supported by a hearing expert member of the EFSA Working Group on Uncertainty in Risk Assessment.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

Teleconference on 15 February 2017

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 10th meeting of the Working Group on Zearalenone in feed

Held on 20 December 2016, Tele-conference

(Agreed on 23 December 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Bruce Cottrill, Sven Dänicke, Gunnar Sundstol Eriksen, Carlo Nebbia, Isabelle Oswald (Chair), Chiara dall'Asta

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Andy Hart²

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)³

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Ruth Roldán Torres

DATA Unit: Andrea Altieri

- **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>.

² Partial participation, from 9.00 to 11.30

³ Partial participation, from 9.30 to 10.00

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

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 Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

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

The minutes of the 9th Working Group were agreed⁶.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for animal health related to the presence of zearalenone and its modified forms in feed ⁷ (EFSA-Q-2015-00247)⁵

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the interim update on the uncertainty case study and the latest version of the draft opinion on zearalenone and its modified forms in feed, particularly the toxicokinetics, adverse effects in livestock and risk characterization. Further tasks were allocated.

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

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

⁶ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/contamzeafeed.pdf>

⁷ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00247>

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

1-2 February 2017

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 9th meeting of the Working Group on Zearalenone in feed

Held on 25 & 26 October 2016, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 26 October 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Bruce Cottrill¹, Sven Dänicke², Gunnar Sundstol Eriksen, Carlo Nebbia, Isabelle Oswald (Chair)

- **Hearing Experts³:**

Andy Hart⁴

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)⁵

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Ruth Roldán Torres

DATA Unit: Andrea Altieri

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

¹ Participated physically the 25/10/2016 and by phone on 26/10/2016

² Partial participation on 26 October, until 11.00

³ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts:
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

⁴ Partial participation, morning of 25/10/2016 and 26/10/2016

⁵ Participated by phone on 26/10/2016

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.
Apologies were received from Chiara dall'Asta.

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 Processes⁶ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest⁷, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

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

The minutes of the 8th Working Group were agreed⁸.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for animal health related to the presence of zearalenone and its modified forms in feed⁹ (EFSA-Q-2015-00247)⁵

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft opinion on zearalenone and its modified forms in feed, particularly the occurrence and exposure, adverse effects in livestock and companion animals and uncertainty analysis. Tasks were distributed.

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

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

⁸ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/contamzeafeed.pdf>

⁹ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00247>

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

20 December 2016, tbc

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 8th meeting of the Working Group on Zearalenone in feed

Held on 27 & 28 September 2016, Tele-
conference

(Agreed on 28 September 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Bruce Cottrill¹, Chiara dall'Asta, Sven Dänicke², Gunnar Sundstol Eriksen³, Carlo Nebbia, Isabelle Oswald (Chair)

- **Hearing Experts⁴:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Ruth Roldán Torres

DATA Unit: Andrea Altieri¹

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

¹ Participated on 28 September

² Participated on 27 September

³ Participated on 27 September and 28 September from 11

⁴ 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.

Apologies were received from Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE) and Hearing Expert Andy Hart.

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 Processes⁵ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest⁶, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

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

The minutes of the 7th Working Group were agreed⁷.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for animal health related to the presence of zearalenone and its modified forms in feed⁸ (EFSA-Q-2015-00247)⁵

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft opinion on zearalenone and its modified forms in feed, particularly the additional information, occurrence and exposure, hazard identification and characterisation. Tasks were distributed.

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

⁶ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁷ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/contamzeafeed.pdf>

⁸ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00247>

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

25-26 October 2016

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 7th meeting of the Working Group on Zearalenone in feed

Held on 30 August 2016, Tele-conference

(Agreed on 30 August 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Bruce Cottrill, Chiara dall'Asta, Sven Dänicke, Gunnar Sundstol Eriksen, Carlo Nebbia, Isabelle Oswald (Chair)

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Andy Hart

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Ruth Roldán Torres

DATA Unit: Andrea Altieri

- **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.

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

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

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

The minutes of the 6th Working Group were agreed⁴.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for animal health related to the presence of zearalenone and its modified forms in feed ⁵ (EFSA-Q-2015-00247)⁵

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft opinion on zearalenone and its modified forms in feed, particularly the analytical methods, occurrence and exposure, adverse effects in animals and uncertainties. Tasks were distributed. It was agreed that the opinion should be tabled for a first discussion at the 80th CONTAM Plenary meeting.

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

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

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/contamzeafeed.pdf>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00247>

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

27 and 28 September 2016

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of meeting 6b of the Sub-Working Group on Zearalenone in feed

Held on 2 August 2016, Tele-conference

(Agreed on 2 August 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Chiara dall'Asta, Bruce Cottrill, Carlo Nebbia, Isabelle Oswald (Chair)

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Ruth Roldán Torres

DATA Unit: Andrea Altieri, Davide Arcella

- **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. 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

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

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

The minutes of the 6th Working Group meeting held on 12 July 2016 were agreed⁴.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for animal health related to the presence of zearalenone and its modified forms in feed⁵ (EFSA-Q-2015-00247)⁴

The Working Group experts discussed the occurrence data submitted by Member States and the approach for the exposure assessment.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

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

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

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/contamzeafeed.pdf>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00247>

7. Next meeting

30 August 2016

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Working Group on Zearalenone in feed

Held on 12 July 2016, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 12 July 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Chiara dall'Asta, Bruce Cottrill, Carlo Nebbia, Isabelle Oswald (Chair)

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Andy Hart

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Ruth Roldán Torres

DATA Unit: Davide Arcella

- **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.

Apologies were received from Gunnar Sundstol Eriksen, Sven Dänicke and Andrea Altieri (DATA Unit).

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 Interest³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

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

The minutes of the 5th Working Group meeting held on 29-30 June 2016 were agreed⁴.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for animal health related to the presence of zearalenone and its modified forms in feed ⁵ (EFSA-Q-2015-00247) ⁴

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft opinion on zearalenone and its modified forms in feed, particularly the chemistry and analytical methods, feed consumption and exposure assessment. Tasks were distributed.

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

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

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/contamzeafeed.pdf>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00247>

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

30 August 2016

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Working Group on Zearalenone in feed

Held on 29-30 June 2016, Toulouse (France)

(Agreed on 30 June 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Chiara dall'Asta, Sven Dänicke, Gunnar Sundstol Eriksen¹, Carlo Nebbia, Isabelle Oswald (Chair)

- **Hearing Experts²:**

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)³

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Ruth Roldán Torres

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

¹ Participated via tele-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 Participated via tele-conference on 29/06/2016 from 16.30 to 18.00

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Bruce Cottrill and Andrea Altieri (DATA Unit).

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 Processes⁴ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest⁵, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

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

The minutes of the 4th Working Group meeting held on 26-27 May 2016 were agreed⁶.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for animal health related to the presence of zearalenone and its modified forms in feed ⁷ (EFSA-Q-2015-00247) ⁴

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft opinion on zearalenone and its modified forms in feed, particularly the chemistry, mode of action, toxicokinetics, adverse effects in animals and occurrence of zearalenone and its modified forms in feed. Tasks were distributed.

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

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

⁶ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/contamzeafeed.pdf>

⁷ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00247>

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

12 July 2016

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Working Group on Zearalenone in feed

Held on 26-27 May 2016, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 27 May 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Bruce Cottrill¹, Chiara dall'Asta, Sven Dänicke, Gunnar Sundstol Eriksen, Carlo Nebbia, Isabelle Oswald (Chair)

- **Hearing Experts²:**

Andy Hart

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)³

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Ruth Roldán Torres

DATA Unit: Andrea Altieri⁴

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

¹ Participated via tele-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 Participated via tele-conference on 26/05/2016

⁴ Participated on 26/05/2016 from 10.00 to 11.00 and 27/05/2016 from 8.30-10,13.00-13.30

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

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes⁵ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest⁶, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

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

The minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting held on 15 April 2016 were agreed⁷.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for animal health related to the presence of zearalenone and its modified forms in feed⁸ (EFSA-Q-2015-00247)⁴

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft opinion on zearalenone and its modified forms in feed, particularly the chemistry, data and methodologies, occurrence and exposure, hazard identification and characterisation.

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

⁶ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁷ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/contamzeafeed.pdf>

⁸ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00247>

For this opinion, the current draft “Guidance on Uncertainty in EFSA Scientific Assessment”, which is under EFSA internal evaluation, will be applied. During the meeting, support on this subject was provided by Andy Hart (hearing expert), member of the EFSA WG Uncertainty in Risk Assessment.

Tasks were distributed.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

29-30 June 2016

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group on Zearalenone in feed

Held on 15 April 2016, Tele-conference

(Agreed on 15 April 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Bruce Cottrill, Sven Dänicke, Gunnar Sundstol Eriksen, Carlo Nebbia, Isabelle Oswald (Chair)

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Ruth Roldán Torres, Hans Steinkellner

DATA Unit: Andrea Altieri

- **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.
Apologies were received from Chiara Dall'Asta.

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 Interest³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

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

The minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting held on 8-9 March 2016 were agreed⁴.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for animal health related to the presence of zearalenone and its modified forms in feed⁵ (EFSA-Q-2015-00247)⁵

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft opinion on zearalenone and its modified forms in feed, particularly the additional information, feed consumption, occurrence data, and hazard identification and characterisation. Tasks were distributed.

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

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

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/contamzeafeed.pdf>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00247>

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

26-27 May 2016

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group on Zearalenone in feed

Held on 8-9 March 2016, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 9 March 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Bruce Cottrill¹, Chiara dall'Asta, Sven Dänicke, Carlo Nebbia¹, Isabelle Oswald (Chair)

- **Hearing Experts²:**

Not Applicable

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

Not applicable

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Ruth Roldán Torres

DATA Unit: Andrea Altieri³

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

¹ Participated via tele-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 Participated on 8/3/2016 from 12.00 to 15.00 and 9/3/2016 from 9.00 to 10.00

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Gunnar Sundstol Eriksen and Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE).

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 Processes⁴ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest⁵, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

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

The minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 18 January 2016 were agreed⁶.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for animal health related to the presence of zearalenone and its modified forms in feed ⁷ (EFSA-Q-2015-00247) ⁴

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft opinion on zearalenone and its modified forms in feed, particularly the additional information, data and methodologies, occurrence and exposure, and hazard identification and characterisation. Tasks were distributed.

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

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

⁶ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/contamzeafeed.pdf>

⁷ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00247>

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

15 April 2016

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on Zearalenone in feed

Held on 18 January 2016, Tele-conference

(Agreed on 18 January 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Bruce Cottrill, Chiara dall'Asta, Sven Dänicke, Carlo Nebbia, Isabelle Oswald (Chair)

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

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

Not applicable

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Ruth Roldán Torres, Hans Steinkellner.

DATA Unit: Andrea Altieri

- **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. Apologies were received from Gunnar Sundstol Eriksen and Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE).

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 Interest³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

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

Not Applicable.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Scientific opinion on the risks for animal health related to the presence of zearalenone and its modified forms in feed ⁴ (EFSA-Q-2015-00247) ⁴

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the table of contents of the draft opinion on zearalenone and its modified forms in feed, as well as the work plan. Tasks were distributed.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

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-2015-00247>

7. Next meeting

To be decided.