

Parma, 16 September 2014
EFSA/CONTAM/2249

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain
Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Working Group on perchlorate in food
Held on 1 September 2014, Teleconference
(Agreed on 22 September 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
Diane BENFORD, Andy HART, Peter LAURBERG, Christiane VLEMINCKX (Chair).

- **Hearing Experts:**
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- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
Frans VERSTRAETE (EC)

- **EFSA:**
 - **BIOCONTAM Unit:** Marco BINAGLIA

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Michael DINOVI and Helle KNUTSEN.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests,² EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of interest and the Specific Declarations of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified

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

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during the screening process or in the Oral Declarations of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 4th Working Group meeting held on 7 July 2014, (teleconference).

The minutes were agreed on 11 July, published on 8 August and updated on 5 September 2014.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of perchlorate in food, in particular fruit and vegetables (EFSA-Q-2013-00765). The Chair of the WG decided that after the amendments are completed, the draft opinion will be presented at the next CONTAM Panel meeting for possible adoption.

6. Next meeting

No additional meeting are scheduled.

Parma, 7 July 2014
EFSA/CONTAM/2224

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain
Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Working Group on perchlorate in food
Held on 7 July 2014, Teleconference
(Agreed on 11 July 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
Diane BENFORD, Michael DINOVI, Andy HART, Peter LAURBERG, Christiane VLEMINCKX (Chair).

- **Hearing Experts:**
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- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
Frans VERSTRAETE (EC)

- **EFSA:**
 - **BIOCONTAM Unit:** Marco BINAGLIA
 - **DATA Unit:** Davide ARCELLA

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Helle KNUTSEN.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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Declarations of Interests,² EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of interest and the Specific Declarations of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or in the Oral Declarations of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting held on 16 June 2014, (teleconference).

The minutes were agreed on 26 June and published on 1 July 2014.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of perchlorate in food, in particular fruit and vegetables (EFSA-Q-2013-00765). The WG finalised the discussions on the draft opinion and agreed to the final amendments to be done. The Chair of the WG decided that after the amendments are completed, the draft opinion will be presented at the next CONTAM Panel meeting for discussion and possible endorsement

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 1-2 September 2014.

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Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain
Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group on perchlorate in food
Held on 16 June 2014, Teleconference
(Agreed on 26 June 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
Diane BENFORD, Andy HART, Helle KNUTSEN, Peter LAURBERG, Christiane VLEMINCKX (Chair).

- **Hearing Experts:**
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- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
Frans VERSTRAETE (EC)

- **EFSA:**
 - **BIOCONTAM Unit:** Marco BINAGLIA,

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting held on 22 May 2014, (teleconference).

The minutes were agreed on 3 June and published on 10 June 2014.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of perchlorate in food, in particular fruit and vegetables (EFSA-Q-2013-00765), in particular the section on exposure assessment and hazard characterisation.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 7 July 2014.

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain
Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group on perchlorate in food
Held on 22 May 2014, Teleconference
(Agreed on 3 June 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

Diane BENFORD, Michael DINOVI, Andy HART, Helle KNUTSEN, Peter LAURBERG, Christiane VLEMINCKX (Chair).

- **Hearing Experts:**

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

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- **EFSA:**

- **BIOCONTAM Unit:** Marco BINAGLIA,
- **DATA Unit:** Davide ARCELLA

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The chair welcomed the participants.

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Declarations of Interests,² EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of interest and the Specific Declarations of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or in the Oral Declarations of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on March 2014, (teleconference).

The minutes were agreed on 14 April and published on 2 May 2014.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of perchlorate in food, in particular fruit and vegetables (EFSA-Q-2013-00765), in particular the section on chronic and acute exposure assessment and hazard characterisation.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 16 June 2014.

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Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain
Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on perchlorate in food
Held on 8 April 2014, Teleconference
(Agreed on 14 April 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
Diane BENFORD, Michael DINOVI, Helle KNUTSEN, Peter LAURBERG, Ivonne RIETJENS (Chair).

- **Hearing Experts:**
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 - **BIOCONTAM Unit:** Marco BINAGLIA,

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4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of perchlorate in food, in particular fruit and vegetables (EFSA-Q-2013-00765), in particular the section on acute exposure assessment and hazard characterisation.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 22 May 2014.