



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN/CONTAM

MINUTES OF THE 2nd MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON HMF IN HONEY BEES

3 December 2020 - TELECONFERENCE

(Agreed on 11 December 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Salomon Sand (chair), Aleš Gregorc, Fabio Sgolastra, Simone Tosi, Manfred Metzler
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Frans Verstraete
- EFSA: BIOCONTAM Unit: Hans Steinkellner, Federico Cruciani; PREV Unit: Csaba Szentes
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. The participants introduced themselves.

2. Adoption of agenda

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work:
<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 Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, 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.

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

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The WG members discussed the new text in the sections on interpretation of the terms of reference, chemistry and formation of HMF in bee feed, analytical methods, legislation, collection and appraisal of literature, toxicokinetics, toxicity, mode of action and occurrence. A series of updates to these sections were proposed and task were allocated to the different WG members.

5. Any Other Business

Not applicable.

6. Next meetings

To be determined.

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

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



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MINUTES OF THE 1st MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON HMF IN HONEY BEES

27 October 2020 - TELECONFERENCE

(Agreed on 2nd November 2020)

Participants

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- Hearing Experts¹:
Not applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Frans Verstraete
- EFSA: BIOCONTAM Unit: Hans Steinkellner, Federico Cruciani; DATA Unit: Zsuzsanna Horvath, SCER Unit: Agnes Rortais; TS team: Marco Conterbia
- Others:
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The WG members were introduced to the functionalities of Microsoft team that is to be used as communication and work platform for this WG. Then the preparatory work done for this mandate already and the proposed timeline for delivery of outputs. This was followed by a presentation of the available occurrence data on HMF in bee feed. The experts then discussed the draft structure and content of the opinion. Tasks were allocated to the WG members.

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