



**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
Contaminants in the Food Chain**  
27<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on Mineral Oil  
Hydrocarbons in Food



3 July 2023  
09:00-13:30

**Location:** EFSA - Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Jan Alexander, Kevin Chipman (Chair), , Konrad Grob, Annette Petersen, Heather Wallace
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
EC: Veerle Vanheusden
- EFSA:  
Marco Binaglia and Thomas Tietz (FEEDCO), José Angel Gomez Ruiz (MESE)
- Others:  
Not applicable

## **I. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.  
Apologies were received Christophe Goldbeck

## **II. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## **III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, 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.

## **IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Working Group meetings held on 16 and 20-21 June 2023, via web-conference**

The [minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Working Group meetings](#) were agreed by the WG pending minor changes.

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**a. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of mineral oil hydrocarbons in food ([EFSA-Q-2020-00664](#))**

The WG finalized the discussion on the comments received during the public consultation. It drafted respective answers and amendments of the opinion for presentation at the next CONTAM Panel plenary meeting on 11-13 July 2023 for possible adoption. The WG Chair agreed that the Draft Opinion can be presented for possible adoption by the CONTAM Panel.

**V. Any Other Business**

Not applicable

**VI. Next meeting**

Not applicable

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<b>Agreement of the minutes</b>	
<b>Kevin Chipman</b>	
<b>Jan Alexander</b>	
<b>Christophe Goldbeck</b>	
<b>Konrad Grob</b>	
<b>Annette Petersen</b>	
<b>Heather Wallace</b>	Agreed



**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
Contaminants in the Food Chain**  
26<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on Mineral Oil  
Hydrocarbons in Food



20 and 21 June 2023  
09:30-18:00

**Location:** EFSA - Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Jan Alexander, Kevin Chipman (Chair), Christophe Goldbeck, Konrad Grob, Annette Petersen, Heather Wallace
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
EC: Veerle Vanheusden
- EFSA:  
Marco Binaglia and Thomas Tietz (FEEDCO)
- Others:  
Not applicable

## **I. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.  
No apologies were received.

## **II. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## **III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, 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.

## **IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 16 June 2023, via web-conference**

Since the 26<sup>th</sup> meeting was very shortly after the 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, it was decided to process the agreement of both meetings together.

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**a. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of mineral oil hydrocarbons in food ([EFSA-Q-2020-00664](#))**

The WG discussed the comments received during the public consultation, and drafted respective answers and amendments of the opinion for presentation at the next CONTAM Panel plenary meeting on 11 July 2023 for possible adoption.

**V. Any Other Business**

Not applicable

**VI. Next meeting**

The next meeting will take place on 3 July 2023.

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<b>Agreement of the minutes</b>	
<b>Kevin Chipman</b>	
<b>Jan Alexander</b>	
<b>Christophe Goldbeck</b>	
<b>Konrad Grob</b>	
<b>Annette Petersen</b>	
<b>Heather Wallace</b>	



**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON  
Contaminants in the Food Chain**  
25<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on Mineral Oil  
Hydrocarbons in Food



16 June 2023  
09:30-18:00

**Location:** EFSA - Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Jan Alexander, Kevin Chipman (Chair), Christophe Goldbeck, Konrad Grob, Annette Petersen, Heather Wallace
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
EC: Veerle Vanheusden
- EFSA:  
Marco Binaglia and Thomas Tietz (FEEDCO), José Angel Gomez Ruiz and Olaf Mosbach-Schulz (MESE)
- Others:  
Not applicable

## **I. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.  
No apologies were received.

## **II. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## **III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, 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.

## **IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 13 January 2023, via web-conference**

The [minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting](#) were agreed by written procedure on 03 February 2023.

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**a. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of mineral oil hydrocarbons in food ([EFSA-Q-2020-00664](#))**

The WG discussed the comments received during the public consultation, and drafted respective answers and amendments of the opinion for presentation at the next CONTAM Panel plenary meeting on 11 July 2023 for possible adoption.

**V. Any Other Business**

Not applicable

**VI. Next meeting**

The next meeting will take place on 20-21 June 2023.

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<b>Agreement of the minutes</b>	
<b>Kevin Chipman</b>	
<b>Jan Alexander</b>	
<b>Christophe Goldbeck</b>	
<b>Konrad Grob</b>	
<b>Annette Petersen</b>	
<b>Heather Wallace</b>	



**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON**  
**Contaminants in the Food Chain**  
24<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on Mineral Oil  
Hydrocarbons in Food



13 January 2023  
09:30-13:30

**Location:** EFSA - Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Jan Alexander, Kevin Chipman (Chair), Annette Petersen, Heather Wallace
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
EC: Veerle Vanheusden
- EFSA:  
Marco Binaglia and Thomas Tietz (FEEDCO), José Angel Gomez Ruiz and Olaf Mosbach-Schulz (MESE)
- Others:  
Not applicable

## **I. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.  
Apologies were received from Christophe Goldbeck and Konrad Grob.

## **II. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## **III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, 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.

## **IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 5-6 December 2022, via web-conference**

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The [minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Working Group meeting](#) were agreed by written procedure on 16 December 2022.

**a. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of mineral oil hydrocarbons in food ([EFSA-Q-2020-00664](#))**

The WG discussed the draft scientific opinion, and in particular finalized the uncertainty analysis, conclusions and recommendations, abstract and summary. After amendments, the WG agreed that the draft opinion will be presented at the next CONTAM Panel plenary meeting on 25 January 2023 for possible endorsement for public consultation.

**V. Any Other Business**

Not applicable

**VI. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be scheduled after the public consultation period.

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Agreement of the minutes	
Kevin Chipman	
Jan Alexander	agree
Annette Petersen	
Heather Wallace	



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

## MINUTES OF THE 23<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON MOH IN FOOD

**Held on 05 and 06 December 2022, Teleconference**

***(Agreed on 16 December 2022)***

### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Jan Alexander, Kevin Chipman (Chair), Christophe Goldbeck, Konrad Grob, Annette Petersen
- Hearing Experts:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Ivana Poustkova (EC), Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE)
- EFSA:  
FEECO Unit: Marco Binaglia and Thomas Tietz  
MESE Unit: José Angel Gomez Ruiz and Olaf Mosbach-Schulz
- Others:  
Not Applicable

### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Heather Wallace.

### 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<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, 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. Agreement of the minutes of previous Working Group meeting.

Minutes of the previous Working Group meeting were agreed by the Working Group.

### 5. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of mineral oil hydrocarbons in food (EFSA-Q-2020-00664)<sup>3</sup>

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on MOH in food, in particular the uncertainty assessment for the exposure assessment and the conclusion on risk characterisation for MOSH as well as recommendations on MOSH and MOAH.

### 6. Distribution of tasks and timeline

Additional tasks were distributed to the Working Group Members and timelines were agreed to provide contributions in time for the next meeting.

### 7. WG minutes

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 16 December 2022.

### 8. Any other business

Not applicable.

### 9. Next meeting(s)

If needed for finalisation of remaining paragraphs, another meeting is decided to be scheduled in early January 2023.

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<sup>3</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2020-00664>



FEED AND CONTAMINANTS

# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

## MINUTES OF THE 22<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON MOH IN FOOD

**Held on 29 November 2022, Teleconference**

***(Agreed on 5 December 2022)***

### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Kevin Chipman (Chair), Konrad Grob, Annette Petersen, Christophe Goldbeck
- Hearing Experts:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Ivana Poustkova (EC)
- EFSA:  
FEEDCO Unit: Marco Binaglia and Anna Christodoulidou  
Unit on Assessment Methodology: José Angel Gomez Ruiz and Olaf Mosbach-Schulz
- Others:  
Not Applicable

### 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<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, 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. Agreement of the minutes of previous Working Group meeting.**

Minutes of the previous Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 8 November 2022.

### **5. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of mineral oil hydrocarbons in food (EFSA-Q-2020-00664)<sup>3</sup>**

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on MOH in food, in particular the uncertainty assessment for MOSH and MOAH.

### **6. Distribution of tasks and timeline**

Additional tasks were distributed to the Working Group Members.

### **7. WG minutes**

The minutes were agreed 5 December 2022.

### **8. Any other business**

Not applicable.

### **9. Next meeting(s)**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> WG meeting will be held on 5-6 December 2022.

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FEED AND CONTAMINANTS

# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

## MINUTES OF THE 21<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON MOH IN FOOD

**Held on 25 and 26 October 2022, Teleconference**

***(Agreed on 8 November 2022)***

### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Jan Alexander, Kevin Chipman (Chair), Christophe Goldbeck, Konrad Grob, Annette Petersen, Heather Wallace
- Hearing Experts:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Ivana Poustkova (EC)
- EFSA:  
FEEDCO Unit: Marco Binaglia and Anna Christodoulidou  
Unit on Assessment Methodology: José Angel Gomez Ruiz and Olaf Mosbach-Schulz
- Others:  
Not Applicable

### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Thomas Tietz.

### 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<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, 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. Agreement of the minutes of previous Working Group meeting.**

Minutes of the previous Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 10 October 2022.

### **5. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of mineral oil hydrocarbons in food (EFSA-Q-2020-00664)<sup>3</sup>**

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on MOH in food, in particular the uncertainty assessment for MOAH and the risk assessment approach for MOSH and MOAH.

### **6. Distribution of tasks and timeline**

Additional tasks were distributed to the Working Group Members and timelines were agreed to provide contributions in time for the next meeting.

### **7. WG minutes**

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 8 November 2022.

### **8. Any other business**

Not applicable.

### **9. Next meeting(s)**

The 22<sup>st</sup> WG meeting will be held on 29 November 2022.

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BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

### MINUTES OF THE 20<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON MOH IN FOOD

**Held on 27 and 28 September 2022, Teleconference**

***(Agreed on 10 October 2022)***

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Jan Alexander, Kevin Chipman (Chair), Konrad Grob, Annette Petersen, Heather Wallace
- Hearing Experts:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Ivana Poustkova (EC), Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE)
- EFSA:  
BIOCONTAM Unit: Marco Binaglia, Anna Christodoulidou and Thomas Tietz  
Unit on Assessment Methodology: Olaf Mosbach-Schulz
- Others:  
Not Applicable

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Christophe Goldbeck.

#### 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<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, 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. Agreement of the minutes of previous Working Group meeting.**

Minutes of the previous Working Group meeting were agreed by the Working Group.

### **5. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of mineral oil hydrocarbons in food (EFSA-Q-2020-00664)<sup>3</sup>**

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on MOH in food, in particular the uncertainty assessment for MOSH and the risk assessment approach for MOSH and MOAH.

### **6. Distribution of tasks and timeline**

Additional tasks were distributed to the Working Group Members and timelines were agreed to provide contributions in time for the next meeting.

### **7. WG minutes**

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 10 October 2022.

### **8. Any other business**

Not applicable.

### **9. Next meeting(s)**

The 21<sup>st</sup> WG meeting will be held on 25 and 26 October 2022.

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BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

### MINUTES OF THE 19<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON MOH IN FOOD (SUB-WG ON TOXICOLOGY)

**Held on 11 August 2022, Teleconference**

***(Agreed on 27 September 2022)***

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Jan Alexander and Heather Wallace
- Hearing Experts:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Not applicable
- EFSA:  
Unit on Feed and Contaminants: Marco Binaglia and Thomas Tietz  
Unit on Methodology & Scientific Support: Olaf Mosbach-Schulz
- Others:  
Not Applicable

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The EFSA Secretariat welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Kevin Chipman.

#### 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<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, 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. Agreement of the minutes of previous Working Group meeting.

Minutes of the previous Working Group meeting were distributed to the Working Group for agreement by written procedure by 12 August 2022.

### 5. Discussion of the Expert Knowledge Elicitation protocol for hazard identification and characterisation of mineral oil hydrocarbons in food (EFSA-Q-2020-00664)<sup>3</sup>

The members of the sub-Working Group discussed the draft protocol on uncertainty analysis to prepare the expert knowledge elicitation for the hazard identification and characterisation of MOSH and MOAH, which will be conducted at the 20<sup>th</sup> WG meeting.

### 6. Distribution of tasks and timeline

Tasks were distributed to the Working Group Members and timelines were agreed to provide contributions in time for the next meeting.

### 7. WG minutes

The minutes were agreed on 27 September 2022.

### 8. Any other business

Not applicable.

### 9. Next meeting(s)

The 20<sup>th</sup> WG meeting will be held on 27-28 September 2022.

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BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

## MINUTES OF THE 18<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON MOH IN FOOD

**Held on 02 August 2022, Teleconference**

***(Agreed on 12 August 2022)***

### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Jan Alexander, Kevin Chipman (Chair), Christophe Goldbeck, Konrad Grob, Annette Petersen, Heather Wallace
- Hearing Experts:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Ivana Poustkova and Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE)
- EFSA:  
Unit on Feed and Contaminants: Marco Binaglia, Anna Christodoulidou, , Katja Schirmer and Thomas Tietz  
Unit on Methodology & Scientific Support: José Ángel Gómez Ruiz and Olaf Mosbach-Schulz
- Others:  
Not Applicable

### 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<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, 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. Agreement of the minutes of previous Working Group meeting.**

Minutes of the previous Working Group meeting were agreed by the Working Group by written procedure on 15 July 2022.

### **5. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of mineral oil hydrocarbons in food (EFSA-Q-2020-00664)<sup>3</sup>**

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on MOH in food, in particular the occurrence data, the approach for the uncertainty assessment and the risk assessment approach for MOSH.

### **6. Distribution of tasks and timeline**

Additional tasks were distributed to the Working Group Members and timelines were agreed to provide contributions in time for the next meeting.

### **7. WG minutes**

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 12 August 2022.

### **8. Any other business**

Not applicable.

### **9. Next meeting(s)**

The 19<sup>th</sup> WG meeting will be held on 11 August 2022.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

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BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

### MINUTES OF THE 17<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON MOH IN FOOD

**Held on 30 June and 01 July 2022, Teleconference**

***(Agreed on 15 July 2022)***

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Jan Alexander, Kevin Chipman (Chair), Christophe Goldbeck, Konrad Grob, Annette Petersen, Heather Wallace
- Hearing Experts:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Ivana Poustkova (EC), Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE)
- EFSA:  
BIOCONTAM Unit: Marco Binaglia, José Ángel Gómez Ruiz, Katja Schirmer and Thomas Tietz
- Others:  
Not Applicable

#### 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<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, 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. Agreement of the minutes of previous Working Group meeting.**

Minutes of the previous Working Group meeting were agreed by the Working Group by written procedure on 17 June 2022.

### **5. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of mineral oil hydrocarbons in food (EFSA-Q-2020-00664)<sup>3</sup>**

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on MOH in food, in particular the occurrence data, uncertainties and the risk assessment approach for MOSH and MOAH.

### **6. Distribution of tasks and timeline**

Additional tasks were distributed to the Working Group Members and timelines were agreed to provide contributions in time for the next meeting.

### **7. WG minutes**

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 15 July 2022.

### **8. Any other business**

Not applicable.

### **9. Next meeting(s)**

The 18<sup>th</sup> WG meeting will be held on 02 August 2022.

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# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

## MINUTES OF THE 16<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON MOH IN FOOD

**Held on 30 and 31 May 2022, Teleconference**

***(Agreed on 17 June 2022)***

### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Jan Alexander, Kevin Chipman (Chair), Konrad Grob, Annette Petersen, Heather Wallace
- Hearing Experts:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Ivana Poustkova (EC), Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE)
- EFSA:  
BIOCONTAM Unit: Marco Binaglia, José Ángel Gómez Ruiz, Katja Schirmer and Thomas Tietz
- Others:  
Not Applicable

### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Christophe Goldbeck.

### 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<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, 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. Agreement of the minutes of previous Working Group meeting.**

Minutes of the previous Working Group meeting were agreed by the Working Group by written procedure on 09 May 2022.

### **5. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of mineral oil hydrocarbons in food (EFSA-Q-2020-00664)<sup>3</sup>**

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on MOH in food, in particular the exposure assessment and the risk assessment approach for MOSH and MOAH.

### **6. Distribution of tasks and timeline**

Additional tasks were distributed to the Working Group Members and timelines were agreed to provide contributions in time for the next meeting.

### **7. WG minutes**

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 17 June 2022.

### **8. Any other business**

Not applicable.

### **9. Next meeting(s)**

The 17<sup>th</sup> WG meeting will be held on 30 June and 1 July 2022.

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## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

### MINUTES OF THE 15<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON MOH IN FOOD

**Held on 20 and 21 April 2022, Teleconference**

***(Agreed on 9 May 2022)***

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Jan Alexander, Kevin Chipman (Chair), Konrad Grob, Annette Petersen, Heather Wallace
- Hearing Experts:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE)
- EFSA:  
BIOCONTAM Unit: Marco Binaglia, José Ángel Gómez Ruiz, Katja Schirmer and Thomas Tietz
- Others:  
Not Applicable

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Christophe Goldbeck.

#### 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<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, 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. Agreement of the minutes of previous Working Group meeting.**

Minutes of the previous Working Group meeting were agreed by the Working Group by written procedure on 11 April 2022.

### **5. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of mineral oil hydrocarbons in food (EFSA-Q-2020-00664)<sup>3</sup>**

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on MOH in food, in particular the exposure assessment and the risk assessment approach for MOSH and MOAH. The WG agreed to present selected sections for discussion and possible endorsement at the 121<sup>st</sup> Plenary meeting of the CONTAM Panel.

### **6. Distribution of tasks and timeline**

Additional tasks were distributed to the Working Group Members and timelines were agreed to provide contributions in time for the next meeting.

### **7. WG minutes**

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 9 May 2022.

### **8. Any other business**

Not applicable.

### **9. Next meeting(s)**

The 16<sup>th</sup> WG meeting will be held on 30 and 31 May 2022.

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## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

### MINUTES OF THE 14<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON MOH IN FOOD

**Held on 28 and 29 March 2022, Teleconference**

***(Agreed on 11 April 2022)***

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Jan Alexander, Kevin Chipman (Chair), Christophe Goldbeck, Konrad Grob, Annette Petersen
- Hearing Experts:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Ivana Poustkova (EC), Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE)
- EFSA:  
BIOCONTAM Unit: Marco Binaglia, José Ángel Gómez Ruiz, Katja Schirmer and Thomas Tietz
- Others:  
Not Applicable

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Heather Wallace.

#### 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<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, 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. Agreement of the minutes of previous Working Group meeting.**

Minutes of the previous Working Group meeting were agreed.

#### **5. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of mineral oil hydrocarbons in food (EFSA-Q-2020-00664)<sup>3</sup>**

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on MOH in food, in particular the exposure assessment and the hazard characterization approach for MOSH and MOAH.

#### **6. Distribution of tasks and timeline**

Additional tasks were distributed to the Working Group Members and timelines were agreed to provide contributions in time for the next meeting.

#### **7. WG minutes**

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 11 April 2022.

#### **8. Any other business**

Not applicable.

#### **9. Next meeting(s)**

The 15<sup>th</sup> WG meeting will be held on 20 and 21 April 2022.

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### MINUTES OF THE 13<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON MOH IN FOOD

**Held on 11 March 2022, Teleconference**

***(Agreed on 28 March 2022)***

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Jan Alexander, Kevin Chipman (Chair), and Konrad Grob
- Hearing Experts:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Not applicable
- EFSA:  
BIOCONTAM Unit: Marco Binaglia, Katja Schirmer and Thomas Tietz
- Others:  
Not applicable

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Heather Wallace.

#### 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<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, 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. Agreement of the minutes of previous Working Group meeting.

Minutes of the previous Working Group meeting were agreed by the Working Group by written procedure on 21 February 2022.

### 5. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of mineral oil hydrocarbons in food (EFSA-Q-2020-00664)<sup>3</sup>

A subgroup of members of the Working Group discussed the possible approach for hazard characterization of MOSH and MOAH to be presented at the 120<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting of the CONTAM Panel.

### 6. WG minutes

The minutes will be presented for agreement at the 14<sup>th</sup> WG meeting.

### 7. Any other business

Not applicable.

### 8. Next meeting(s)

The 14<sup>th</sup> WG meeting will be held on 28-29 March 2022.

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## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

### MINUTES OF THE 12<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON MOH IN FOOD

**Held on 9 and 10 February 2022, Teleconference**

***(Agreed on 21 February 2022)***

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Jan Alexander, Kevin Chipman (Chair), Chris453213tyu'jkfds tophe Goldbeck, Konrad Grob, Annette Petersen, Heather Wallace

■ Hearing Experts:

Not Applicable

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Ivana Poustkova and Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE)

■ EFSA:

BIOCONTAM Unit: Marco Binaglia, José Ángel Gómez Ruiz, and Thomas Tietz

■ Others (for item 6 only):

Stefanka Petkova Bratinova and Piotr Robouch (JRC- Geel), Arvid Fromberg and Tommy Licht Cederberg (EURL on Processing contaminants – DTU)

#### 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<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, 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. Agreement of the minutes of previous Working Group meeting.

Minutes of the previous Working Group meeting were agreed by the Working Group by written procedure on 03 January 2022.

## 5. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of mineral oil hydrocarbons in food (EFSA-Q-2020-00664)<sup>3</sup>

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on MOH in food, in particular possible adverse effects in animal studies and their relevance for humans.

## 6. Analytical methods for the detection and quantification of MOSH and MOAH in food

The members of the Working Group and the invited observers exchanged views on the open issues related to the monitoring of mineral oil hydrocarbons in food and on the possible update of the JRC Guidance on sampling, analysis and data reporting for the monitoring of mineral oil hydrocarbons in food and food contact materials.

## 7. Distribution of tasks and timeline

Additional tasks were distributed to the Working Group Members and timelines were agreed to provide contributions in time for the next meeting.

## 8. WG minutes

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 3 January 2022.

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## 9. Any other business

Not applicable.

## 10. Next meeting(s)

The 13<sup>th</sup> WG meeting will be held on 28-29 March 2022.



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## MINUTES OF THE 11<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON MOH IN FOOD

**Held on 13 December 2021, Teleconference**

***(Agreed on 3 January 2022)***

### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Jan Alexander, Kevin Chipman (Chair), Christophe Goldbeck, Konrad Grob, Annette Petersen, Heather Wallace
- Hearing Experts:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Ivana Poustkova (EC), Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE)
- EFSA:  
BIOCONTAM Unit: Marco Binaglia, José Ángel Gómez Ruiz, Katja Schirmer and Thomas Tietz
- Others:  
Not Applicable

### 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<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, 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. Agreement of the minutes of previous Working Group meeting.

Minutes of the previous Working Group meeting were agreed by the Working Group.

### 5. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of mineral oil hydrocarbons in food (EFSA-Q-2020-00664)<sup>3</sup>

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on MOH in food, in particular the sections on toxicology in experimental animals and uncertainties.

### 6. Distribution of tasks and timeline

Additional tasks were distributed to the Working Group Members and timelines were agreed to provide contributions in time for the next meeting.

### 7. WG minutes

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 3 January 2022.

### 8. Any other business

Not applicable.

### 9. Next meeting(s)

The 12<sup>th</sup> WG meeting will be held on 9 and 10 February 2022.

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# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

## MINUTES OF THE 10<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON MOH IN FOOD

**Held on 30 November 2021, Teleconference**

***(Agreed on 13 December 2021)***

### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Jan Alexander, Kevin Chipman (Chair), Christophe Goldbeck, Konrad Grob, Annette Petersen, Heather Wallace
- Hearing Experts:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Ivana Poustkova and Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE)
- EFSA:  
BIOCONTAM Unit: Marco Binaglia, José Ángel Gómez Ruiz, Katja Schirmer and Thomas Tietz
- Others:  
Not Applicable

### 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<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, 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. Agreement of the minutes of previous Working Group meeting.

Minutes of the previous Working Group meeting were agreed by the Working Group by written procedure on 10 November 2021.

### 5. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of mineral oil hydrocarbons in food (EFSA-Q-2020-00664)<sup>3</sup>

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on MOH in food, in particular the section on toxicology in experimental animals and humans, as well as the available occurrence data to be used for exposure estimation.

### 6. Distribution of tasks and timeline

Additional tasks were distributed to the Working Group Members and timelines were agreed to provide contributions in time for the next meeting.

### 7. WG minutes

The minutes were agreed on 13 December 2021.

### 8. Any other business

Not applicable.

### 9. Next meeting(s)

The 11<sup>th</sup> WG meeting will be held on 13 December 2021.

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## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

### MINUTES OF THE 9<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON MOH IN FOOD

**Held on 25 and 26 October 2021, Teleconference**

***(Agreed on 10 November 2021)***

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Jan Alexander, Kevin Chipman (Chair), Christophe Goldbeck, Konrad Grob, Annette Petersen, Heather Wallace
- Hearing Experts:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Ivana Poustkova (EC), Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE)
- EFSA:  
BIOCONTAM Unit: Marco Binaglia, José Ángel Gómez Ruiz, Katja Schirmer and Thomas Tietz
- Others:  
Not Applicable

#### 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<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, 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. Agreement of the minutes of previous Working Group meeting.

Minutes of the previous Working Group meeting were agreed by the Working Group by written procedure on 22 September 2021.

### 5. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of mineral oil hydrocarbons in food (EFSA-Q-2020-00664)<sup>3</sup>

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on MOH in food, in particular the feedback from the CONTAM panel on the sections on chemistry and analytical methods, as well as the available occurrence data to be used for exposure estimation.

### 6. Distribution of tasks and timeline

Additional tasks were distributed to the Working Group Members and timelines were agreed to provide contributions in time for the next meeting.

### 7. WG minutes

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 10 November 2021.

### 8. Any other business

Not applicable.

### 9. Next meeting(s)

The 10<sup>th</sup> WG meeting will be held on 30 November 2021.

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## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

### MINUTES OF THE 8<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON MOH IN FOOD

**Held on 07 September 2021, Teleconference**

***(Agreed on 22 September 2021)***

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Jan Alexander, Kevin Chipman (Chair), Christophe Goldbeck, Konrad Grob, Annette Petersen, Heather Wallace
- Hearing Experts:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Ivana Poustkova (EC), Veerle Vanheusden (DG-SANTE)
- EFSA:  
BIOCONTAM Unit: Marco Binaglia and Thomas Tietz.
- Others:  
Not Applicable

#### 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<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, 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. Agreement of the minutes of previous Working Group meeting.**

Minutes of the previous Working Group meeting were agreed by the Working Group by written procedure on 30 July 2021.

### **5. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of mineral oil hydrocarbons in food (EFSA-Q-2020-00664)<sup>3</sup>**

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on MOH in food, in particular the sub-sections under analytics and toxicity in experimental animals and humans. The Working Group also discussed the possible approach for the hazard identification and characterisation.

### **6. Distribution of tasks and timeline**

Additional tasks were distributed to the Working Group Members and timelines were agreed to provide contributions in time for the next meeting.

### **7. WG minutes**

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 22 September 2021.

### **8. Any other business**

Not applicable.

### **9. Next meeting(s)**

The 9<sup>th</sup> WG meeting will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2020-00664>



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

### MINUTES OF THE 7<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON MOH IN FOOD

**Held on 22 July 2021, Teleconference**

***(Agreed on 30 July 2021)***

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Jan Alexander, Kevin Chipman (Chair), Konrad Grob, Annette Petersen, Heather Wallace
- Hearing Experts:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Ivana Poustkova (EC)
- EFSA:  
BIOCONTAM Unit: Marco Binaglia, Katja Shirmer and Thomas Tietz.  
DATA Unit: José Angel Gomez Ruiz
- Others:  
Not Applicable

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. An apology was received from Christophe Goldbeck. Dr. Thomas Tietz was introduced to the WG. Dr Tietz will support the WG coordination under the provisions of the EFSA grant GP/EFSA/BIOCONTAM/2021/01<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/art36grants/article36/qpefsabiocontam202101-entrusting-tasks-supporting-scientific>



## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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

Minutes of the previous Working Group meeting were agreed by the Working Group by written procedure on 2 July 2021.

## 5. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of mineral oil hydrocarbons in food (EFSA-Q-2020-00664)<sup>4</sup>

The Working Group members were informed about the data on MOH contents in food received up to 30 June 2021.

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on MOH in food, in particular the sub-sections under Chemistry, Sources, Previous assessments, Legislation and Toxicokinetics in experimental animals and humans. The Working Group discussed also the possible approach for the hazard identification and characterisation.

## 6. Distribution of tasks and timeline

Additional tasks were distributed to the Working Group Members and timelines were agreed to provide contributions in time for the next meeting.

## 7. WG minutes

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 30 July 2021.

## 8. Any other business

Not applicable.

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<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2020-00664>



## 9. Next meeting(s)

The 8<sup>th</sup> WG meeting will be held on 7 September 2021.



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

### MINUTES OF THE 6<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON MOH IN FOOD

**Held on 28 June 2021, Teleconference**

**(Agreed on 2 July 2021)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Jan Alexander, Kevin Chipman (Chair), Christophe Goldbeck, Konrad Grob, and Heather Wallace
- Hearing Experts:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Ivana Poustkova (EC)
- EFSA:  
BIOCONTAM Unit: Marco Binaglia and Maria Anastassiadou  
DATA Unit: José Angel Gomez Ruiz
- Others:  
Not Applicable

#### 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<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, 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. Agreement of the minutes of previous Working Group meeting.**

Minutes of the previous Working Group meeting were agreed by the Working Group.

### **5. First discussion on the uncertainty analysis**

The Working Group finalised the initial discussion to identify the main expected uncertainties related to the exposure assessment of mineral oil hydrocarbons in food.

### **6. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of mineral oil hydrocarbons in food (EFSA-Q-2020-00664)<sup>3</sup>**

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft Opinion on MOH in food, in particular the sub-sections under Toxicokinetics and Toxicity in experimental animals.

### **7. Distribution of tasks and timeline**

Additional tasks were distributed to the Working Group Members and timelines were agreed to provide contributions in time for the next meeting.

### **8. WG minutes**

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 2 July 2021.

### **9. Any other business**

Not applicable.

### **10. Next meeting(s)**

The 7<sup>th</sup> WG meeting will be held on 22 July 2021.

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<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

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BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

### MINUTES OF THE 5<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON MOH IN FOOD

**Held on 22 June 2021, Teleconference**

**(Agreed on 28 June 2021)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Jan Alexander, Kevin Chipman (Chair), Christophe Goldbeck, Konrad Grob, and Heather Wallace
- Hearing Experts:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: Ivana Poustkova (EC).
- EFSA:  
BIOCONTAM Unit: Marco Binaglia and Anna Christodoulidou
- Others:  
Not Applicable

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Ivana Poustkova (EC)

#### 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<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, 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. Agreement of the minutes of previous Working Group meeting.**

Minutes of the previous Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 4 June 2021.

### **5. Introduction to CONTAM approach for uncertainty analysis**

Heather Wallace introduced the approach of the CONTAM Panel to analyse the uncertainties related to the assessment of contaminants in the food chain.

### **6. First discussion on the uncertainty analysis**

The Working Group started to identify to main expected uncertainties related to the exposure assessment and hazard identification and characterisation of the mineral oil hydrocarbons relevant to food contamination. The discussion will continue at the next WG meeting.

### **7. Distribution of tasks and timeline**

The WG Members were requested to consider the identification of additional uncertainties in the review of the available evidence under their responsibility. The list of uncertainties will be regularly updated along with the development of the scientific opinion.

### **8. WG minutes**

The minutes were agreed.

### **9. Any other business**

Not applicable.

### **10. Next meeting(s)**

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

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The 6<sup>th</sup> WG meeting will be held on 28 June 2021.



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

### MINUTES OF THE 4<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON MOH IN FOOD

**Held on 28 May 2021, Teleconference**

**(Agreed on 4 June 2021)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Jan Alexander, Kevin Chipman (Chair), Christophe Goldbeck, Konrad Grob, and Heather Wallace
- Hearing Experts:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: Ivana Poustkova (EC)
- EFSA:  
BIOCONTAM Unit: Marco Binaglia  
DATA Unit: José Angel Gomez Ruiz
- Others:  
Not Applicable

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Annette Petersen.

#### 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<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, 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. Agreement of the minutes of previous Working Group meeting.

Minutes of the previous Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 26 April 2021.

### 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

#### **5.1. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of mineral oil hydrocarbons in food (EFSA-Q-2020-00664)<sup>3</sup>**

The WG reviewed various sections of the draft opinion, including the introductory sections on chemistry and sources of contamination, analytical methods and previous assessment, and the sections on toxicokinetics and repeated dose toxicity. A further update on the available data on occurrence of mineral oil hydrocarbons in food was provided by the DATA Unit Officer. Additional tasks were assigned.

### 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

### 7. Next meeting(s)

5<sup>th</sup> WG meeting: 22 and 28 June 2021.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2020-00664>



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

### MINUTES OF THE 3<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON MOH IN FOOD

**Held on 16 April 2021, Teleconference**

**(Agreed on 26 April 2021)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Jan Alexander, Kevin Chipman (Chair), Christophe Goldbeck, Konrad Grob, Nicole Hellwig, Annette Petersen and Heather Wallace
- Hearing Experts:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: Ivana Poustkova (EC) and Veerle Vanheusden (EC)
- EFSA:  
BIOCONTAM Unit: Marco Binaglia  
DATA Unit: José Angel Gomez Ruiz
- Others:  
Not Applicable

#### 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<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, 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. Agreement of the minutes of previous Working Group meeting.

Minutes of the previous Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 26 February 2021.

### 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

#### **5.1. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of mineral oil hydrocarbons in food (EFSA-Q-2020-00664)<sup>3</sup>**

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the activity plan for the development and finalization of the opinion. The draft external report on the extensive literature search on MOH (EFSA-Q-2020-00792) was discussed and tasks to review the identified papers were assigned. An update on the available data on occurrence of mineral oil hydrocarbons in food was provided by the DATA Unit Officer. The WG reviewed various sections of the draft opinion, including introductory sections on chemistry and sources of contamination, and the summary of reproduction toxicity studies from the previous CONTAM panel opinion. Additional tasks were assigned.

### 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

### 7. Next meeting(s)

4<sup>th</sup> WG meeting: 28 May 2021.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

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BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

### MINUTES OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON MOH in FOOD

**Held on 22 February 2021, Teleconference**

**(Agreed on 26 February 2021)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Jan Alexander, Kevin Chipman (Chair), Christophe Goldbeck, Konrad Grob, Nicole Hellwig, Annette Petersen and Heather Wallace
- Hearing Experts:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: Ivana Poustkova (EC) and Veerle Vanheusden (EC)
- EFSA:  
BIOCONTAM Unit: Marco Binaglia  
DATA Unit: José Angel Gomez Ruiz
- Others:  
Not Applicable

#### 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

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

Not Applicable.

### 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

#### **5.1. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of mineral oil hydrocarbons in food (EFSA-Q-2020-00664)<sup>3</sup>**

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the overview of available data on occurrence of mineral oil hydrocarbons in food, presented by the DATA Unit Officer, and agreed on an initial selection and analysis of the data. The draft protocol of the risk assessment was also discussed and agreed pending minor revisions. Additional tasks were assigned.

### 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

### 7. Next meeting(s)

To be decided

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

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<sup>3</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2020-00664>



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

### MINUTES OF THE 1<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON MOH in FOOD

**Held on 7 December 2020, Teleconference**

**(Agreed on 7 December 2020)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Jan Alexander, Kevin Chipman (Chair), Christophe Goldbeck, Konrad Grob, Nicole Hellwig, Annette Petersen and Heather Wallace
- Hearing Experts:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: Ivana Poustkova (EC) and Frans Verstraete (EC)
- EFSA:  
BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert, Marco Binaglia and Federico Cruciani
- Others:  
Not Applicable

#### 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<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, 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. Agreement of the minutes of previous Working Group meeting.

Not Applicable

### 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

#### **5.1. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of mineral oil hydrocarbons in food (EFSA-Q-2020-00664)<sup>3</sup>**

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the terms of reference of the mandate, the previous assessments by EFSA, the Art 36 grant studying accumulation and toxicity of MOSH in rats, the literature search, the protocol and the table of contents of the draft opinion on MOH in food. Tasks were distributed.

### 6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

### 7. Next meeting(s)

To be decided

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