



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

MINUTES OF THE 1st MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON N-nitrosamines in Food

Held on 16 December 2020, Teleconference

(Agreed on 16 December 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members: Bettina Grasl-Kraupp; Margherita Bignami; Stephen Hecht; Marco Iammarino; Jean-Charles Leblanc; Romualdo Benigni; Christina Fortes.
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: Frans Verstraete (EC)¹
- EFSA:
BIOCONTAM Unit: Anna Christodoulidou, Francesca Riolo and Carina Wenger
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

¹ From 17.15-18.00



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 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. Agreement of the minutes of previous Working Group meeting.

Not Applicable

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Request for a scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to the presence of nitrosamines in food (EFSA-Q-2020-00665)⁴

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the terms of reference of the mandate, the previous assessments by EFSA, the literature search, the protocol and the table of contents of the draft opinion on the risk assessment of N-nitrosamines in food. Tasks were distributed.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting(s)

To be decided

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

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2020-00665>