



SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND EMERGING RISKS UNIT

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE 1ST MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON "SCIENTIFIC CRITERIA FOR GROUPING CHEMICALS INTO ASSESSMENT GROUPS FOR HUMAN HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT OF COMBINED EXPOSURE TO MULTIPLE CHEMICALS"

Held on 01-02 October 2019, Parma

(Agreed on 15 October 2019)¹

Participants

- Working Group Members:²
 - Christer Hogstrand (chair)
 - Emilio Benfenati
 - Diane Benford via teleconference
 - Amélie Crépet
 - Antonio Hernandez-Jerez
 - Suzanne Hougaard Bennekou
 - Kyriaki Machera
 - Jan Dirk te Biesebeek
 - Josef Schlatter via teleconference
- Hearing Experts³:
 - Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
 - Not Applicable

¹ Minutes should be published within 15 working days of the final day of the relevant meeting.

² Indicate first full name and then surname (John Smith) all throughout the document.

³ 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>.

Not Applicable

■ EFSA:

SCER Unit : Jean Lou Dorne (Secretariat)

DATA Unit : Bruno Dujardin

CONTAM Unit : Hans Steinkellner (1 October)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies for absence were sent by Emanuela Testai.

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 the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management, 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 topics for discussion (EFSA-Q-2019-00517)

Background to the previous MIXTOX working group of the scientific committee, lessons learnt and current terms of reference for the self-tasking mandate to produce a scientific opinion on "Scientific criteria for grouping chemicals into assessment groups for human risk assessment of combined exposure to multiple chemicals" was presented to the working group by the secretariat (Jean Lou Dorne). Self-tasking mandate proposed by the Scientific Committee.

A first draft of the scientific opinion was discussed with regards to scientific criteria for grouping chemicals in assessment groups for human risk assessment of combined exposure to multiple chemicals namely exposure criteria, hazard criteria and risk criteria for different applications (prioritisation, urgent assessment, risk assessment of multiple chemicals as regulated products or contaminants).

5. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting of the WG will take place on the 18th -19th of November 2019 in Parma.