



FOOD INGREDIENTS AND PACKAGING UNIT

MINUTES OF THE 4th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BISPHENOL S

Held on 14 October 2019, TELE-conference

(Agreed on 24 October 2019)

Participants

- EFSA Working Group Members:
Henk Van Loveren, Rex FitzGerald, Consuelo Civitella (minutes) and Giovanni Bernasconi (chair)
- Belgian Competent Authority (BE CA) and European Chemical Agency (ECHA) Hearing Experts¹:
Martine Rohl; Anne-Laure Demierre; Marie-Noëlle Blaude
ECHA: Hannele Huuskonen, Francesca Pellizzato

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Anna Federica Castoldi (EFSA), Cristina Croera (EFSA), Catherine Meys (BE CA), Linda Spjuth (ECHA)

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

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² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

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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 the 3rd Working Group meeting held on 03 September 2019, TELE-conference.

The minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 11 September 2019.⁴

5. Scientific topic for discussion (EFSA Question number: **EFSA-Q-2019-00299**)

5.1. Draft Technical Report on the assessment of new information on BPS submitted in response to the Decision under REACH Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006

The draft technical report was amended as discussed during the meeting. The main points of discussion focus on the methodology and the conclusions of the assessment of the EOGRTS study. The final reports of the TK and metabolism studies were presented and briefly discussed. Some changes from the draft report were highlighted without impact on the evaluation of the study.

⁴ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wqs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/wg-bps.pdf>



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MINUTES OF THE 3RD MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BISPHENOL S

Held on 03 September 2019, TELE-conference

(Agreed on 11 September 2019)¹

Participants

- EFSA Working Group Members:
Henk Van Loveren, Rex FitzGerald, Anna Federica Castoldi, Cristina Croera, Consuelo Civitella and Giovanni Bernasconi (chair)
- Belgian Competent Authority (BE CA) and European Chemical Agency (ECHA) Hearing Experts²:
Martine Rohl; Anne-Laure Demierre; Marie-Noëlle Blaude
ECHA: Hannele Huuskonen

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Catherine MEYS (BE CA), Els HEYVAERT (BE CA), Linda SPJUTH (ECHA) and Francesca PELLIZZATO (ECHA)

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting held on 04 July 2019, TELE-conference.

The minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 16 July 2019.⁵

5. Scientific topic for discussion (EFSA Question number: [EFSA-Q-2019-00299](#))

EOGRTS study: comments on assessment and discussion

The experts presented the analysis of data conducted and their conclusions regarding the DNT cohort, specifically on the Morris Water Maze test results and brain morphometry, and regarding the DIT cohort, specifically on the effects on immune system organs weight.

As regards the other endpoints and reproductive effects, the final assessment and conclusions made by the BE CA for the CLH report was briefly discussed.

The summary of deficiencies identified in the EOGRTS draft report were partially addressed by the Registrant and discussed among the WG members.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be scheduled in mid-October (date and hour to be confirmed), by TELECONFERENCE.

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MINUTES OF THE 2nd MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BISPHENOL S (BPS)

Held on 04 July 2019, TELE-conference

(Agreed on 20 June 2019)

Participants

■ EFSA Working Group Members:

Henk Van Loveren, Rex FitzGerald, Anna Federica Castoldi, Cristina Croera, Consuelo Civitella and Giovanni Bernasconi (chair)

■ Belgian Competent Authority (BE CA) and European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) Hearing Experts¹:

BE CA and experts: Martine Rohl; Catherine Meys; Els Heyvaert; Els Van Hoeck; Anne-Laure Demierre; ECHA: Hannele Huuskonen; Linda Spjuth; Francesca Pellizzato

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received as all participants attended the meeting.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 06 June 2019, TELE-conference.

The minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 20 June 2019.⁴

5. Scientific topic for discussion (EFSA Question number: **EFSA-Q-2019-00299**)

As agreed in the first WG meeting, an overview on the DIT and DNT cohorts of the EOGRTS was given by the experts and a scientific discussion on the results and findings among the Working Group members took place. A summary of deficiencies identified in the EOGRTS draft report was collected and provided to the Registrant in view of the preparation of the final study report.

A draft summary of the TK study was provided by the Experts of the Belgian Competent Authority under REACH. The main of results of the study were discussed and commented.

A template of the EFSA Technical Report and the outline of the document was briefly presented by EFSA to the Working Group members, together with a proposed timeline for the finalisation of the output.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled in September (date and hour to be confirmed), by TELECONFERENCE.

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MINUTES OF THE 1st MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BISPHENOL S (BPS)

Held on 06 June 2019, TELE-conference

(Agreed by written procedure on 20 June 2019)

Participants

■ EFSA Working Group Members:

Henk Van Loveren, Rex FitzGerald, Anna Federica Castoldi, Cristina Croera, Consuelo Civitella and Giovanni Bernasconi (chair)

■ Belgian Competent Authority (BE CA) and European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) Hearing Experts¹:

Rohl Martine; Heyvaert Els; Van Hoeck Els; Demierre Anne-Laure; Meys Catherine (BE CA) Hannele Huuskonen; Spjuth Linda; Pellizzato Francesca (ECHA)

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4. Scientific discussion on first assessment of EOGRTS and TK studies

EFSA Question number: [EFSA-Q-2019-00299](#)

A draft summary of the effects observed in the EOGRTS was given by the experts of the Belgian Competent Authority under REACH. The main findings were discussed among the Working Group members. A deeper analysis of the results, according to the experts' areas of expertise, was committed in view of the next WG meeting.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 4 July 2019, by TELE-conference.