



EFSA Working Group of the Pesticides Unit

Minutes of the 50th meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

Held on 21st May 2019

(Agreed on 23rd May 2019)

Participants

■ **Working Group Members:**

Michael Stemmer and Andrik Tiktak

■ **Hearing Experts:**

Michael Klein

■ **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

None

■ **EFSA:**

Mark Egsmose and Chris Lythgo

■ **Others:**

Not applicable



1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Giovanna Azimonti has stepped out of the WG.

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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², 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 the 49th Working Group/Webconference held on 26th February 2019

The minutes of the were agreed and published on the EFSA website³.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil. (EFSA-Q-2015-00438) has now been published and is available on the EFSA website. Solutions to technical and scientific issues in relation to the guidance and the supporting software tools were discussed and resolved. The update of the PERSAM tool (v.3.0.0) is currently ongoing and the final beta release of the model is estimated to take place in September 2019. The numerical models have been submitted into FOCUS version control for evaluation and feedback to the modelers has been provided from FOCUS version control. A new version of PELMO will soon be resubmitted into the FOCUS version control. An info session for stakeholders on the guidance and supporting tools is scheduled for the 4/5 June 2019 in Parma and about 85 stakeholders have registered.

6. Next meeting(s)

To be decided.

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/pesticides/PECsinSoil.pdf>



EFSA Working Group of the Pesticide Peer Review Unit

Minutes of the 49th meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

Held on 26 February 2019

(Agreed on 4th March)

Participants:

- **Working Group Experts:**

Michael Klein, Michael Stemmer, Aaldrik Tiktak

- **Hearing Experts:** not applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Not applicable

- **EFSA:**

The Pesticide Peer Review Unit: Mark Egsmose, Gabriella Fait, Michele Ghidotti

- **Others:**

Not applicable



1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Giovanna Azimonti, Chris Lythgo and Laura Fabrizi.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 48th Working Group meeting held on 4th December 2018

The minutes were agreed and were published on the EFSA website.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil. (EFSA-Q-2015-00438) has now been published and is available on the EFSA website. Solutions to technical and scientific issues in relation to the guidance and the supporting software tools were discussed and resolved. The update of the PERSAM tool (v.3.0.0) is currently ongoing and the final beta release of the model will take place in March 2019. The numerical models have been submitted into FOCUS version control for evaluation. An info session for stakeholders on the guidance and supporting tools is scheduled for the 4/5 June 2019 in Parma. The info session is open to all stakeholders.

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



6. Any Other Business (if applicable)

Nothing to report. Poster on benefits of the guidance will be presented at SETAC Europe. Michael S. had been invited to the Fresenius conference in June. Aaldrik had been contacted for the AgChem Forum in September. If not available Michael K. is prepared to participate.

7. Next meeting

May 2019

EFSA Working Group of the Pesticides Unit

Minutes of the 48th meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

Held on 4nd December 2018

(Agreed on 10th December 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

Michael Klein, Michael Stemmer and Aldrik Tiktak

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Not applicable

- **EFSA:**

- The Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose and Chris Lythgo

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Giovanna Azimonti, Jos Boesten and Laura Fabrizi.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 47th Working Group meeting held on 22 May 2018

The minutes were agreed and were published on the EFSA website.

5. Scientific topics for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil. **EFSA-Q-2015-00438** has now been published and is available on the EFSA website. Solutions to technical and scientific issues in relation to the guidance and the supporting software tools were discussed and resolved. The update of the PERSAM tool is currently ongoing and the final beta release of the model will take place end of February 2019. The numerical models have been submitted into FOCUS version control for evaluation.

6. Any Other Business (if applicable)

Nothing to report.

7. Next meeting

February 2019

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/corporate/pub/independencepolicy17>

EFSA Working Group of the Pesticides Unit

Minutes of the 47th meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

Held on 22nd May 2018

(Agreed on 31st May 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

Michael Klein, Michael Stemmer and Jos Boesten

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Not applicable

- **EFSA:**

- The Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose and Chris Lythgo

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Giovanna Azimonti, Aaldrik Tiktak and Laura Fabrizi.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 46th Working Group meeting held on 12 December 2017

The minutes were agreed on 22 May 2018 and were published on the EFSA website.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil. (**EFSA-Q-2015-00438**) has now been published and is available on the EFSA website. Solutions to technical and scientific issues in relation to the guidance and the supporting software tools were discussed and resolved. The communication plan as well as the progress of the update of the supporting software tools (PERSAM, PELMO and PEARL) were discussed. The draft outline document for comparing the current PECs in soil procedure with the new procedure in the EFSA GDs shows that the new procedure is slightly more conservative for substances with shorter half-lives while it is less conservative for more persistent substances. The new procedure is more scientifically defensible than the current procedure as it takes spatial and temporal variation in EU into account. The supporting software tools will provide a consistent and

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

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

robust approach for calculating soil exposure and with the assessment depth of 5 cm the new EFSA GD does not change substantially the regulatory procedure for the soil RA. Further the new procedure provides guidance for exposure refinements which are not available in the current procedure which dates back to 1997.

6. Any Other Business (if applicable)

Nothing to report.

7. Next meeting

December 2018

EFSA Working Group of the Pesticides Unit

Minutes of the 46th meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

Held on 12th December 2017

(Agreed on 22nd May 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

Michael Klein, Aaldrik Tiktak, Michael Stemmer and Jos Boesten

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Not applicable

- **EFSA:**

- The Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose and Chris Lythgo

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Giovanna Azimonti and Laura Fabrizi.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 45th Working Group meeting held on 21/22 November 2017

The minutes were agreed on 12 December 2017 and were published on the EFSA website.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil. ([EFSA-Q-2015-00438](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerulepolicy.pdf)) has now been published and is available on the EFSA website. Solutions to technical and scientific issues in relation to the guidance and the supporting software tools were discussed and resolved.

6. Any Other Business (if applicable)

Nothing to report.

7. Next meeting

May 2018

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerulepolicy.pdf>

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

EFSA Working Group of the Pesticides Unit

Minutes of the 45th meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

Held on 21/22 November 2017

(Agreed on 12th December 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

Michael Klein, Aaldrik Tiktak, Michael Stemmer and Jos Boesten

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Not applicable

- **EFSA:**

- The Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Chris Lythgo, Giovanna Azimonti and Laura Fabrizi

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 44th Working Group meeting held on 24 October 2017

The minutes were agreed on 21 November 2017 and were published on the EFSA website.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil. ([EFSA-Q-2015-00438](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerule.pdf)) has now been published and is available on the EFSA website. Solutions to technical and scientific issues in relation to the guidance and the supporting software tools were discussed and resolved.

6. Any Other Business (if applicable)

Nothing to report.

7. Next meeting

December 2017.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerule.pdf>

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

EFSA Working Group of the Pesticides Unit

Minutes of the 44th meeting (Web-conference) of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

Held on 24 October 2017

(Agreed on 21st November 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

Michael Klein, Aaldrik Tiktak, Michael Stemmer, Giovanna Azimonti and Jos Boesten

- **Hearing Experts:** NA

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:** NA

- **EFSA:**

- The Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose and Chris Lythgo

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Laura Fabrizi

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 43rd Working Group meeting held on 22 September 2017

The minutes were agreed on 24 October 2017 and were published on the EFSA website.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil. ([EFSA-Q-2015-00438](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerule.pdf)) has now been published and is available on the EFSA website. Solutions to technical and scientific issues in relation to the guidance and software tools were discussed and resolved.

6. Next meeting

November 2017

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerule.pdf>

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

EFSA Working Group of the Pesticides Unit

Minutes of the 43rd meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

Held on 21/22 September 2017

(Agreed on 24 October 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

Michael Klein, Aaldrik Tiktak, Michael Stemmer, Giovanna Azimonti and Jos Boesten

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Not applicable

- **EFSA:**

- The Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose and Chris Lythgo

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Laura Fabrizi.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 42nd Working Group meeting held on 14 June 2017

The minutes were agreed on 22 September 2017 and were published on the EFSA website.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil. ([EFSA-Q-2015-00438](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencpolicy.pdf)). Tasks and actions were allocated to progress the technical stakeholder report and the draft guidance further with the intention to finalise and publish both documents in 2017. Results from calibration of the supporting software tools were presented and discussed. Solutions to technical and scientific issues in relation to the guidance were resolved.

6. Any Other Business (if applicable)

Nothing to report.

7. Next meeting

October 2017.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencpolicy.pdf>

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

EFSA Working Group of the Pesticides Unit

Minutes of the 42nd meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

Held on 14 June 2017

(Agreed on 22 September 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
Michael Klein, Aldrik Tiktak, Michael Stemmer and Jos Boesten
- **Hearing Experts¹:**
Not Applicable
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
Not Applicable
- **EFSA:**
The Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose and Chris Lythgo

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts:
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Giovanna Azimonti and Laura Fabrizi.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 41st Working Group meeting held on 16 May 2017

The minutes were agreed on 14 June 2017 and were published on the EFSA website.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil ([EFSA-Q-2015-00438](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencereport.pdf)). Tasks and actions were allocated to progress the technical stakeholder report and the draft guidance further with the intention to finalise and publish both documents in 2017. Results from calibration of the supporting software tools were presented and discussed. Solutions to technical and scientific issues in relation to the guidance were resolved.

6. Next meeting

September 2017

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

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

EFSA Working Group of the Pesticides Unit

Minutes of the 41st meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

Held on 16-17 May 2017 Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 14 June 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

Michael Klein, Aaldrik Tiktak, Michael Stemmer and Jos Boesten

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Not applicable

- **EFSA:**

The Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose and Chris Lythgo

- **Others (if applicable):**

Not applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Giovanna Azimonti and Laura Fabrizi

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 40th Working Group meeting held on 26 April 2017

The minutes were agreed on 16 May 2017 and were published on the EFSA website.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil. ([EFSA-Q-2015-00438](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerule.pdf)). Tasks and actions were allocated to progress the technical stakeholder report and the draft guidance further with the intention to finalise both documents in 2017. Results from calibration of the supporting software tools were presented and discussed. Solutions to technical and scientific issues in relation to the guidance were resolved.

6. Any Other Business (if applicable)

Nothing to report.

7. Next meeting

June 2017

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerule.pdf>

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

EFSA Working Group of the Pesticides Unit

Minutes of the 40th meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

Held on 26 April 2017 Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 16 May 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

Michael Klein, Aaldrik Tiktak, Michael Stemmer and Jos Boesten

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Not applicable

- **EFSA:**

The Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose and Chris Lythgo

- **Others (if applicable):**

Not applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Giovanna Azimonti and Laura Fabrizi

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 39th Working Group meeting held on 21 February 2017

The minutes were agreed on 21 March 2017 and were published on the EFSA website.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil. ([EFSA-Q-2015-00438](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerule.pdf)). Tasks and actions were allocated to progress the technical stakeholder report and the draft guidance further. Results from calibration of the supporting software tools were presented and discussed. Solutions to technical and scientific issues in relation to the guidance were resolved.

6. Any Other Business (if applicable)

Nothing to report.

7. Next meeting

May 2017

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerule.pdf>

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

EFSA Working Group of the Pesticides Unit

Minutes of the 39th meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

Held on 21-22 March 2017 Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 26 April 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

Michael Klein, Giovanna Azimonti, Aaldrik Tiktak, Michael Stemmer and Jos Boesten

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Not applicable

- **EFSA:**

The Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose

- **Others (if applicable):**

Not applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Chris Lythgo and Laura Fabrizi

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 38th Working Group meeting held on 24-25 January 2017

The minutes were agreed on 21 February 2017 and were published on the EFSA website.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil ([EFSA-Q-2015-00438](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/EFSA-Q-2015-00438)). Tasks and actions were allocated to progress the technical stakeholder report and the draft guidance further. Results from parameterisation and calibration of the supporting software tools were presented and discussed. Solutions to technical and scientific issues in relation to the guidance were resolved.

6. Any Other Business

Nothing to report.

7. Next meeting

April 2017

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

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

EFSA Working Group of the Pesticides Unit

Minutes of the 38th meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

Held on 21 February 2017 Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 21 March 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

Michael Klein, Giovanna Azimonti, Aldrik Tiktak, Michael Stemmer and Jos Boesten

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Not applicable

- **EFSA:**

The Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose, Chris Lythgo

- **Others (if applicable):**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Laura Fabrizi

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 37th Working Group meeting held on 24-25 January 2017

The minutes were agreed on 24-25 January 2017 and were published on the EFSA website.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil. ([EFSA-Q-2015-00438](#)). Tasks and actions were allocated to progress the technical stakeholder report and the draft guidance further. Results from parameterisation and calibration of the supporting software tools were presented and discussed. Solutions to technical and scientific issues in relation to the guidance were resolved.

6. Any Other Business (if applicable)

Nothing to report.

7. Next meeting

March 2017

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

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

EFSA Working Group of the Pesticides Unit

Minutes of the 37th meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

Held on 24-25 January 2017 Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 21 February 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

Michael Klein, Giovanna Azimonti, Aldrik Tiktak, Michael Stemmer and Jos Boesten

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Not applicable

- **EFSA:**

The Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose, Chris Lythgo

- **Others (if applicable):**

Not applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Laura Fabrizi.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 36th Working Group meeting held on 15-16 December 2016

The minutes were agreed on 24 January 2017 and were published on the EFSA website.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil. ([EFSA-Q-2015-00438](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencpolicy.pdf)). Tasks and actions were allocated to progress the technical stakeholder report and the draft guidance further. A plan to initiate the update of the supporting software tools was proposed and agreed and will happen within the next few months. Solutions to technical and scientific issues were resolved.

6. Any Other Business (if applicable)

Nothing to report.

7. Next meeting

February 2017

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencpolicy.pdf>

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

EFSA Working Group of the Pesticides Unit

Minutes of the 36th meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

Held on 15-16 December 2016, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 24 January 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

Michael Klein, Giovanna Azimonti, Aaldrik Tiktak, Michael Stemmer and Jos Boesten

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

The Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose

- **Others (if applicable):**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Laura Fabrizi and Chris Lythgo.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 35th Working Group meeting held on 8-9 November 2016

The minutes were agreed on 15 December 2016 and were published on the EFSA website.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil. ([EFSA-Q-2015-00438](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerule.pdf)). Some answers were prepared in response to the comments received during the public consultation on the draft guidance. Tasks and actions were allocated to progress the technical stakeholder report and the draft guidance further. A plan to initiate the update of the supporting software tools was proposed and agreed. Solutions to technical and scientific issues were resolved.

6. Any Other Business (if applicable)

Nothing to report.

7. Next meeting

January 2017

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerule.pdf>

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

EFSA Working Group of the Pesticides Unit

Minutes of the 35th meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

Held on 8 - 9 November 2016 Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 15 December 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

Michael Klein, Giovanna Azimonti, Aaldrik Tiktak, Michael Stemmer and Jos Boesten

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

The Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose

- **Others (if applicable):**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Laura Fabrizi and Chris Lythgo

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 34th Working Group meeting held on 25 October 2016, Parma

The minutes were agreed on 8 November 2016 and were published on the EFSA website.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil. ([EFSA-Q-2015-00438](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencpolicy.pdf)). Some answers were prepared in response to the comments received during the public consultation on the draft guidance. Tasks and actions were allocated to progress the technical stakeholder report and the draft guidance further. Solutions to technical and scientific issues were resolved.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

December 2016

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencpolicy.pdf>

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

EFSA Working Group of the Pesticides Unit

Minutes of the 34th meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

Held on 25 October 2016, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 8 November 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Giovanna Azimonti, Jos Boesten, Michael Klein, Michael Stemmer, Aldrik Tiktak

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

The Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Laura Fabrizi and Christopher Lythgo.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 33rd Working Group meeting held on 20-21 September 2016, Parma.

The minutes of the 33rd Working Group meeting held on 20-21 September were agreed on 25 October 2016 and published on the EFSA website.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

- 5.1.** EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil. (EFSA-Q-2015-00438). Some answers were prepared in response to the comments received during the public consultation on the draft guidance. Tasks and actions were allocated to progress the technical stakeholder report and the draft guidance further.⁵

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

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁴ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/pesticides/working-groups>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00438>

6. Any Other Business

6.1. Not Applicable

7. Next meeting(s)

November 2016

EFSA Working Group of the Pesticides Unit

Minutes of the 33rd meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

Held on 20-21 September 2016, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 25 October 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Giovanna Azimonti, Jos Boesten, Michael Klein, Michael Stemmer, Aldrik Tiktak

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

The Pesticides Unit: Christopher Lythgo, Mark Egsmose

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts:
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Laura Fabrizi.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 32nd Working Group meeting held on 6 July 2016, Parma.

The minutes of the 32nd Working Group meeting held on 6 July 2016 were agreed on 20 September 2016 and published on the EFSA website.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil. (EFSA-Q-2015-00438). Some answers were prepared in response to the comments received during the public consultation on the draft guidance. Tasks and actions were allocated to progress the technical stakeholder report and the draft guidance further.⁵

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

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁴ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/pesticides/working-groups>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00438>

6. Any Other Business

6.1. Not Applicable

7. Next meeting(s)

October 2016

EFSA Working Group of the Pesticides Unit

Minutes of the 32nd meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

Held on 6 July 2016, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 20-21 September 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Giovanna Azimonti, Jos Boesten, Michael Klein

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

The Pesticides Unit: Christopher Lythgo, Mark Egsmose

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts:
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Laura Fabrizi, Michael Stemmer and Aaldrik Tiktak.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 31st Working Group meeting held on 15 June 2016, Parma.

The minutes of the 31st Working Group meeting held on 15 June 2016 were agreed on 6 July and published on the EFSA website.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

- 5.1.** EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil. (EFSA-Q-2015-00438). Amendments to the draft guidance were introduced. Tasks and actions were allocated to progress the document further. A public consultation is foreseen to be launched in second half of July 2016.⁵

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

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁴ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/pesticides/working-groups>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00438>

6. Any Other Business

6.1. Not Applicable

7. Next meeting(s)

September 2016

EFSA Working Group of the Pesticides Unit

Minutes of the 31st meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

Held on 15 June 2016, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 6 July)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Giovanna Azimonti, Jos Boesten, Michael Klein, Michael Stemmer, Aldrik Tiktak

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

The Pesticides Unit: Christopher Lythgo, Mark Egsmose

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Laura Fabrizi.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 30th Working Group meeting held on 31 May and 1 June 2016, Parma.

The minutes of the 30th Working Group meeting held on 31 May - 1 June 2016 were agreed on 15 June and published on the EFSA website.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil. (EFSA-Q-2015-00438). Important issues eg wash-off values and possible importance of rainfall for scenario selection and the tiered approach crops for updating the guidance were discussed. Amendments to the draft guidance were introduced. Tasks and actions were allocated to progress the document further. A public consultation is foreseen in to be launched in July 2016.⁵

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

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁴ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/pesticides/working-groups>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00438>

6. Any Other Business

6.1. Not Applicable

7. Next meeting(s)

July 2016

EFSA Working Group of the Pesticides Unit

Minutes of the 30th meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

Held on 31 May – 1 June 2016, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 15 June 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Aaldrik Tiktak, Giovanna Azimonti, Jos Boesten, Michael Klein and Michael Stemmer

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

The Pesticides Unit: Christopher Lythgo and Mark Egsmose

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Laura Fabrizi.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 29th Working Group meeting held on 18 May 2016, Parma

The minutes of the 29th Working Group meeting held on 18 May 2016 were agreed on 31 May 2016 and were published on the EFSA website.³

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

- 5.1.** EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil (EFSA-Q-2015-00438). Important issues and prioritisation e.g. scenario parameterisation and Tier 1 for permanent crops for updating the guidance were discussed. Amendments to the draft guidance were introduced. Tasks and actions were allocated to progress the document further. A public consultation is foreseen in 2016.⁴

6. Any Other Business

- 6.1.** Not Applicable

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

³ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/assets/PECsinSoil.pdf>

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?EFSA-Q-2015-00438>

7. Next meeting(s)

June 2016

EFSA Working Group of the Pesticides Unit

Minutes of the 29th meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

Held on 18 May 2016, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 31 May 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Aaldrik Tiktak, Michael Klein, Michael Stemmer and Jos Boesten

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose and Chris Lythgo

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Giovanna Azimonti and Laura Fabrizi.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 28th Working Group meeting held on 12-13 April 2016, Parma

The minutes of the 28th Working Group meeting held on 12-13 April 2016 were agreed on 18 May 2016 and were published on the EFSA website.³

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil (EFSA-Q-2015-00438). Important issues and prioritisation eg scenario parameterisation and Tier 1 for permanent crops for updating the guidance were discussed. Amendments to the draft guidance were introduced. Tasks and actions were allocated to progress the document further. A public consultation is foreseen in 2016.⁴

6. Any Other Business

6.1. Not Applicable

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/assets/PECsinSoil.pdf>

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?EFSA-Q-2015-00438>

7. Next meeting(s)

May/June 2016

EFSA Working Group of the Pesticides Unit

Minutes of the 28th meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

Held on 12-13 April 2016, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 18 May 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Aaldrik Tiktak, Michael Klein, Michael Stemmer, Jos Boesten

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose and Christopher Lythgo

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Giovanna Azimonti and Laura Fabrizi.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 27th Working Group meeting held on 9 March 2016, Parma.

The minutes of the 27th Working Group meeting held on 9 March 2016 were agreed on 12 April 2016 and were published on the EFSA website.³

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil ([EFSA-Q-2015-00438](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerule2014.pdf)). Important issues and prioritisation eg scenario parameterisation for permanent crops for updating the guidance were discussed. Amendments to the draft guidance were introduced. Tasks and actions were allocated to progress the document further. A public consultation is foreseen in 2016.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerule2014.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerule2014.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/assets/PECsinSoil.pdf>

7. Next meeting(s)

May 2016

EFSA Working Group of the Pesticides Unit

Minutes of the 27th meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

Held on 9 March 2016, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 12 April 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Aaldrik Tiktak, Michael Klein, Michael Stemmer, and Jos Boesten

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose and Chris Lythgo

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts:
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

Apologies were received from Giovanna Azimonti and Laura Fabrizi.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 26th Working Group meeting held on 9-10 February 2016, Parma

The minutes of the 26th Working Group meeting held on 9-10 February 2016 were agreed on 9 March 2016 and were published on the EFSA website.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil ([EFSA-Q-2015-00438](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerule2014.pdf)). The extension acceptance of the extension from the EC was discussed for including the request for methodology on permanent crops, crops grown on ridges and annual crops where no tillage is applied. Important issues and prioritisation eg scenario parameterisation for permanent crops for updating the guidance were discussed. Tasks and actions were allocated to progress the document further. A public consultation is foreseen in 2016.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerule2014.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerule2014.pdf>

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/assets/PECsinSoil.pdf>

7. Next meeting

April 2016

EFSA Working Group of the Pesticides Unit

Minutes of the 26th meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

Held on 9-10 February 2016, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 9 March 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Aaldrik Tiktak, Michael Klein, Michael Stemmer, Giovanna Azimonti and Jos Boesten

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose and Chris Lythgo

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Laura Fabrizi

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 25th Working Group meeting held on 13 January 2016, Parma

The minutes of the 25th Working Group meeting held on 13 January 2016 were agreed on 9 February 2016 and were published on the EFSA website.³

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil ([EFSA-Q-2015-00438](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerule2014.pdf)). The acceptance of the extension from the EC was discussed for including the request for methodology on permanent crops, crops grown on ridges and annual crops where no tillage is applied. Important issues and prioritisation for updating the guidance were discussed. Tasks and actions were allocated to progress the document further. A public consultation is foreseen in 2016.

6. Any Other Business

Nothing to report

7. Next meeting

March 2016

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerule2014.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerule2014.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/assets/PECsinSoil.pdf>

EFSA Working Group of the Pesticides Unit

Minutes of the 25th meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

Held on 13 January 2016, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 9 February 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Aaldrik Tiktak, Michael Klein, Michael Stemmer, Giovanna Azimonti and Jos Boesten

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose and Chris Lythgo

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Laura Fabrizi.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 24th Working Group meeting held on 1-2 December 2015, Parma

The minutes of the 24th Working Group meeting held on 1-2 December 2015 were agreed on 13 January 2016 and were published on the EFSA website.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil (EFSA-Q-2013-00877). The extension acceptance of the extension from the EC was discussed for including the request for methodology on permanent crops, crops grown on ridges and annual crops where no tillage is applied. Important issues and prioritisation for updating the guidance were discussed. Tasks and actions were allocated to progress the document further. A public consultation is foreseen in 2016.

6. Any Other Business

Nothing to report

7. Next meeting

February 2016

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

EFSA Working Group of the Pesticides Unit

Minutes of the 24th meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

Held on 1-2 December 2015, Parma

(Agreed on 13 January 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

Aaldrik Tiktak, Michael Klein, Michael Stemmer and Jos Boesten

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

The Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose and Chris Lythgo

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Laura Fabrizi and Giovanna Azimonti

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 23rd Working Group meeting held on 11 November 2015

The minutes were agreed on 1st December 2015 and were published on the EFSA website.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

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

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil. ([EFSA-Q-2013-00877](#)). The extension acceptance of the extension from the EC was discussed for including the request for methodology on permanent crops, crops grown on ridges and annual crops where no tillage is applied. Important issues and prioritisation for updating the guidance were discussed. Tasks and actions were allocated to progress the document further. A public consultation is foreseen in 2016.

6. Any Other Business (if applicable)

Nothing to report

7. Next meeting

January 2016

EFSA Working Group of the Pesticides Unit

Minutes of the 23rd meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

Held on 11th November 2015

(Agreed on 1st December 2015)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

Aaldrik Tiktak, Michael Klein, Michael Stemmer, Giovanna Azimonti and Jos Boesten

- **Hearing Experts:**

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

- **EFSA:**

- The Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose

- **Others (if applicable):**

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Laura Fabrizi and Chris Lythgo.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

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

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 22nd Working Group meeting held on 24/25 March 2015

The minutes were agreed on 11th November 2015 and published on the EFSA website.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil. ([EFSA-Q-2013-00877](#)). The document was updated with some proposals from the WG. The extension acceptance of the extension from the EC was discussed for including the request for methodology on permanent crops, crops grown on ridges and annual crops where no tillage is applied. Important issues and prioritisation for updating the guidance were discussed.

6. Any Other Business (if applicable)

Nothing to report.

7. Next meeting

1/2 December **2015**

EFSA Working Group of the Pesticides Unit

Minutes of the 22nd meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

Held on 24-25th September 2015, Parma

(Agreed on 10th November 2015)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

Aaldrik Tiktak, Michael Klein, Michael Stemmer, Giovanna Azimonti and Jos Boesten

- **Hearing Experts:**

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

- **EFSA:**

- The Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose and Chris Lythgo

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Laura Fabrizi.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 21st Working Group meeting held on 26/27 March 2015

The minutes were agreed on 14th April 2015 and published on the EFSA website on the EFSA website 23rd April 2015.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil. ([EFSA-Q-2013-00877](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf)). The document was updated with some proposals from the WG. The extension acceptance of the extension from the EC was discussed for including the request for methodology on permanent crops, crops grown on ridges and annual crops where no tillage is applied.

6. Any Other Business (if applicable)

Nothing to report.

7. Next meeting

10th November 2015

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

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

EFSA WORKING GROUP OF THE PESTICIDES UNIT

**Minutes of the 21st meeting of the EFSA Working Group for
developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting
environmental concentrations of substances in soil**

Working Group meeting, 26/27th March 2015

(Agreed on 14 April 2015)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

Aaldrik Tiktak, Michael Klein, Michael Stemmer, and Jos Boesten

- **Hearing Experts:**

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

- **EFSA:**

- The Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose and Chris Lythgo

- **Others (if applicable):**

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Sylvia Karlsson and Laura Fabrizi

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 19th Working Group meeting held on 27th February 2015

The minutes were agreed on 26h March 2015 and published on the EFSA website on [27th March 2015](#).

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil. ([EFSA-Q-2013-00877](#)). The document was updated with the proposals from the stakeholder consultation.

6. Any Other Business (if applicable)

The comments received from the public consultation of the EFSA GD and the supporting software tool (PERSAM) were discussed for amending the draft GD. The GD with the sections on annual crops is foreseen for publication in April 2015.

7. Next meeting

No meetings are currently planned.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

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

EFSA WORKING GROUP OF THE PESTICIDES UNIT

Minutes of the 20th meeting (webconference) of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

Held on 27th February 2015

(Agreed on 26/27 March 2015)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

- Aaldrik Tiktak, Michael Klein, Michael Stemmer, and Jos Boesten

- **EFSA:**

- The Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose and Chris Lythgo

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Sylvia Karlsson and Laura Fabrizi

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

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

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 18th Working Group meeting held on 10th February 2015

The minutes were agreed on 27h February 2015 and published on the EFSA website on 2 March 2015.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil. ([EFSA-Q-2013-00877](#)). The document is being updated with the proposals from the stakeholder which have been accepted by the WG group.

6. Any Other Business (if applicable)

The comments received from the public consultation of the EFSA GD and the supporting software tool (PERSAM) were discussed for amending the draft GD. Practical worked examples on how to use the EFSA GD are under preparation. The public consultation closed on the 4th September 2014 and about 300 comment boxes were received from MSs and other stakeholders.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held in second half of March 2015

EFSA WORKING GROUP OF THE PESTICIDES UNIT

Minutes of the 19th meeting (webconference) of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

Working Group meeting, 10th February 2015

(Agreed on 27th February 2015)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

Aaldrik Tiktak, Michael Klein, Michael Stemmer, Sylvia Karlsson and Jos Boesten

- **EFSA:**

The Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose and Chris Lythgo

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Laura Fabrizi

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the

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issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 17th Working Group meeting held on 8th January 2015

The minutes were agreed on 20h January 2015 and published on the EFSA website on 3 March 2015.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil([EFSA-Q-2013-00877](#)). The document is being updated with the proposals from the stakeholder which have been accepted by the WG group.

6. Any Other Business (if applicable)

The comments received from the public consultation of the EFSA GD and the supporting software tool (PERSAM) were discussed for amending the draft GD. Practical worked examples on how to use the EFSA GD are under preparation. The public consultation closed on the 4th September 2014 and about 300 comment boxes were received from MSs and other stakeholders.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held in second half of February 2015.

EFSA WORKING GROUP OF THE PESTICIDES UNIT

Minutes of the 18th meeting (webconference) of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

**Working Group meeting, 20 January 2015
(Agreed on 10 February 2015)**

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Aaldrik Tiktak, Michael Klein, Michael Stemmer and Jos Boesten
- **Hearing Experts:**
 -
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
 - The Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose and Chris Lythgo
- **Others (if applicable):**

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Sylvia Karlsson and Laura Fabrizi

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 17th Working Group meeting held on 08 January 2015

The minutes were agreed on 20 January 2015 and published on the EFSA website on 17 February 2015

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil. ([EFSA-Q-2013-00877](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerule.pdf)). The document is being updated with the proposals from the stakeholder which have been accepted by the WG group.

6. Any Other Business (if applicable)

The comments received from the public consultation of the EFSA GD and the supporting software tool (PERSAM) were discussed for amending the draft GD. The public consultation closed on the 4th September 2014 and about 300 comment boxes were received from MSs and other stakeholders.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held in first half of February 2015

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

EFSA WORKING GROUP OF THE PESTICIDES UNIT

Minutes of the 17th meeting (webconference) of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

**Working Group meeting, 8 January 2014
(Agreed on 20 January 2015)**

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Aaldrik Tiktak, Michael Klein, Sylvia Karlsson, Michael Stemmer and Jos Boesten
- **Hearing Experts:**
 -
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 -
- **EFSA:**
 - The Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose and Chris Lythgo
- **Others (if applicable):**

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Laura Fabrizi

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 16th Working Group meeting held on 15 December 2014

The minutes were agreed on 8 January 2015 and published on the EFSA website on 19 January 2015.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil. ([EFSA-Q-2013-00877](#)). The document is being updated with the proposals from the stakeholder which have been accepted by the WG group.

6. Any Other Business (if applicable)

The comments received from the public consultation of the EFSA GD and the supporting software tool (PERSAM) were discussed for amending the draft GD. The public consultation closed on the 4th September 2014 and about 300 comment boxes were received from MSs and other stakeholders.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held in second half of January 2015

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

EFSA WORKING GROUP OF THE PESTICIDES UNIT

Minutes of the 16th meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

**Web-conference, 15 December 2014
(Agreed on 8 January 2015)**

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Aaldrik Tiktak, Michael Klein, Sylvia Karlsson, Michael Stemmer and Jos Boesten
- **Hearing Experts:**
 -
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
 - The Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Chris Lythgo and Laura Fabrizi

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 15 Working Group meeting held on 5 and 6 November 2014

The minutes were agreed on 15 December 2014 and published on the EFSA website.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil. ([EFSA-Q-2013-00877](#)). The document is being updated with the proposals from the stakeholder which have been accepted by the WG group.

6. Any Other Business (if applicable)

The comments received from the public consultation of the EFSA GD and the supporting software tool (PERSAM) were discussed for amending the GD. The public consultation closed on 4 September 2014 and about 300 comment boxes were received from MSs and other stakeholders.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held in first half of January 2015

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

EFSA WORKING GROUP OF THE PESTICIDES UNIT

Minutes of the 15th meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

**Web-conference, 5-6 November 2014
(Agreed on 15 Dec 2014)**

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Aaldrik Tiktak, Michael Klein, Sylvia Karlsson, Michael Stemmer and Jos Boesten
- **Hearing Experts:**
 -
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
 - Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose and Chris Lythgo

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Laura Fabrizi

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 14th Working Group meeting held on 15 and 16 September 2014

The minutes were agreed on 5 November 2014 and published on the EFSA website on 18 November 2014.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil ([EFSA-Q-2013-00877](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf)).

6. Any Other Business (if applicable)

The comments received from the public consultation of the EFSA GD and the supporting software tool (PERSAM) were discussed for amending the GD. The public consultation closed on 4 September 2014 and about 300 comment boxes were received from MSs and other stakeholders.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held in December 2014

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencypolicy.pdf>

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

EFSA WORKING GROUP OF THE PESTICIDES UNIT

Minutes of the 14th meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

**Web-conference, 15-16 September 2014
(Agreed on 05 November 2014)**

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Aaldrik Tiktak, Michael Klein, Sylvia Karlsson and Jos Boesten (second day)
- **Hearing Experts:**
 -
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
 - Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose and Chris Lythgo

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Michael Stemmer and Laura Fabrizi

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 13th Working Group meeting held on 27 June 2014

The minutes were agreed on 15th September 2014 and published on the EFSA website on 02 October 2014.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil.
([EFSA-Q-2013-00877](#))

6. Any Other Business (if applicable)

The comments received from the public consultation of the EFSA GD and the supporting software tool (PERSAM) were discussed for amending the GD. The public consultation closed on the 4th September 2014 and about 300 comment boxes were received from MSs and other stakeholders.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held in November 2014

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EFSA WORKING GROUP OF THE PESTICIDES UNIT

Minutes of the 13th meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

Web-conference, 27 June 2014

(Agreed on 15 September 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Aaldrik Tiktak, Michael Klein, and Michael Stemmer
- **Hearing Experts:**
 -
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 -
- **EFSA:**
 - The Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose and Chris Lythgo
- **Others (if applicable):**

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Sylvia Karlsson, Jos Boesten and Laura Fabrizi.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 12th Working Group meeting held on 16 May 2014

The minutes were agreed on 27 June 2014 and published on the EFSA website on 04 July.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil.

([EFSA-Q-2013-00877](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf))

6. Any Other Business (if applicable)

The draft GD was discussed and updated during the meeting. Guidance on how to derive fraction reaching the soil was discussed. A public consultation of the EFSA GD and the supporting software tool (PERSAM) is foreseen to be launched by mid-2014 for an 8 week consultation period.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held in September 2014

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencypolicy.pdf>

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

EFSA WORKING GROUP OF THE PESTICIDES UNIT

Minutes of the 12th meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

**Working Group meeting, 16 May 2014
(Agreed on 27 June 2014)**

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Aaldrik Tiktak, Michael Klein, Sylvia Karlsson and Michael Stemmer
- **Hearing Experts:**
 -
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 -
- **EFSA:**
 - The Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose and Chris Lythgo
- **Others (if applicable):**

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Jos Boesten and Laura Fabrizi

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 11th Working Group meeting held on 25-26 April 2014

The minutes were agreed on 16th May 2014 and published on the EFSA website on 23 May 2014.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil.
([EFSA-Q-2013-00877](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf))

6. Any Other Business (if applicable)

The meeting discussed wash-off from crop surfaces and each chapter of the draft EFSA GD. The draft GD was discussed and updated during the meeting. A public consultation of the EFSA GD and the supporting software tool (PERSAM) is foreseen to be launched by mid 2014 for a 6 to 8 week consultation period

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held in June 2014

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EFSA WORKING GROUP OF THE PESTICIDES UNIT

Minutes of the 11th meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

**Working Group meeting, 25-26 April 2014
(Agreed on 16 May 2014)**

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Aaldrik Tiktak, Michael Klein, Sylvia Karlsson and Michael Stemmer
- **Hearing Experts:**
 -
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 -
- **EFSA:**
 - The Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose and Chris Lythgo
- **Others (if applicable):**

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Jos Boesten and Laura Fabrizi

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 10th Working Group meeting held on 12 March 2014

The minutes were agreed on 25 April 2014 and published on the EFSA website on 14 May 2014.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil.
([EFSA-Q-2013-00877](#))

6. Any Other Business (if applicable)

The meeting discussed the tiered approach, wash-off from crop surfaces for the EFSA GD. The draft GD was discussed and updated during the meeting. A public consultation of the EFSA GD and the supporting software tool (PERSAM) is foreseen to be launched in mid 2014.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held in May 2014

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

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

EFSA WORKING GROUP OF THE PESTICIDES UNIT

Minutes of the 10th meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

**Working Group meeting, 12 March 2014
(Agreed on 25 April 2014)**

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Aaldrik Tiktak, Jos Boesten, Michael Klein, Sylvia Karlsson and Michael Stemmer
- **Hearing Experts:**
 -
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 -
- **EFSA:**
 - The Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose and Chris Lythgo
- **Others (if applicable):**

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Laura Fabrizi

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 9th Working Group meeting held on 13-14 February 2014

The minutes were agreed on 12 March 2014 and published on the EFSA website on 17 March 2014.

5. Scientific topic for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil.
([EFSA-Q-2013-00877](#))

6. Any Other Business (if applicable)

The meeting discussed the wash-off from crop surfaces and how to deal with metabolites in the different tiers of the EFSA GD. The draft GD was discussed together with an update of the support software tool (PERSAM).

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held in April 2014

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

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

EFSA WORKING GROUP OF THE PESTICIDES UNIT

Minutes of the 9th meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

**Working Group meeting, 13-14 February 2014
(Agreed on 12 March 2014)**

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Aaldrik Tiktak, Jos Boesten, Michael Klein, Sylvia Karlsson and Michael Stemmer
- **Hearing Experts:**
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- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
 - The Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose and Chris Lythgo

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Laura Fabrizi

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 8th Working Group meeting held on 14 January 2014

The minutes were agreed on 13 February 2014 and published on the EFSA website on 19 February 2014 .

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil. ([EFSA-Q-2013-00877](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf)).

6. Any Other Business (if applicable)

The meeting discussed the wash-off from crop surfaces and how to deal with metabolites in the different tiers of the EFSA GD. The draft GD was discussed together with an update of the support software tool (PERSAM).

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held in March 2014.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencypolicy.pdf>

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

EFSA WORKING GROUP OF THE PESTICIDES UNIT

Minutes of the 8th meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

**WEB-conference, 14 January 2014
(Agreed on 14 February 2014)**

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Aaldrik Tiktak, Jos Boesten, Michael Klein, Sylvia Karlsson and Michael Stemmer
- **Hearing Experts:**
 -
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
 - The Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose and Chris Lythgo
- **Others (if applicable):**

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Laura Fabrizi

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 7th Working Group meeting held on 19 December 2013

The minutes were agreed on 14 January 2014 and published on the EFSA website on 17 January 2014.

5. Scientific topics for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil. ([EFSA-Q-2013-00877](#))

6. Any Other Business

The meeting discussed the wash-off from crop surfaces and the tiers for dealing with metabolites in the EFSA GD. The draft GD was discussed together with an update of the support software tool (PERSAM).

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held in February 2014

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

EFSA WORKING GROUP OF THE PESTICIDES UNIT

Minutes of the 7th meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

**WEB-conference, 19 December 2013
(Agreed on 14 January 2014)**

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Aaldrik Tiktak, Jos Boesten, Michael Klein, Sylvia Karlsson and Michael Stemmer
- **Hearing Experts:**
 -
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 -
- **EFSA:**
 - The Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose and Chris Lythgo
- **Others (if applicable):**

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 6th Working Group meeting held on 14 November 2013

The minutes were agreed on 19 December 2013 and published on the EFSA website on 19 December 2013.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil.
([EFSA-Q-2013-00877](#))

6. Any Other Business (if applicable)

The meeting discussed the wash-off from crop surfaces and the suitability scenario selection for metabolites can be dealt with in the EFSA GD. The draft GD was discussed together with an update of the support software tool (PERSAM) was also discussed in the meeting.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held in January 2013

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

EFSA WORKING GROUP OF THE PESTICIDES UNIT

Minutes of the 6th meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

**WEB-conference, 14 November 2013
(Agreed on 19 December 2013)**

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Aaldrik Tiktak, Jos Boesten, Michael Klein, Sylvia Karlsson and Michael Stemmer
- **Hearing Experts:**
 -
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
 - Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose and Chris Lythgo
- **Others (if applicable):**

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interests filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 5th Working Group meeting held on 10 October 2013.

The minutes were agreed on 14 November 2013 and published on the EFSA website on 22 November 2013.

5. Scientific topics for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil ([EFSA-Q-2013-00877](#)).

6. Any Other Business

The meeting discussed how Kom, wilting point and wash-off from crop surfaces can be dealt with in the EFSA GD. The draft GD was discussed together with an update of the support software tool (PERSAM).

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held in December 2013

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EFSA WORKING GROUP OF THE PESTICIDES UNIT

**Minutes of the 5th meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA
Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of
substances in soil**

WEB-conference, 10 October 2013

(Agreed on 14 November 2013)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Aaldrik Tiktak, Jos Boesten, Michael Klein, Sylvia Karlsson and Michael Stemmer
- **Hearing Experts:**
 -
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 -
- **EFSA:**
 - The Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose, Chris Lythgo and Alessandra Caffi

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 4th Working Group meeting held on 17 September 2013

The minutes were agreed on 10 October 2013 and published on the EFSA website on 16 October 2013.

5. Scientific topic for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil ([EFSA-Q-2013-00877](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/EFSA-Q-2013-00877)).

6. Any Other Business

The meeting discussed how metabolites and model adjustment factors should be dealt with in the EFSA GD. Organisation of testing of the support software tool (PERSAM) was also discussed and tested.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 14 November 2013

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

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

EFSA WORKING GROUP OF THE PESTICIDES UNIT

Minutes of the 4th meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

WEB-conference, 17 September 2013

(Agreed on 10 October 2013)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Aaldrik Tiktak, Jos Boesten, Michael Klein, Sylvia Karlsson and Michael Stemmer
- **Hearing Experts:**
 -
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
 - Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose, Chris Lythgo, Hanna Gustafsson and Alessandra Caffi

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting, held on 30 August 2013.

The minutes were agreed on 17 September 2013 and published on the EFSA website on 24 September 2013.

5. Scientific topics for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil ([EFSA-Q-2012-00877](#)).

6. Any Other Business

The meeting discussed how metabolites and model adjustment factors should be dealt with in the EFSA GD. Organisation of testing of the support software tool (PERSAM) was also discussed and tested.

7. Next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on 10 October 2013

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EFSA WORKING GROUP OF THE PESTICIDES UNIT

Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

WEB-conference, 30 August 2013

(Agreed on 17 September 2013)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Aaldrik Tiktak, Jos Boesten, Michael Klein, Sylvia Karlsson and Michael Stemmer
- **Hearing Experts:**
 -
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
 - Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose, Chris Lythgo and Alessandra Caffi

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting held on 3 May 2013

The minutes were agreed on 30 August 2013 and published on the EFSA website on 13 September 2013.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil. ([EFSA-Q-2012-00877](#))

6. Any Other Business

The meeting participants discussed how metabolites and model adjustment factors should be dealt with in the EFSA GD. Organisation of testing of the support software tool (PERSAM) was also discussed.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held in September 2013

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EFSA WORKING GROUP OF THE PESTICIDES UNIT

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

WEB-conference, 3 May 2013

(Agreed on 30 August 2013)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Aaldrik Tiktak, Jos Boesten, Michael Klein, Sylvia Karlsson and Michael Stemmer
- **Hearing Experts:**
 -
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
 - Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose and Chris Lythgo

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

No apologies were received

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor amendments.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 11th March 2013.

The minutes were agreed on 3 May 2013 and published on the EFSA website on 07 May 2013.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil ([EFSA-Q-2012-00877](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerule.pdf)).

6. Any Other Business

The participants discussed about how metabolites and model adjustment factors should be dealt with in the EFSA GD. The organisation of testing of the tool was also discussed.

7. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held in August 2013

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerule.pdf>

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

EFSA WORKING GROUP OF THE PESTICIDES UNIT

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the EFSA Working Group for developing an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of substances in soil

**WEB-conference, 11 March 2013
(Agreed on 3 May 2013)**

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Aaldrik Tiktak, Jos Boesten, Michael Klein, Sylvia Karlsson and Michael Stemmer
- **Hearing Experts:**
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- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
 - Pesticides Unit: Mark Egsmose and Chris Lythgo

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

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 11 March 2013.

The minutes were agreed on the 3 May 2013 and published on the EFSA website in May 2013.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances in soil. ([EFSA-Q-2012-00877](#))

6. Any Other Business

The meeting discussed how metabolites should be dealt within the EFSA GD.

7. Next meeting(s) The next meeting will be held in May 2013

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