



# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS in the FOOD CHAIN

19<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on ergot alkaloids in feed



5 December 2023

09:15-13:15

MINUTES - Agreed on 11 December 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Ron Hoogenboom (chair), Jürgen Gropp, Isabelle Oswald, Patrick Mulder and Ruud Woutersen<sup>1</sup>
- Hearing Experts<sup>2</sup>:  
n/a
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
EC: Frans Verstraete<sup>3</sup>
- EFSA:  
Elena Rovesti, Magdalena Wagner, Marianna Kujawa

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>4</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>5</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

## IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023, via web-conference

The [minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting](#) were agreed by written procedure on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

## V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

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<sup>1</sup> Attended until 11.15.

<sup>2</sup> As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> Attended from 10.45

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



**Assessment of information as regards the risks for animal health related to the presence of ergot alkaloids in feed ([EFSA-Q-2021-00697](#)).**

The WG went through the comments received at the Panel meeting and recommended amendments in preparation for the publication of the Opinion following adoption in the November CONTAM Panel.

**VI. Any Other Business**

Not applicable.

**VII. Next meeting**

No further meetings were agreed.

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# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS in the FOOD CHAIN

18<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on ergot alkaloids in feed



20 November 2023

09:00-13:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Ron Hoogenboom (chair), Jürgen Gropp, Isabelle Oswald, Patrick Mulder
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
n/a
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
EC: Frans Verstraete
- EFSA:  
Elena Rovesti, Magdalena Wagner, Marianna Kujawa

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Ruud Woutersen.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

## IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023, via web-conference

The [minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting](#) were agreed by written procedure on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

## V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

**Assessment of information as regards the risks for animal health related to the presence of ergot alkaloids in feed ([EFSA-Q-2021-00697](#)).**

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<sup>1</sup> As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

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

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



The WG went through the final comments still outstanding, mainly in the abstract, summary and concluding sections of the draft scientific opinion in preparation for the submission of the opinion to the November CONTAM Panel.

## **VI. Any Other Business**

Not applicable.

## **VII. Next meeting**

The following meetings were agreed:

5 December 2023

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# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS in the FOOD CHAIN

17<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on ergot alkaloids in feed



07 November 2023

09:15-13:15

MINUTES - Agreed on 10 November 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Ron Hoogenboom (chair), Jürgen Gropp, Isabelle Oswald, Ruud Woutersen, Patrick Mulder
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
n/a
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
EC: Frans Verstraete
- EFSA:  
Elena Rovesti, Magdalena Wagner, Marianna Kujawa

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

## IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023, via web-conference

The [minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting](#) were agreed by written procedure on 31<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

## V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

**Assessment of information as regards the risks for animal health related to the presence of ergot alkaloids in feed ([EFSA-Q-2021-00697](#)).**

<sup>1</sup> As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

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

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



The WG went through the section of Exposure assessment and Risk Characterisation of the draft scientific opinion to address comments and agree changes. The WG discussed the results of the risk characterisation and assessed the uncertainty attached to the output. The WG also discussed open tasks, and in particular the conclusions and recommendations.

## **VI. Any Other Business**

Not applicable.

## **VII. Next meeting**

The following meetings were agreed:

20 November 2023

5 December 2023

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# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS in the FOOD CHAIN

16<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on ergot alkaloids in feed



27 October 2023

09:15-17:15

MINUTES - Agreed on 31 October 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Ron Hoogenboom (chair), Jürgen Gropp<sup>1</sup>, Isabelle Oswald, Ruud Woutersen, Patrick Mulder
- Hearing Experts<sup>2</sup>:  
n/a
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
EC: Frans Verstraete
- EFSA:  
Elena Rovesti, Magdalena Wagner, Marianna Kujawa, [Jose Ángel Gómez Ruiz](#)

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

## IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023, via web-conference

The [minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting](#) were agreed by written procedure on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

## V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

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<sup>1</sup> Attended from 12:00.

<sup>2</sup> As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

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**Assessment of information as regards the risks for animal health related to the presence of ergot alkaloids in feed ([EFSA-Q-2021-00697](#)).**

The WG went through the section of TK, MOA and toxicity in food-producing animals of the draft scientific opinion to address the comments received by the Panel. The WG discussed [on the available occurrence data on EA, and](#) the results of the exposure assessment implications in terms of risk characterization. The WG also discussed open tasks, and in particular the conclusions and recommendations.

## **VI. Any Other Business**

Not applicable.

## **VII. Next meeting**

The following meetings were agreed:

7 November 2023

5 December 2023

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# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS in the FOOD CHAIN

15<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on ergot alkaloids in feed



7 September 2023

13:00-17:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 15 September 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Ron Hoogenboom (chair), Jürgen Gropp<sup>1</sup>, Isabelle Oswald, Ruud Woutersen, Patrick Mulder
- Hearing Experts<sup>2</sup>:  
n/a
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
EC: Frans Verstraete
- EFSA:  
Elena Rovesti, Magdalena Wagner

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

## IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023, via web-conference

The [minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting](#) were agreed by written procedure on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

## V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

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<sup>1</sup> Attended from 12:00.

<sup>2</sup> As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

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**Assessment of information as regards the risks for animal health related to the presence of ergot alkaloids in feed ([EFSA-Q-2021-00697](#)).**

The WG went through the section of TK, MOA and toxicity in food-producing animals of the draft scientific opinion, in view of the September Panel meeting. A number of comments were addressed and the sections finalized. The WG also discussed open tasks, and in particular the exposure assessment and uncertainty analysis.

## **VI. Any Other Business**

Not applicable.

## **VII. Next meeting**

The following meetings were agreed:

12 October 2023

6 November 2023

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# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS in the FOOD CHAIN

14<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on ergot alkaloids in feed



22 August 2023

9:15-17:15

MINUTES - Agreed on 25 August 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Ron Hoogenboom (chair), Jürgen Gropp<sup>1</sup>, Isabelle Oswald, Ruud Woutersen, Patrick Mulder
- Hearing Experts<sup>2</sup>:  
n/a
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
EC: Frans Verstraete
- EFSA:  
Elena Rovesti, Magdalena Wagner

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

## IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023, via web-conference

The [minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting](#) were agreed by written procedure on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

## V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

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<sup>1</sup> Attended from 12:00.

<sup>2</sup> As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

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**Assessment of information as regards the risks for animal health related to the presence of ergot alkaloids in feed ([EFSA-Q-2021-00697](#)).**

The WG also discussed at length the draft scientific opinion. A number of comments were addressed relating to TK, MOA and the toxicity in food-producing animals, in particular ruminants for total ergot alkaloids (sum of 12) and ergovaline. The WG also discussed open tasks, and in particular the uncertainty analysis.

## **VI. Any Other Business**

Not applicable.

## **VII. Next meeting**

The following meetings were agreed:

7 September 2023

27 October 2023

6 November 2023

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# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS in the FOOD CHAIN

13<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on ergot alkaloids in feed



29 June 2023

9:15-17:15

MINUTES - Agreed on 14 July 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Ron Hoogenboom (chair), Jürgen Gropp<sup>1</sup>, Ruud Woutersen, Patrick Mulder
- Hearing Experts<sup>2</sup>:  
n/a
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
n/a
- EFSA:  
Elena Rovesti, Magdalena Wagner

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. The Working Group Member Isabelle Oswald apologised for her absence in advance.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

## IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023, via web-conference

The [minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting](#) were agreed by written procedure on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

## V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

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<sup>1</sup> Attended from 09:15-14:15 and 16:00-17:15

<sup>2</sup> As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

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<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



**Assessment of information as regards the risks for animal health related to the presence of ergot alkaloids in feed ([EFSA-Q-2021-00697](#)).**

The WG discussed the draft scientific opinion, in particular the toxicity studies on adverse effects in ruminants (bovines, sheep), horses, rabbits, fish, and non-food producing animals and the toxicokinetic section. The sections on the methodology of dietary exposure assessment and modes of action were briefly reviewed. The WG also discussed open tasks, and in particular the uncertainty analysis.

## **VI. Any Other Business**

Not applicable.

## **VII. Next meeting**

The following meetings were agreed:

22 August 2023

14 September 2023

12 October 2023

6 November 2023

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# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS in the FOOD CHAIN

12<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on ergot alkaloids in feed



24 May 2023

9:15-13:15

MINUTES - Agreed on 30 May 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Ron Hoogenboom (chair), Jürgen Gropp<sup>1</sup>, Ruud Woutersen, Patrick Mulder
- Hearing Experts<sup>2</sup>:  
n/a
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
EC: Frans Verstraete
- EFSA:  
Elena Rovesti, Federico Cruciani, Magdalena Wagner

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. The Working Group Member Isabelle Oswald apologised for her absence in advance.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

## IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 03<sup>rd</sup> May 2023, via web-conference

The [minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting](#) were agreed by written procedure on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

## V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

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<sup>1</sup> Attended from 10:30.

<sup>2</sup> As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

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<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



**Assessment of information as regards the risks for animal health related to the presence of ergot alkaloids in feed ([EFSA-Q-2021-00697](#)).**

The WG discussed the relevance of the new papers obtained from an updated literature search. The WG also discussed the draft scientific opinion, and in particular the toxicity in poultry.

## **VI. Any Other Business**

Not applicable.

## **VII. Next meeting**

The following meetings were agreed:

29 June 2023

22 August 2023

14 September 2023

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# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS in the FOOD CHAIN

11<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on ergot alkaloids in feed



3 May 2023

9:15-13:15

MINUTES - Agreed on 10 May 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Ron Hoogenboom (chair), Jürgen Gropp, Isabelle Oswald, Ruud Woutersen, Patrick Mulder
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
n/a
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
EC: Frans Verstraete
- EFSA:  
Elena Rovesti, José Ángel Gómez Ruiz

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

## IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023, via web-conference

The [minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting](#) were agreed by written procedure on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

## V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

**Assessment of information as regards the risks for animal health related to the presence of ergot alkaloids in feed ([EFSA-Q-2021-00697](#)).**

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The WG discussed the occurrence data in feed available to date within EFSA's database. The WG also discussed the draft scientific opinion, and in particular addressed comments relating to chemistry and toxicity in pigs.

## **VI. Any Other Business**

Not applicable.

## **VII. Next meeting**

The following meetings were agreed:

24 May 2023

29 June 2023

22 August 2023

14 September 2023

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# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS in the FOOD CHAIN

10<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on ergot alkaloids in feed



19 April 2023

12:00-16:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 24 April 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Ron Hoogenboom (chair), Jürgen Gropp, Isabelle Oswald, Ruud Woutersen, Patrick Mulder
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
n/a
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
EC: Frans Verstraete<sup>2</sup>
- EFSA:  
Elena Rovesti

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023, via web-conference

The [minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting](#) were agreed by written procedure on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

## V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

**Assessment of information as regards the risks for animal health related to the presence of ergot alkaloids in feed ([EFSA-Q-2021-00697](#)).**

<sup>1</sup> As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Participated between 14:15 and 14:40

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



The WG discussed the draft scientific opinion, and in particular relating to toxicity in ruminants, horses, fish, non-food producing animals and experimental animals. Further comments were addressed in the TK and MOA sections.

## **VI. Any Other Business**

Not applicable.

## **VII. Next meeting**

The following meetings were agreed:

3 May 2023

24 May 2023

29 June 2023

22 August 2023

14 September 2023

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# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS in the FOOD CHAIN

9<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on ergot alkaloids in feed



29 March 2023

09:15-17:15

MINUTES - Agreed on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Ron Hoogenboom (chair), Jürgen Gropp, Isabelle Oswald, Ruud Woutersen, Patrick Mulder
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
n/a
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
EC: Frans Verstraete
- EFSA:  
Elena Rovesti, José Ángel Gómez Ruiz

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

## IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023, via web-conference

The [minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting](#) were agreed by written procedure on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

## V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

**Assessment of information as regards the risks for animal health related to the presence of ergot alkaloids in feed ([EFSA-Q-2021-00697](#)).**

<sup>1</sup> As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

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The WG discussed the draft scientific opinion, and in particular TK, MOA and toxicity in experimental animals sections. The WG also further discussed toxicity in pigs and poultry.

## **VI. Any Other Business**

Not applicable.

## **VII. Next meeting**

The following meetings were agreed:

19 April 2023

3 May 2023

24 May 2023

22 August 2023

14 September 2023

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# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS in the FOOD CHAIN

8<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on ergot alkaloids in feed



7 March 2023

13:00-17:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Ron Hoogenboom (chair), Jürgen Gropp, Isabelle Oswald, Ruud Woutersen, Patrick Mulder
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
n/a
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
EC: Frans Verstraete
- EFSA:  
Elena Rovesti, José Ángel Gómez Ruiz

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

## IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023, via web-conference

The [minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting](#) were agreed by written procedure on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

## V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

**Assessment of information as regards the risks for animal health related to the presence of ergot alkaloids in feed ([EFSA-Q-2021-00697](#)).**

<sup>1</sup> As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

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The WG discussed the draft scientific opinion, and in particular the introductory parts to be submitted to the Panel for endorsement, and the TK section. The WG also further discussed toxicity in poultry.

## **VI. Any Other Business**

Not applicable.

## **VII. Next meeting**

The following meetings were agreed:

29<sup>th</sup> March 2023

19<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS in the FOOD CHAIN

7<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on ergot alkaloids in feed



3 February 2023

13:00-17:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Ron Hoogenboom (chair), Jürgen Gropp, Isabelle Oswald, Ruud Woutersen, Patrick Mulder
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
n/a
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
EC: Frans Verstraete
- EFSA:  
Elena Rovesti

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

## IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023, via web-conference

The [minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting](#) were agreed by written procedure on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

## V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

**Assessment of information as regards the risks for animal health related to the presence of ergot alkaloids in feed ([EFSA-Q-2021-00697](#)).**

<sup>1</sup> As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

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

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The WG discussed the draft scientific opinion, and in particular the introductory parts to be submitted to the Panel for endorsement, and the TK section. The WG also further discussed toxicity in poultry.

## **VI. Any Other Business**

Not applicable.

## **VII. Next meeting**

The following meetings were agreed:

7<sup>th</sup> March

29<sup>th</sup> March

19<sup>th</sup> April

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# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS in the FOOD CHAIN

6<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on ergot alkaloids in feed



11 January 2023

13:00-17:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members:  
Ron Hoogenboom (chair), Jürgen Gropp, Isabelle Oswald, Ruud Woutersen, Patrick Mulder
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
n/a
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
EC: Frans Verstraete<sup>2</sup>
- EFSA:  
Elena Rovesti

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

## IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022, via web-conference

The [minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting](#) were agreed by written procedure on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

## V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

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<sup>1</sup> As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> From 16:00

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



**Assessment of information as regards the risks for animal health related to the presence of ergot alkaloids in feed ([EFSA-Q-2021-00697](#)).**

The WG discussed the draft scientific opinion, and in particular assessed toxicology in pigs, horse and fish. After amendments, the draft opinion will be presented at the next Panel meeting for endorsement of certain sections.

## **VI. Any Other Business**

Not applicable.

## **VII. Next meeting**

The following meetings were agreed:

3<sup>rd</sup> February

7<sup>th</sup> March

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# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN/CONTAM

## MINUTES OF THE 5<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON ERGOT ALKALOIDS IN FEED

**12 December 2022 - TELECONFERENCE**

**(Agreed on 16 December 2022)**

### Participant

- Working Group Members:  
Ron Hoogenboom (chair), Jürgen Gropp, Isabelle Oswald, Ruud Woutersen, Patrick Mulder
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
n/a
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Frans Verstraete
- EFSA: FEEDCO Unit: Elena Rovesti, Federico Cruciani

### 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.

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<sup>1</sup> As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.



### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

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

**Assessment of information as regards the risks for animal health related to the presence of ergot alkaloids in feed (EFSA-Q-2021-00697<sup>4</sup>).**

The WG members discussed the drafted parts of the opinion, in particular TK, MOA and adverse effects on pigs. Tasks were allocated to the different WG members.

### 5. Any Other Business

Not applicable.

### 6. Next meetings

The following meetings were agreed:

11 January

3 February

7 March

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

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<sup>4</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2021-00697>



# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN/CONTAM

## MINUTES OF THE 4<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON ERGOT ALKALOIDS IN FEED

**9 November 2022 - TELECONFERENCE**

**(Agreed on 14 November 2022)**

### Participant

- Working Group Members:  
Ron Hoogenboom (chair), Jürgen Gropp, Isabelle Oswald, Ruud Woutersen, Patrick Mulder<sup>1</sup>
- Hearing Experts<sup>2</sup>:  
n/a
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Frans Verstraete
- EFSA: FEEDCO Unit: Elena Rovesti, Federico Cruciani

### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

### 2. Adoption of agenda

<sup>1</sup> Attended between 13:00 and 14:00.

<sup>2</sup> As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work:  
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.



The agenda was adopted without changes.

### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

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

#### **Assessment of information as regards the risks for animal health related to the presence of ergot alkaloids in feed (EFSA-Q-2021-00697<sup>5</sup>).**

The WG members discussed further the draft protocol for the risk assessment and the drafted parts of the opinion, in particular adverse effects on poultry, pigs, and TK. Tasks were allocated to the different WG members.

### 5. Any Other Business

Not applicable.

### 6. Next meetings

The following meetings were agreed:

12 December

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<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2021-00697>





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# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN/CONTAM

## MINUTES OF THE 3<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON ERGOT ALKALOIDS IN FEED

**3 October 2022 - TELECONFERENCE**

**(Agreed on 7 October 2022)**

### Participant

- Working Group Members:  
Ron Hoogenboom (chair), Jürgen Gropp, Isabelle Oswald, Ruud Woutersen, Patrick Mulder<sup>1</sup>
- Hearing Experts<sup>2</sup>:  
n/a
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Frans Verstraete
- EFSA: FEEDCO Unit: Elena Rovesti, Federico Cruciani

### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

### 2. Adoption of agenda

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<sup>1</sup> Attended from 10am.

<sup>2</sup> As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work:  
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.



The agenda was adopted without changes.

### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

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

#### **Assessment of information as regards the risks for animal health related to the presence of ergot alkaloids in feed (EFSA-Q-2021-00697<sup>5</sup>).**

The WG members discussed further the draft protocol for the risk assessment and the drafted parts of the opinion, in particular adverse effects on poultry. Tasks were allocated to the different WG members.

### 5. Any Other Business

Not applicable.

### 6. Next meetings

The following meetings were agreed:

9 November 2022

12 December

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<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2021-00697>



# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN/CONTAM

## MINUTES OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON ERGOT ALKALOIDS IN FEED

**1 September 2022 - TELECONFERENCE**

**(Agreed on 5 September 2022)**

### Participant

- Working Group Members:  
Ron Hoogenboom (chair), Jürgen Gropp, Isabelle Oswald, Ruud Woutersen
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
n/a
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Frans Verstraete
- EFSA: FEEDCO Unit: Elena Rovesti, Jose Angel Gomez Ruiz<sup>2</sup>, Federico Cruciani

### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

### 2. Adoption of agenda

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<sup>1</sup> As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> From 11am.



The agenda was adopted without changes.

### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

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

#### **Assessment of information as regards the risks for animal health related to the presence of ergot alkaloids in feed (EFSA-Q-2021-00697<sup>5</sup>).**

The WG members discussed further the draft protocol for the risk assessment and the terms of reference, in particular focusing on the dietary exposure assessment. The drafted parts of the opinion were discussed, in particular adverse effects on poultry. Tasks were allocated to the different WG members.

### 5. Any Other Business

Not applicable.

### 6. Next meetings

The following meetings were agreed:

9 November 2022

12 December 2022

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<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

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<sup>5</sup> <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2021-00697>



FEED AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN/CONTAM

## MINUTES OF THE 1<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON ERGOT ALKALOIDS IN FEED

**6 July 2022 - TELECONFERENCE**

**(Agreed on 11 July 2022)**

### Participant

- Working Group Members:  
Ron Hoogenboom (chair), Jürgen Gropp, Isabelle Oswald, Ruud Woutersen
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
n/a
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Frans Verstraete
- EFSA: FEEDCO Unit: Elena Rovesti

### 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.

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<sup>1</sup> As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.



### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

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

#### **Assessment of information as regards the risks for animal health related to the presence of ergot alkaloids in feed (EFSA-Q-2021-00697<sup>4</sup>).**

The WG members discussed the scope of the opinions and the terms of reference. There was a clear understanding of the requests from the European Commission. The draft structure of the opinion was discussed, and it was agreed that a literature search will be performed to target new scientific evidence relating from the topic potentially published since the latest EFSA opinion. A draft protocol for the risk assessment was discussed and further inputs will be considered during the next meeting. Tasks were allocated to the different WG members.

### 5. Any Other Business

Not applicable.

### 6. Next meetings

The following meetings were agreed:

1 September 2022

3 October 2022

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

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