

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

1st Working Group meeting on Dioxins update

29 May 2024

9.30-16.30 CET

MINUTES - Agreed on 7 June



Location: Teleconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:

Ron Hoogemboom (Chair), Helle Knutsen, Jesus del Mazo, Evi Ntzani

- Hearing Experts¹:

Not applicable

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Frans Verstraete (DG-SANTE)

- EFSA:

FEEDCO Unit: Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

MESE Unit: Francesca Riolo

- Others:

Not applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the WG welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Dieter Schrenk (DG-SANTE).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting

Not applicable.

¹ 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>

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

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Draft Opinion on the update of the risk assessment of PCDD/Fs and DL-PCBS in food and feed ([EFSA-Q-2024-00227](#))

The members of the Working Group discussed the Background and Terms of Reference to clarify the scope of the mandate. The draft protocol for the risk assessment was discussed. Tasks were distributed.

6. Any Other Business

None.

7. Next meeting

20 June 2024.
