

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 89th Plenary meeting

**Held on 16 February 2018, Audio-web meeting
(Agreed on 15 March 2018)**

Participants

- **Panel Members:**

Jan Alexander, Lars Barregård, Margherita Bignami, Sandra Ceccatelli, Mike Dinovi, Lutz Edler, Bettina Grasl-Kraupp, Christer Hogstrand, Ron Hoogenboom, Helle Knutsen, Carlo Nebbia, Isabelle Oswald, Annette Petersen, Martin Rose, Alain-Claude Roudot, Tanja Schwerdtle, Christiane Vleminckx and Günter Vollmer.

- **Hearing Experts:**

Laurent Bodin, Thorhallur Halldorsson, Line Haug and Henk Van Loveren.

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

Frans Verstraete (European Commission, DG Health and Food Safety, unit E2)

- **EFSA:**

- **BIOCONTAM Unit:**

Katleen Baert, Marco Binaglia, Paolo Colombo, Karen Mackay, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi, Ruth Roldán Torres, Marijke Schutte and Hans Steinkellner.

- **Observers:**
Not applicable
- **Others:**
Not applicable

1. Welcome

The Chair of the CONTAM Panel welcomed the participants.

2. Apologies for absence

Beat Brüscheiler, Bruce Cottrill and Heather Wallace (CONTAM Panel), Veerle Vanheusden (European Commission, DG Health and Food Safety, unit E2) and Marina Marini (European Commission, DG Health and Food Safety, unit D1).

3. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

4. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Panel 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 Declarations of Interest and the Specific Declarations of Interest filled in by the Scientific Panel Members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting had been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

5. Agreement of the minutes of the 88th Plenary meeting held on 23 – 25 January 2018, Parma (Italy)

The minutes of the 88th Plenary meeting held on 23 - 25 January 2018 were agreed on 14 February 2018.

6. Report on the written procedures since the 88th Plenary meeting

Not applicable.

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

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

7. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion and/or possible adoption

7.1. Draft Scientific opinion on the health risks related to the presence of perfluorooctane sulfonate and perfluorooctanoic acid in food (EFSA-Q-2015-00526)

The Chair of the WG on Perfluoroalkylated substances in food presented the draft opinion on the health risks related to the presence of perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) in food, for discussion and possible adoption. The CONTAM Panel discussed the changes implemented in the dose response modelling of the selected human endpoints and the related changes in different sections of the draft opinion. Additional clarifications were requested on the physiologically-based pharmacokinetic (PBPK) models used to derive the health based guidance values for PFOA and PFOS. Pending these clarifications the Panel concluded that the opinion will be ready for the possible adoption at the 90th CONTAM Panel meeting (20-22 March).

10. Any other business

Not applicable