

## Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards

### Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Working Group “Evaluation of the Application for new alternative biodiesel process for rendered fat of Cat 1”

**Held on 3 October 2017 by Web/Tele-conference**

**(Agreed on 16 October 2017)**

#### **Participants**

- **Working Group Members:**

Pablo S. Fernandez Escamez (chair)

Avelino Alvarez Ordoñez

John Griffin

John Spiropoulos

Emmanuel Vanopdenbosch

- **Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Sandra Correia

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

#### **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

#### **2. Adoption of agenda**

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<sup>1</sup> 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>.

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest<sup>3</sup>, 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. Scientific topics for discussion**

#### **4.1. Scientific Opinion on the Evaluation of the Application for new alternative biodiesel process for rendered fat of Cat 1<sup>4</sup>**

The draft opinion was finalised by the experts (introduction, Data and methodologies and Assessment). The Abstract, Summary, main Conclusions and Recommendations of the evaluation of the alternative method for the production of biodiesel from rendered fat of all categories of animal by-products were discussed and agreed. The identification of the main sources of uncertainty was done. Pending issues have been identified and tasks assigned in order to have the draft ready for possible adoption during the next plenary on 18-19 October.

### **5. Any Other Business**

Not Applicable

### **6. Next meeting**

Not Applicable

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

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

<sup>4</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2017-00136>

## Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards

### Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Working Group “Evaluation of the Application for new alternative biodiesel process for rendered fat of Cat 1”

**Held on 15 September 2017 in Parma, Italy**

**(Agreed on 2 October 2017)**

#### **Participants**

- **Working Group Members:**

Pablo S. Fernandez Escamez (chair)

Avelino Alvarez Ordoñez

John Griffin

John Spiropoulos

Emmanuel Vanopdenbosch

- **Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Sandra Correia, Pietro Stella

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

#### **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

#### **2. Adoption of agenda**

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

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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

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### **4. Scientific topics for discussion**

#### **4.1. Scientific Opinion on the Evaluation of the Application for new alternative biodiesel process for rendered fat of Cat 1<sup>4</sup>**

The draft opinion was discussed and input from the last BIOHAZ plenary was included. The reply to request for further clarifications to the applicant was assessed. Since some doubts persisted in relation to the specific purpose of the application, the Austrian competent authority was also contacted during August for clarification. It was confirmed that it was requested to recognise this process as equivalent to the already existing and approved biodiesel process in Chapter IV Section 2 D of Annex IV of Regulation (EU) No. 142/2011. The draft will be prepared for possible adoption during the next plenary in October.

### **5. Any Other Business**

Not Applicable

### **6. Next meeting**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> WG meeting – 3 October 2017

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## Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards

### Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Working Group “Evaluation of the Application for new alternative biodiesel process for rendered fat of Cat 1”

**Held on 31 May 2017, by Web/Tele-conference**

**(Agreed on 13 June 2017)**

#### **Participants**

- **Working Group Members:**

Pablo S. Fernandez Escamez (chair)

Avelino Alvarez Ordoñez

John Griffin

John Spiropoulos

- **Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Sandra Correia, Pietro Stella

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

#### **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Emmanuel Vanopdenbosch.

#### **2. Adoption of agenda**

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<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 and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest<sup>3</sup>, 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. Scientific topics for discussion**

#### **4.1. Scientific Opinion on the Evaluation of the Application for new alternative biodiesel process for rendered fat of Cat 1<sup>4</sup>**

The application was presented to the experts. The data to be used in the assessment, provided by the applicant, follows the standard format of applications for alternative methods set out in Annex VII of Commission Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 and its amendment by Commission Regulation (EU) No 749/2011. A report submitted by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Health, the Competent Authority, was also received. A proposal for the work plan was discussed and agreed. Tasks were defined in accordance to that plan and attributed to the experts. This Statement will be presented to the BIOHAZ Panel for thorough reading at the plenary in September and for possible adoption at the plenary in October 2017.

### **5. Any Other Business**

Not Applicable

### **6. Next meeting**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> WG meeting – 15 September 2017
- 3<sup>rd</sup> WG meeting – 3 October 2017

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