

## Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards

### Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Heat Treatment of Bivalve Molluscs

**Held by WEB-conference, 20 November 2015**

**(Agreed on 20 November 2015)**

#### **Participants**

- **Working Group Members:**

Pablo S. FERNANDEZ ESCAMEZ, Kostas KOUTSOUMANIS, David LEES, Roland LINDQVIST, Micheal O'MAHONY, Elisabetta SUFFREDINI

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Winy MESSENS

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

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Paolo CARICATO (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 Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest<sup>2</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

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

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

the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

#### **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 23 October 2015, Parma**

The minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 23 October 2015 were agreed<sup>3</sup>.

#### **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

- 5.1. **Heat treatments of bivalve molluscs<sup>4</sup>**. The Working Group (WG) experts discussed the draft Scientific Opinion and the contributions received. The draft conclusions and recommendations were reviewed in detail. Tasks were allocated to WG members.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

Not Applicable.

#### **7. Next meeting(s)**

This is the last meeting of this Working Group.

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

<sup>4</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00161>

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### Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Heat Treatment of Bivalve Molluscs

**Held on 23 October 2015, Parma (Italy)**

**(Agreed on 23 October 2015)**

#### **Participants**

- **Working Group Members:**

Pablo S. FERNANDEZ ESCAMEZ, Kostas KOUTSOUMANIS, David LEES, Roland LINDQVIST, Micheal O'MAHONY<sup>1</sup>, Elisabetta SUFFREDINI

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Winy MESSENS

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

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Paolo CARICATO (DG SANTE).

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

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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

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<sup>1</sup> Participated through web-conference.

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the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

#### **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 25 September 2015, Parma**

The minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 25 September 2015 were agreed<sup>4</sup>.

#### **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

5.1. **Heat treatments of bivalve molluscs<sup>5</sup>**. The Working Group (WG) experts discussed the feedback received during the BIOHAZ plenary meeting (21-22 October 2015). The draft Scientific Opinion and the contributions received were discussed. The draft conclusions and recommendations were reviewed. Tasks were allocated to WG members.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

Not Applicable.

#### **7. Next meeting(s)**

The next (sixth) meeting of the WG is scheduled for 20 November 2015 (10:00- 13:00) by webmeeting.

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### Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Heat Treatment of Bivalve Molluscs

**Held on 25 September 2015, Parma (Italy)**

**(Agreed on 25 September 2015)**

#### Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Pablo S. FERNANDEZ ESCAMEZ<sup>1</sup>, Kostas KOUTSOUMANIS, David LEES, Roland LINDQVIST, Micheal O'MAHONY, Elisabetta SUFFREDINI

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

Apologies

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Emmanouil CHANTZIS, Winy MESSENS

AMU Unit: José CORTINAS ABRAHANTES

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Paolo CARICATO (DG SANTE).

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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<sup>1</sup> Participated in the afternoon only.

### **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. Agreement of the minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 28 August 2015, tele-conference**

The minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 3 September 2015<sup>4</sup>.

### **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

5.1. **Heat treatments of bivalve molluscs<sup>5</sup>**. The Working Group (WG) experts discussed the contributions received and methodological achievements. The draft Scientific Opinion was reviewed and first draft conclusions inserted. Tasks were allocated to WG members.

### **6. Any Other Business**

Not Applicable.

### **7. Next meeting(s)**

The next (fifth) meeting of the WG is scheduled for 23 October 2015 in Parma.

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### Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Heat Treatment of Bivalve Molluscs

**Held by WEB-conference, 28 August 2015**

**(Agreed on 3 September 2015)**

#### **Participants**

- **Working Group Members:**

Pablo S. FERNANDEZ ESCAMEZ, Kostas KOUTSOUMANIS, David LEES, Roland LINDQVIST, Elisabetta SUFFREDINI

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

Paolo CARICATO, Miguel MENDES, Julia URIOL, Graham WOOD (DG SANTE)<sup>1</sup>

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Winy MESSENS, Emmanouil CHANTZIS

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

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Micheal O'MAHONY.

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

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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<sup>1</sup> Attended by phone for part of the meeting.

### **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. Agreement of the minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 6-7 July 2015, Parma**

The minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 10 July 2015<sup>4</sup>.

### **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

5.1. **Heat treatments of bivalve molluscs<sup>5</sup>**. The Working Group (WG) experts discussed the contributions received. The outcome of a Food and Veterinary Office (FVO) audit in Vietnam (from 9 to 18 September 2014) to evaluate the control systems in place governing the production of bivalve molluscs and fishery products derived therefrom intended for export to the EU, was discussed. The draft Scientific Opinion was reviewed. Tasks were allocated to Working Group members.

### **6. Any Other Business**

Not Applicable.

### **7. Next meeting(s)**

The next (fourth) meeting of the WG is scheduled for 25 September 2015 in Parma. The fifth meeting has tentatively been fixed on 23 October 2015 in Parma.

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## Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Heat Treatment of Bivalve Molluscs

**Held on 06-07 July 2015, Parma (Italy)**

**(Agreed on 10 July 2015)**

### **Participants**

- **Working Group Members:**

Pablo S. FERNANDEZ ESCAMEZ

Kostas KOUTSOUMANIS

David LEES

Roland LINDQVIST

Micheal O'MAHONY

Elisabetta SUFFREDINI

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

Paolo CARICATO (DG SANTE)<sup>1</sup>

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Winy MESSENS, Emmanouil CHANTZIS

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

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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<sup>1</sup> Attended by webmeeting.

### **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. Agreement of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 11-12 May 2015, Parma**

The minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 12 May 2015<sup>4</sup>.

### **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

5.1. **Heat treatments of bivalve molluscs<sup>5</sup>**. The Working Group (WG) experts discussed the contributions received. The data, the selection criteria and the approaches to answer the terms of reference were discussed and agreed. The draft Scientific Opinion was discussed and tasks were allocated to Working Group members.

### **6. Any Other Business**

Not Applicable.

### **7. Next meeting(s)**

The next (third) meeting of the WG is scheduled for 28 August 2015 (14:00- 17:00) by webmeeting. The fourth meeting is foreseen to take place in Parma end of September or beginning of October 2015.

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**Biological Hazards and Contaminants Unit (BIOCONTAM UNIT)**

**Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards**

**Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Heat treatment of bivalve molluscs**

**Held on 11-12 May 2015, Parma (Italy)**

**(Agreed on 12 May 2015)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Members:**
  - Pablo S. FERNANDEZ ESCAMEZ
  - Kostas KOUTSOUMANIS (Chair)
  - David LEES
  - Roland LINDQVIST
  - Micheal O'MAHONY
  - Elisabetta SUFFREDINI
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
  - Paolo Caricato (DG SANTE) has participated via teleconference
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOCONTAM Unit: Emmanouil CHANTZIS, Winy MESSENS, Pablo ROMERO BARRIOS

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

**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 Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest<sup>2</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.

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

4.1 **Heat treatment of bivalve molluscs**<sup>3</sup>. The Working Group (WG) discussed the mandate received and its terms of reference. Data needs and the approach to answer the terms of reference were discussed. The table of contents of the Scientific Opinion was agreed and tasks were allocated to WG members.

#### 5. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting of the WG is scheduled for 9-10 or 6-7 July 2015 (noon to noon) in Parma.

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