



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

12th Working Group meeting on the equivalence of an
alternative heat treatment process of feathers and down



13 May 2024

11:00-14:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 3 June 2024

Location: web meeting

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Alessandra De Cesare, Avelino Alvarez-Ordóñez, Pablo Salvador Fernández Escámez, Jonh Griffin.
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
EC: Not Applicable
- EFSA:
Sandra Correia

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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 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, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

IV. Agreement of the previous minutes

Not applicable

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

- **Draft scientific opinion on the equivalence of an alternative heat treatment process of feathers and down (EFSA-Q-2021-00169)**

EFSA scientific officer presented the mandate and its background. The official mandate was received by EFSA on the 6 March.

¹ As defined in Article 34 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



The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) asked the EC to assess an alternative method for the export of treated feathers to the EU. In the sequence of this request, the EC requested EFSA to provide a scientific opinion concerning the equivalence of the heat treatment process of feathers and down consisting of dry heat to a temperature of 100°C or higher for at least thirty (30) minutes, with the treatment set up in Chapter VII, Point C of Annex XIII to Regulation (EU) No 142/2011, in terms of inactivation of relevant pathogens. The latter defines an end point for feathers and down which have been factory-washed and treated with hot steam at 100°C for at least 30 minutes.

The BIOHAZ Panel already evaluated the level of reduction of relevant pathogens using a similar treatment procedure for feathers and down in 2021 within a previous opinion published in 2021 ("*Inactivation of indicator microorganisms and biological hazards by standard and/or alternative processing methods in Category 2 and 3 animal by-products and derived products to be used as organic fertilisers and/or soil improvers*"). It will be used as a basis for this opinion.

The approach and protocol will need to be prepared for approval during the next BIOHAZ Panel plenary in June.

- **Other**

Not applicable

VI. Next meeting

- 2nd web meeting - 05/06/2024
 - 3rd physical meeting - 03/09/2024 in Parma
 - 4th web meeting - 18/11/2024
-

Location: Web-meeting

Attendees:

- **Working group members:** Avelino Alvarez Ordoñez (Chair), Alessandra De Cesare, Pablo Fernandez Escamez, Elisabetta Suffredini

I. Welcome and apologies

- The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies received.

II. Adoption of the agenda

- The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Approval of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 27 November 2023¹

- The minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 27 November 2023 were agreed by written procedure on 1 December 2023.

IV. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

- In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management, 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.
- 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.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion²

- The working group reviewed the draft opinion, focusing on the sections of the 'assessment by the BIOHAZ Panel' of the different sections of the dossier. Comments submitted by working group members and the contractor were discussed. Changes in the body of the text were made accordingly. It was agreed not to request any additional data or information to the applicant. EFSA informed of the state of play of the confidentiality assessment. The draft conclusions were reviewed and a final draft was produced. The draft opinion will be submitted to the BIOHAZ Panel for thorough reading on the plenary of 24-25 January 2024.

¹ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2022-11/pigpap.pdf>

² <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2023-00448>



VI. Next meetings

There are no more meetings scheduled. If needed, an extra two-hour web-conference will be scheduled in late February.

VII. AOB

- There was no other business. The Chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

Location: Web-meeting

Attendees:

- **Working group members:** Avelino Alvarez Ordoñez (Chair), Alessandra De Cesare, Pablo Fernandez Escamez, Elisabetta Suffredini

I. Welcome and apologies

- The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies received.

II. Adoption of the agenda

- The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

- In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management, 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.
- 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion¹

- The working group reviewed the main document of the dossier and annexes and discussed the main aspects of the alternative method under assessment. The first draft of the opinion was also reviewed. Some changes were made to the sections of the assessment by the BIOHAZ Panel and in the order of the descriptive sections of the dossier. The draft opinion will be submitted to the BIOHAZ Panel for first reading to the December plenary. There will not be yet conclusions included in the draft.

V. Next meetings

- The schedule of the next meetings for 2024 was agreed as follows:
 - 2nd WG meeting: web-conference on Friday 12 January 2024 09:00-13:00h CET.
 - 3rd WG meeting: two-hour web-conference in February, if necessary.

VI. AOB

¹ <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2023-00448>



MINUTES – 17 JULY 2023 09:30-13:30h CET

10th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON APPLICATIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF USE OR DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS OR DERIVED PRODUCTS

- There was no other business. The Chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

MINUTES OF THE 9th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON APPLICATIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF USE OR DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS OR DERIVED PRODUCTS

(EFSA-Q-2021-00625)

Web, 1 September 2022

(Agreed on 7 September 2022)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Avelino Alvarez Ordóñez (Chair)
Alessandra De Cesare
Pablo Fernandez Escámez
John Griffin
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Regina Eberhart
- EFSA:
BIOHAW Unit: Kateryna Chuzhakina, Angel Ortiz Peláez
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

¹ As defined in Article 15 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/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/expertselection.pdf

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, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 8th Working Group meeting held on 21 July 2022⁴

The minutes of the 8th Working Group meeting held on 21 July 2022 were agreed by written procedure on 27 July 2022.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1 Scientific opinion on the request for the evaluation of an alternative method for the production of renewable fuels using Category 3 animal fat and used cooking oils by BP-Rotterdam (EFSA-Q-2021-00625)⁵

The chair led the revision of the latest comments in the draft opinion. Then, the conclusions, summary and abstract were reviewed. Minor changes were made to the draft, mainly in the section of standards applied to methods processing Category 3 animal by-products and in the demonstration of the level of risk reduction. A number of further amendments will be made after the meeting and the subsequent alignment of the summary and abstract will follow, before the final draft is submitted to the BIOHAZ Panel for adoption on 28 September 2022.

6. Any Other Business

The Chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

7. Next meeting(s)

This was the last meeting of the working group. The chair and EFSA thanked the WG members for their contribution to the production of this opinion.

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

⁴ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/biological-hazards/wg-biohaz-wg-applications-alternative-methods-use-or-disposal-animal-products-or-derived-products.pdf>

⁵ <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2021-00625>



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

MINUTES OF THE 8th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON APPLICATIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF USE OR DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS OR DERIVED PRODUCTS

(EFSA-Q-2021-00625)

Web-conference, 21 July 2022

(Agreed on 27 July 2022)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Avelino Alvarez Ordóñez (Chair)
Alessandra De Cesare
Pablo Fernandez Escámez
John Griffin
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
BIOHAW Unit: Maria Francesca Iulietto, Kateryna Chuzhakina, Angel Ortiz Peláez
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

¹ As defined in Article 15 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/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/expertselection.pdf

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, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 7th Working Group meeting held on 12 May 2022⁴

The minutes of the 7th Working Group meeting held on 12 May 2022 were agreed by written procedure on 18 May 2022.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1 Scientific opinion on the request for the evaluation of an alternative method for the production of renewable fuels using Category 3 animal fat and used cooking oils by BP-Rotterdam (EFSA-Q-2021-00625)⁵

The chair gave feedback to the working group on the presentation of the draft opinion at the 155th plenary of the BIOHAZ Panel, held on 13-14 July 2022. The amended dossier submitted by the applicant on 12 July 2022 addressing the points requested in the letter of 18 May 2022, was discussed. Then the draft opinion was revisited, and a number of changes were agreed in the light of the new information included in the dossier. Additional decisions were made in the presentation of the correspondence with the applicant, the standards to be applied to processes of Category 3 material, the hazard identification, the assessment of the level of risk reduction, the HACCP and the risk associated with interdependent processes. The conclusions section was also drafted.

6. Any Other Business

The Chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

7. Next meeting(s)

This was the last scheduled meeting. The chair agreed with the WG members to organize a short extra meeting to discuss the final draft of the opinion. It will take place on Thursday 1 September 10:00-12:00, as a web meeting.

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

⁴ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/biological-hazards/wg-biohaz-wg-applications-alternative-methods-use-or-disposal-animal-products-or-derived-products.pdf>

⁵ <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2021-00625>



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

MINUTES OF THE 7th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON APPLICATIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF USE OR DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS OR DERIVED PRODUCTS

(EFSA-Q-2021-00625)

Physical, 12 May 2022

(Agreed on 18 May 2022)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Avelino Alvarez Ordóñez (Chair)
Alessandra De Cesare
Pablo Fernandez Escámez
John Griffin
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
BIOHAW Unit: Maria Francesca Iulietto, Angel Ortiz Peláez
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies received.

¹ As defined in Article 15 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/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/expertselection.pdf

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, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 6th Working Group meeting held on 28 March 2022⁴

The minutes of the 6th Working Group meeting held on 28 March 2022 were agreed by written procedure on 1 April 2022.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1 Scientific opinion on the request for the evaluation of an alternative method for the production of renewable fuels using Category 3 animal fat and used cooking oils by BP-Rotterdam (EFSA-Q-2021-00625)⁵

The chair gave feedback to the working group on the presentation of the draft opinion for the first time at the 153rd plenary of the BIOHAZ Panel, held on 3-4 May 2022. The main points were the lack of clear standards to be applied to Category 3 animal by-products, the implementation of a proper hazard identification vs. selection of a pathogenic microorganism known to be resistant as primary target and the possibility to stop the clock and ask for improvements in the dossier to the applicant. The Panel recommended EFSA to review and update the EFSA's "Statement on technical assistance on the format for applications for new alternative methods for animal by-products" (2010) and request additional information while the clock is stopped. The working group discussed and agreed to request changes in the dossier. The comments by Panel members and the different sections of the draft opinion were reviewed and a number of actions were agreed.

6. Any Other Business

The Chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

7. Next meeting(s)

The fourth meeting was originally scheduled for Thursday 30 June, 09:00-13:00h, as a half-day web meeting but it was not confirmed. In case the applicant sends the new version of the dossier with the

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

⁴ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/biological-hazards/wg-biohaz-wg-applications-alternative-methods-use-or-disposal-animal-products-or-derived-products.pdf>

⁵ <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2021-00625>

requested information close to the date of the 4th meeting, this will be postponed until Thursday 21 July 2022 09:00-13:00h.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

MINUTES OF THE 6th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON APPLICATIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF USE OR DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS OR DERIVED PRODUCTS

(EFSA-Q-2021-00625)

Web-conference, 28 March 2022

(Agreed on 1 April 2022)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Avelino Alvarez Ordóñez (Chair)
Alessandra De Cesare
Pablo Fernandez Escámez
John Griffin
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
BIOHAW Unit: Maria Francesca Iulietto, Angel Ortiz Peláez
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies received.

¹ As defined in Article 15 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/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/expertselection.pdf

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, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 5th Working Group meeting held on 24 February 2022⁴

The minutes of the 5th Working Group meeting held on 24 February 2022 were agreed by written procedure on 1 March 2022.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1 Scientific opinion on the request for the evaluation of an alternative method for the production of renewable fuels using Category 3 animal fat and used cooking oils by BP-Rotterdam (EFSA-Q-2021-00625)⁵

The EFSA provided an update on the reply by the applicant to the request for additional information. A new dossier was submitted. Following the uncertainty about the standard methods to be applied to use cooking oils before processing, EFSA contacted the EC asking for clarification. The standards for equivalence of alternative methods for processing Category 3 ABP were discussed. Several options were discussed, and the decision was to reduce the concentration of the relevant pathogenic bacteria by at least 5 log₁₀ and the infectious titre of the relevant viruses by at least 3 log₁₀. The draft opinion was reviewed with the first draft of the sections concluding the assessment of the dossier. The Hazard identification, level of risk reduction, the HACCP and the risks of interdependent processes were the four sections discussed in more depth. EFSA continues dealing with the confidentiality claim, in liaison with the Legal Department.

6. Any Other Business

The Chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

7. Next meeting(s)

The third meeting will be held on Thursday 12 May 2022, 09:00-18:00h, as a full-day physical or hybrid meeting, at EFSA headquarters in Parma. The fourth and last meeting was scheduled for

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

⁴ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/biological-hazards/wg-biohaz-wg-applications-alternative-methods-use-or-disposal-animal-products-or-derived-products.pdf>

⁵ <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2021-00625>

Thursday 30 June 2022, 09-13:00h, as a web-conference. If it is decided to stop the clock and ask for additional information to the applicant, the date of the fourth meeting may be rescheduled.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

MINUTES OF THE 5th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON APPLICATIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF USE OR DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS OR DERIVED PRODUCTS

(EFSA-Q-2021-00625)

Web-conference, 24 February 2022

(Agreed on 1 March 2022)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Avelino Alvarez Ordóñez (Chair)
Alessandra de Cesare
Pablo Fernandez Escámez
John Griffin
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
BIOHAW Unit: Maria Francesca Iulietto, Angel Ortiz Peláez
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies received.

¹ As defined in Article 15 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/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/expertselection.pdf

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, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion⁴

4.1 Scientific opinion on the request for the evaluation of an alternative method for the production of renewable fuels using Category 3 animal fat and used cooking oils by BP-Rotterdam (EFSA-Q-2021-00625)

The original dossier submitted in October 2021 was presented by EFSA secretariat, with the missing information requested to the applicant following the completeness check, namely, the hazard identification, the generic description of the processing method, the risks associated to the interdependent processes and of the end use of the product, the confidentiality claim and the mark "draft" in the first version of the dossier. The final and validated dossier received on 31 January 2022 was then presented, highlighting the differences with the original. The main aspects of the application were discussed, and it was agreed to ask the applicant for clarification on the by-products of pre-treatment steps of the process, the critical control points of the HACCP plan, and adding the clarification about the category of used cooking oils, according to Reg (EC) 1069/2009. It was decided to contact the applicant and not to stop the clock since the assessment can progress while this information is provided by the applicant. The confidentiality claim is being dealt with by the Legal Department and it was agreed that it would be better to contact the applicant separately on this issue. The scientific opinion must be delivered by 9 August 2022.

5. Any Other Business

The Chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

6. Next meeting(s)

It was agreed to hold the second meeting on Monday 28 March 2022, 13:00-17:00h as a web-conference. The date of the 3rd WG meeting was provisionally fixed for Thursday 5 May 2022, as a full-day physical or hybrid meeting, linked to the plenary of the BIOHAZ Panel, should this be held in Parma as a physical meeting. If not, the meeting will be scheduled for the w/c Monday 9 May 2022.

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

⁴ <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2021-00625>



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

MINUTES OF THE 4th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON APPLICATIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF USE OR DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS OR DERIVED PRODUCTS

Web-conference, 22 February 2021

(Agreed on 02 March 2021)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Avelino Alvarez Ordóñez (Chair)
Alessandra De Cesare
Marion Simmons
Pablo Fernández Escámez
John Spiropoulos
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
BIOCONTAM Unit - Maria Francesca Iulietto, Angel Ortiz Peláez.
- Others:
Not Applicable

¹ As defined in Article 15 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/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/expertselection.pdf

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.

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, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. Application for new alternative biodiesel process for rendered fat of Cat 1 (EFSA-Q-2020-00450)⁴

The chair and the EFSA secretariat reviewed the level of completion of the actions agreed upon during the previous meeting. The chair and the WG experts reviewed each section of the last version of the draft opinion, including the contributions and comments from the BIOHAZ Panel and WG members. The draft opinion will be presented to the BIOHAZ Panel for possible adoption at the next plenary meeting, in March. Tasks and deadline were defined and allocated to the WG experts and EFSA staff.

5. Next meeting

No additional meetings are foreseen.

6. Any Other Business

The Chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

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

⁴ Please be aware that EFSA's Register of Questions is unavailable from 21 January until March. The temporary suspension of the tool is necessary to allow us to implement the launch of our new OpenEFSA portal. We apologise for the inconvenience. Further information is available [here](#)



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

MINUTES OF THE 3rd MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON APPLICATIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF USE OR DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS OR DERIVED PRODUCTS

WEB-conference, 12 January 2021

(Agreed on 22 January 2021)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Avelino Alvarez Ordóñez (Chair)
Alessandra De Cesare
Marion Simmons
Pablo Fernández Escámez
John Spiropoulos
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Matjaz Klemencic (DG SANTE, Unit G2) (for agenda items 1 to 5)
- EFSA:
BIOCONTAM Unit - Maria Francesca Iulietto, Angel Ortiz Peláez.
- Others:
Not Applicable

¹ As defined in Article 15 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/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/expertselection.pdf

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.

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, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. Application for new alternative biodiesel process for rendered fat of Cat 1 (BDI-RepCat Process, AT) (EFSA-Q-2020-00450)⁴

The chair and the EFSA secretariat reviewed the level of completion of the actions agreed upon during the previous meeting. The chair and the working group (WG) experts reviewed each section of the last version of the draft opinion, including the contributions and comments from the WG members. The first draft of the conclusions and recommendations were produced. The draft opinion will be presented to the BIOHAZ Panel for thorough reading at the plenary meeting in January. Tasks were defined and allocated to the WG experts and EFSA staff and the timeline for the following WG meeting in 2021 was agreed.

5. Next meeting

The next WG meeting will be held on 22 February 2021 (4th WG meeting), as a half-day web-conference.

6. Any Other Business

The Chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

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

⁴ Please be aware that EFSA's Register of Questions is unavailable from 21 January until mid-February. The temporary suspension of the tool is necessary to allow us to implement the launch of our new OpenEFSA portal. We apologise for the inconvenience. Further information is available [here](#)



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

MINUTES OF THE 2nd MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON APPLICATIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF USE OR DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS OR DERIVED PRODUCTS

WEB-conference, 14 December 2020

(Agreed on 22 December 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Avelino Alvarez Ordóñez (Chair)
Alessandra De Cesare
Marion Simmons
Pablo Fernández Escámez
John Spiropoulos
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
BIOCONTAM Unit: Maria Francesca Iulietto, Angel Ortiz Pelaez.
- Others:
Not Applicable

¹ As defined in Article 15 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/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/expertselection.pdf

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.

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, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. Application for new alternative biodiesel process for rendered fat of Cat 1 (EFSA-Q-2020-00450)⁴

The chair and the secretariat reviewed the level of completion of the actions agreed upon during the previous meeting. The chair and the WG reviewed each section of the last version of the draft opinion, including the contributions from the WG members and comments from the BIOHAZ Panel (received during the BIOHAZ Panel meeting, held on 09-10 December 2020, as web-conference). The WG decided to continue with the approach approved during the 1st WG meeting and key issues for in-depth review were identified. The chair led the discussion on the clarifications received by the applicant, requested without stopping the clock. Tasks were defined and allocated to the WG experts and EFSA staff and the timeline for the following WG meetings in 2021 was agreed.

5. Any Other Business

The Chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

6. Next meeting

The next WG meeting will be held on 12th January 2021 (3rd WG meeting), as a half-day web-conference.

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

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2020-00450>



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

MINUTES OF THE 1ST MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON APPLICATIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF USE OR DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS OR DERIVED PRODUCTS

WEB-conference, 09 November 2020

(Agreed on 16 November 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Avelino Alvarez Ordóñez (Chair)
Alessandra De Cesare
Marion Simmons
Pablo Fernández Escámez
John Spiropoulos
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Matjaz Klemencic (DG SANTE)
- EFSA:
BIOCONTAM Unit: Maria Francesca Iulietto, Angel Ortiz Pelaez.
TRANSFORMATION SERVICES (TS): Marco Conterbia, Francesca Lotito, both for point 5 of the agenda
- Others:
Not Applicable

¹ As defined in Article 15 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/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/expertselection.pdf

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.

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, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. Application for new alternative biodiesel process for rendered fat of Cat 1 (EFSA-Q-2020-00450)⁴

The background information, the mandate received from the Austrian Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection and the documentation submitted to EFSA were presented to the WG experts, followed by a short overview on EFSA BIOHAZ Panel previous assessments of applications on animal by-products. After the introductory presentations, the chair led the discussion on the mandate, the application and the approach to follow. The WG experts discussed the documents provided and agreed on the workplan. Tasks were defined and allocated to WG experts and EFSA staff and the timeline for the following WG meeting in 2020 was agreed.

5. Any Other Business

The Chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

6. Next meetings

The next WG meetings will be held on 14 December 2020 (2nd WG meeting) and on 12 January 2020 (3rd WG meeting), both as half-day web meetings.

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

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2020-00450>



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

MINUTES OF THE 9th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON APPLICATIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF USE OR DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS OR DERIVED PRODUCTS

(EFSA-Q-2021-00625)

Web, 1 September 2022

(Agreed on 7 September 2022)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Avelino Alvarez Ordóñez (Chair)
Alessandra De Cesare
Pablo Fernandez Escámez
John Griffin
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Regina Eberhart
- EFSA:
BIOHAW Unit: Kateryna Chuzhakina, Angel Ortiz Peláez
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

¹ As defined in Article 15 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/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/expertselection.pdf

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, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 8th Working Group meeting held on 21 July 2022⁴

The minutes of the 8th Working Group meeting held on 21 July 2022 were agreed by written procedure on 27 July 2022.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1 Scientific opinion on the request for the evaluation of an alternative method for the production of renewable fuels using Category 3 animal fat and used cooking oils by BP-Rotterdam (EFSA-Q-2021-00625)⁵

The chair led the revision of the latest comments in the draft opinion. Then, the conclusions, summary and abstract were reviewed. Minor changes were made to the draft, mainly in the section of standards applied to methods processing Category 3 animal by-products and in the demonstration of the level of risk reduction. A number of further amendments will be made after the meeting and the subsequent alignment of the summary and abstract will follow, before the final draft is submitted to the BIOHAZ Panel for adoption on 28 September 2022.

6. Any Other Business

The Chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

7. Next meeting(s)

This was the last meeting of the working group. The chair and EFSA thanked the WG members for their contribution to the production of this opinion.

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

⁴ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/biological-hazards/wg-biohaz-wg-applications-alternative-methods-use-or-disposal-animal-products-or-derived-products.pdf>

⁵ <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2021-00625>



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

MINUTES OF THE 8th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON APPLICATIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF USE OR DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS OR DERIVED PRODUCTS

(EFSA-Q-2021-00625)

Web-conference, 21 July 2022

(Agreed on 27 July 2022)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Avelino Alvarez Ordóñez (Chair)
Alessandra De Cesare
Pablo Fernandez Escámez
John Griffin
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
BIOHAW Unit: Maria Francesca Iulietto, Kateryna Chuzhakina, Angel Ortiz Peláez
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

¹ As defined in Article 15 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/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/expertselection.pdf

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, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 7th Working Group meeting held on 12 May 2022⁴

The minutes of the 7th Working Group meeting held on 12 May 2022 were agreed by written procedure on 18 May 2022.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1 Scientific opinion on the request for the evaluation of an alternative method for the production of renewable fuels using Category 3 animal fat and used cooking oils by BP-Rotterdam (EFSA-Q-2021-00625)⁵

The chair gave feedback to the working group on the presentation of the draft opinion at the 155th plenary of the BIOHAZ Panel, held on 13-14 July 2022. The amended dossier submitted by the applicant on 12 July 2022 addressing the points requested in the letter of 18 May 2022, was discussed. Then the draft opinion was revisited, and a number of changes were agreed in the light of the new information included in the dossier. Additional decisions were made in the presentation of the correspondence with the applicant, the standards to be applied to processes of Category 3 material, the hazard identification, the assessment of the level of risk reduction, the HACCP and the risk associated with interdependent processes. The conclusions section was also drafted.

6. Any Other Business

The Chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

7. Next meeting(s)

This was the last scheduled meeting. The chair agreed with the WG members to organize a short extra meeting to discuss the final draft of the opinion. It will take place on Thursday 1 September 10:00-12:00, as a web meeting.

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

⁴ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/biological-hazards/wg-biohaz-wg-applications-alternative-methods-use-or-disposal-animal-products-or-derived-products.pdf>

⁵ <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2021-00625>



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

MINUTES OF THE 7th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON APPLICATIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF USE OR DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS OR DERIVED PRODUCTS

(EFSA-Q-2021-00625)

Physical, 12 May 2022

(Agreed on 18 May 2022)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Avelino Alvarez Ordóñez (Chair)
Alessandra De Cesare
Pablo Fernandez Escámez
John Griffin
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
BIOHAW Unit: Maria Francesca Iulietto, Angel Ortiz Peláez
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies received.

¹ As defined in Article 15 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/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/expertselection.pdf

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, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 6th Working Group meeting held on 28 March 2022⁴

The minutes of the 6th Working Group meeting held on 28 March 2022 were agreed by written procedure on 1 April 2022.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1 Scientific opinion on the request for the evaluation of an alternative method for the production of renewable fuels using Category 3 animal fat and used cooking oils by BP-Rotterdam (EFSA-Q-2021-00625)⁵

The chair gave feedback to the working group on the presentation of the draft opinion for the first time at the 153rd plenary of the BIOHAZ Panel, held on 3-4 May 2022. The main points were the lack of clear standards to be applied to Category 3 animal by-products, the implementation of a proper hazard identification vs. selection of a pathogenic microorganism known to be resistant as primary target and the possibility to stop the clock and ask for improvements in the dossier to the applicant. The Panel recommended EFSA to review and update the EFSA's "Statement on technical assistance on the format for applications for new alternative methods for animal by-products" (2010) and request additional information while the clock is stopped. The working group discussed and agreed to request changes in the dossier. The comments by Panel members and the different sections of the draft opinion were reviewed and a number of actions were agreed.

6. Any Other Business

The Chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

7. Next meeting(s)

The fourth meeting was originally scheduled for Thursday 30 June, 09:00-13:00h, as a half-day web meeting but it was not confirmed. In case the applicant sends the new version of the dossier with the

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

⁴ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/biological-hazards/wg-biohaz-wg-applications-alternative-methods-use-or-disposal-animal-products-or-derived-products.pdf>

⁵ <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2021-00625>

requested information close to the date of the 4th meeting, this will be postponed until Thursday 21 July 2022 09:00-13:00h.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

MINUTES OF THE 6th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON APPLICATIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF USE OR DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS OR DERIVED PRODUCTS

(EFSA-Q-2021-00625)

Web-conference, 28 March 2022

(Agreed on 1 April 2022)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Avelino Alvarez Ordóñez (Chair)
Alessandra De Cesare
Pablo Fernandez Escámez
John Griffin
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
BIOHAW Unit: Maria Francesca Iulietto, Angel Ortiz Peláez
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies received.

¹ As defined in Article 15 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/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/expertselection.pdf

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, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 5th Working Group meeting held on 24 February 2022⁴

The minutes of the 5th Working Group meeting held on 24 February 2022 were agreed by written procedure on 1 March 2022.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1 Scientific opinion on the request for the evaluation of an alternative method for the production of renewable fuels using Category 3 animal fat and used cooking oils by BP-Rotterdam (EFSA-Q-2021-00625)⁵

The EFSA provided an update on the reply by the applicant to the request for additional information. A new dossier was submitted. Following the uncertainty about the standard methods to be applied to use cooking oils before processing, EFSA contacted the EC asking for clarification. The standards for equivalence of alternative methods for processing Category 3 ABP were discussed. Several options were discussed, and the decision was to reduce the concentration of the relevant pathogenic bacteria by at least 5 log₁₀ and the infectious titre of the relevant viruses by at least 3 log₁₀. The draft opinion was reviewed with the first draft of the sections concluding the assessment of the dossier. The Hazard identification, level of risk reduction, the HACCP and the risks of interdependent processes were the four sections discussed in more depth. EFSA continues dealing with the confidentiality claim, in liaison with the Legal Department.

6. Any Other Business

The Chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

7. Next meeting(s)

The third meeting will be held on Thursday 12 May 2022, 09:00-18:00h, as a full-day physical or hybrid meeting, at EFSA headquarters in Parma. The fourth and last meeting was scheduled for

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

⁴ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/biological-hazards/wg-biohaz-wg-applications-alternative-methods-use-or-disposal-animal-products-or-derived-products.pdf>

⁵ <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2021-00625>

Thursday 30 June 2022, 09-13:00h, as a web-conference. If it is decided to stop the clock and ask for additional information to the applicant, the date of the fourth meeting may be rescheduled.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

MINUTES OF THE 5th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON APPLICATIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF USE OR DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS OR DERIVED PRODUCTS

(EFSA-Q-2021-00625)

Web-conference, 24 February 2022

(Agreed on 1 March 2022)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Avelino Alvarez Ordóñez (Chair)
Alessandra de Cesare
Pablo Fernandez Escámez
John Griffin
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
BIOHAW Unit: Maria Francesca Iulietto, Angel Ortiz Peláez
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies received.

¹ As defined in Article 15 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/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/expertselection.pdf

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, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion⁴

4.1 Scientific opinion on the request for the evaluation of an alternative method for the production of renewable fuels using Category 3 animal fat and used cooking oils by BP-Rotterdam (EFSA-Q-2021-00625)

The original dossier submitted in October 2021 was presented by EFSA secretariat, with the missing information requested to the applicant following the completeness check, namely, the hazard identification, the generic description of the processing method, the risks associated to the interdependent processes and of the end use of the product, the confidentiality claim and the mark "draft" in the first version of the dossier. The final and validated dossier received on 31 January 2022 was then presented, highlighting the differences with the original. The main aspects of the application were discussed, and it was agreed to ask the applicant for clarification on the by-products of pre-treatment steps of the process, the critical control points of the HACCP plan, and adding the clarification about the category of used cooking oils, according to Reg (EC) 1069/2009. It was decided to contact the applicant and not to stop the clock since the assessment can progress while this information is provided by the applicant. The confidentiality claim is being dealt with by the Legal Department and it was agreed that it would be better to contact the applicant separately on this issue. The scientific opinion must be delivered by 9 August 2022.

5. Any Other Business

The Chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

6. Next meeting(s)

It was agreed to hold the second meeting on Monday 28 March 2022, 13:00-17:00h as a web-conference. The date of the 3rd WG meeting was provisionally fixed for Thursday 5 May 2022, as a full-day physical or hybrid meeting, linked to the plenary of the BIOHAZ Panel, should this be held in Parma as a physical meeting. If not, the meeting will be scheduled for the w/c Monday 9 May 2022.

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

⁴ <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/questions/EFSA-Q-2021-00625>



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

MINUTES OF THE 4th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON APPLICATIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF USE OR DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS OR DERIVED PRODUCTS

Web-conference, 22 February 2021

(Agreed on 02 March 2021)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Avelino Alvarez Ordóñez (Chair)
Alessandra De Cesare
Marion Simmons
Pablo Fernández Escámez
John Spiropoulos
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
BIOCONTAM Unit - Maria Francesca Iulietto, Angel Ortiz Peláez.
- Others:
Not Applicable

¹ As defined in Article 15 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/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/expertselection.pdf

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.

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, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. Application for new alternative biodiesel process for rendered fat of Cat 1 (EFSA-Q-2020-00450)⁴

The chair and the EFSA secretariat reviewed the level of completion of the actions agreed upon during the previous meeting. The chair and the WG experts reviewed each section of the last version of the draft opinion, including the contributions and comments from the BIOHAZ Panel and WG members. The draft opinion will be presented to the BIOHAZ Panel for possible adoption at the next plenary meeting, in March. Tasks and deadline were defined and allocated to the WG experts and EFSA staff.

5. Next meeting

No additional meetings are foreseen.

6. Any Other Business

The Chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

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

⁴ Please be aware that EFSA's Register of Questions is unavailable from 21 January until March. The temporary suspension of the tool is necessary to allow us to implement the launch of our new OpenEFSA portal. We apologise for the inconvenience. Further information is available [here](#)



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

MINUTES OF THE 3rd MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON APPLICATIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF USE OR DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS OR DERIVED PRODUCTS

WEB-conference, 12 January 2021

(Agreed on 22 January 2021)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Avelino Alvarez Ordóñez (Chair)
Alessandra De Cesare
Marion Simmons
Pablo Fernández Escámez
John Spiropoulos
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Matjaz Klemencic (DG SANTE, Unit G2) (for agenda items 1 to 5)
- EFSA:
BIOCONTAM Unit - Maria Francesca Iulietto, Angel Ortiz Peláez.
- Others:
Not Applicable

¹ As defined in Article 15 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/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/expertselection.pdf

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.

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, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. Application for new alternative biodiesel process for rendered fat of Cat 1 (BDI-RepCat Process, AT) (EFSA-Q-2020-00450)⁴

The chair and the EFSA secretariat reviewed the level of completion of the actions agreed upon during the previous meeting. The chair and the working group (WG) experts reviewed each section of the last version of the draft opinion, including the contributions and comments from the WG members. The first draft of the conclusions and recommendations were produced. The draft opinion will be presented to the BIOHAZ Panel for thorough reading at the plenary meeting in January. Tasks were defined and allocated to the WG experts and EFSA staff and the timeline for the following WG meeting in 2021 was agreed.

5. Next meeting

The next WG meeting will be held on 22 February 2021 (4th WG meeting), as a half-day web-conference.

6. Any Other Business

The Chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

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

⁴ Please be aware that EFSA's Register of Questions is unavailable from 21 January until mid-February. The temporary suspension of the tool is necessary to allow us to implement the launch of our new OpenEFSA portal. We apologise for the inconvenience. Further information is available [here](#)



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

MINUTES OF THE 2nd MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON APPLICATIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF USE OR DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS OR DERIVED PRODUCTS

WEB-conference, 14 December 2020

(Agreed on 22 December 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Avelino Alvarez Ordóñez (Chair)
Alessandra De Cesare
Marion Simmons
Pablo Fernández Escámez
John Spiropoulos
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
BIOCONTAM Unit: Maria Francesca Iulietto, Angel Ortiz Pelaez.
- Others:
Not Applicable

¹ As defined in Article 15 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/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/expertselection.pdf

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.

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, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. Application for new alternative biodiesel process for rendered fat of Cat 1 (EFSA-Q-2020-00450)⁴

The chair and the secretariat reviewed the level of completion of the actions agreed upon during the previous meeting. The chair and the WG reviewed each section of the last version of the draft opinion, including the contributions from the WG members and comments from the BIOHAZ Panel (received during the BIOHAZ Panel meeting, held on 09-10 December 2020, as web-conference). The WG decided to continue with the approach approved during the 1st WG meeting and key issues for in-depth review were identified. The chair led the discussion on the clarifications received by the applicant, requested without stopping the clock. Tasks were defined and allocated to the WG experts and EFSA staff and the timeline for the following WG meetings in 2021 was agreed.

5. Any Other Business

The Chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

6. Next meeting

The next WG meeting will be held on 12th January 2021 (3rd WG meeting), as a half-day web-conference.

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

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2020-00450>



BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

MINUTES OF THE 1ST MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON APPLICATIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF USE OR DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS OR DERIVED PRODUCTS

WEB-conference, 09 November 2020

(Agreed on 16 November 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Avelino Alvarez Ordóñez (Chair)
Alessandra De Cesare
Marion Simmons
Pablo Fernández Escámez
John Spiropoulos
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Matjaz Klemencic (DG SANTE)
- EFSA:
BIOCONTAM Unit: Maria Francesca Iulietto, Angel Ortiz Pelaez.
TRANSFORMATION SERVICES (TS): Marco Conterbia, Francesca Lotito, both for point 5 of the agenda
- Others:
Not Applicable

¹ As defined in Article 15 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/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/expertselection.pdf

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.

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, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. Application for new alternative biodiesel process for rendered fat of Cat 1 (EFSA-Q-2020-00450)⁴

The background information, the mandate received from the Austrian Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection and the documentation submitted to EFSA were presented to the WG experts, followed by a short overview on EFSA BIOHAZ Panel previous assessments of applications on animal by-products. After the introductory presentations, the chair led the discussion on the mandate, the application and the approach to follow. The WG experts discussed the documents provided and agreed on the workplan. Tasks were defined and allocated to WG experts and EFSA staff and the timeline for the following WG meeting in 2020 was agreed.

5. Any Other Business

The Chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

6. Next meetings

The next WG meetings will be held on 14 December 2020 (2nd WG meeting) and on 12 January 2020 (3rd WG meeting), both as half-day web meetings.

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

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2020-00450>