

Parma, 21 May 2015  
EFSA/CONTAM/2498

### Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

#### Minutes of the 16th meeting of the Working Group on tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin

Held by WEB-conference, on 21 May 2015

(Agreed on 21 May 2015)

#### Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
    - Sandra Ceccatelli<sup>1</sup>, Bruce Cottrill<sup>2</sup>, Birgit Dusemund, Peter Fürst (chair) and Carlo Nebbia
  - **Hearing Experts<sup>3</sup>:**
    - NA
  - **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
    - None
- EFSA:**
- **Biological hazards and contaminants unit:** Karen Mackay
  - **Evidence management unit:** -

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Frans Verstraete and Jose Angel Gomez Ruiz.

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

#### 3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>4</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest<sup>5</sup>, EFSA

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<sup>1</sup> Participated from 1400-1600h.

<sup>2</sup> Participated from 1400-1530h.

<sup>3</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>.

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

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 previous Working Group meeting**

The minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 20 May 2015.<sup>6</sup>

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

##### **5.1 Draft opinion on the risks for human health related to the presence of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin (EFSA-Q-2013-00787).<sup>7</sup>**

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft opinion and in particular the sections on introduction, occurrence, exposure, hazard identification and characterisation, risk characterisation, uncertainty, conclusions and recommendations. The WG finalised the discussions on the draft opinion and agreed on the final amendments to be done. The chair of the WG decided that after the amendments are completed, the draft opinion will be presented at the next CONTAM Panel meeting for discussion and possible adoption.

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

Not applicable

#### **7. Next meeting**

TBD

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<sup>5</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/contamwgs/documents/CONTAMTetrahydrocannabinol\\_THC.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/contamwgs/documents/CONTAMTetrahydrocannabinol_THC.pdf)

<sup>7</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2013-00787>

Parma, 13 May 2015  
EFSA/CONTAM/2495

### Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

#### Minutes of the 15th meeting of the Working Group on tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin

Held by WEB-conference, on 13 May 2015

(Agreed on 20 May 2015)

#### Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Sandra Ceccatelli, Birgit Dusemund, Peter Fürst (chair) and Carlo Nebbia
- **Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:**
  - NA
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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#### EFSA:

- **Biological hazards and contaminants unit:** Karen Mackay
- **Evidence management unit:** -

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Bruce Cottrill, Jose Angel Gomez Ruiz and Frans Verstraete.

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

#### 3. Declarations of interest

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

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

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

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 previous Working Group meeting**

The minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 15 April 2015 were agreed.<sup>4</sup>

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

##### **5.1 Draft opinion on the risks for human health related to the presence of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin (EFSA-Q-2013-00787).<sup>5</sup>**

The members of the Working Group discussed the updates made to the various sections of the draft opinion, following the comments received from the CONTAM Panel at the plenary meeting on 29 April 2015 and further revisions were proposed.

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

Not applicable

#### **7. Next meeting**

21 May 2015

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<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/contamwgs/documents/CONTAMTetrahydrocannabinol\\_THC.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/contamwgs/documents/CONTAMTetrahydrocannabinol_THC.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2013-00787>

Parma, 15 April 2015  
EFSA/CONTAM/2458

**Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain**

**Minutes of the 14th meeting of the Working Group on tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin**

**Held by WEB-conference, on 15 April 2015**

**(Agreed on 15 April 2015)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Werner Brueller, Bruce Cottrill, Peter Fürst (chair) and Carlo Nebbia
- **Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:**
  - NA
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
  - Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)

**EFSA:**

- **Biological hazards and contaminants unit:** Karen Mackay
- **Evidence management unit:** Jose Angel Gomez Ruiz

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Sandra Ceccatelli and Birgit Dusemund.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of interest**

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

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

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

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 previous Working Group meeting**

The minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 13 April 2015.<sup>4</sup>

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

##### **5.1 Draft opinion on the risks for human health related to the presence of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin (EFSA-Q-2013-00787).<sup>5</sup>**

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft opinion and in particular the sections on introduction, occurrence, exposure, hazard identification and characterisation, risk characterisation, uncertainty, conclusions and recommendations. The WG finalised the discussions on the draft opinion and agreed on the final amendments to be done. The chair of the WG decided that after the amendments are completed, the draft opinion will be presented at the next CONTAM Panel meeting for discussion and possible adoption.

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

Not applicable

#### **7. Next meeting**

Not applicable.

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<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/contamwgs/documents/CONTAMTetrahydrocannabinol\\_THC.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/contamwgs/documents/CONTAMTetrahydrocannabinol_THC.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2013-00787>

Parma, 20 March 2015  
EFSA/CONTAM/2440

### Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

#### Minutes of the 13th meeting of the Working Group on tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin

Held by WEB-conference, on 20 March 2015

(Agreed on 13 April 2015)

#### Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
    - Werner Brueller, Sandra Ceccatelli (vice-chair), Birgit Dusemund, Peter Fürst (chair) and Carlo Nebbia
  - **Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:**
    - NA
  - **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
    - Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)
- EFSA:**
- **Biological hazards and contaminants unit:** Karen Mackay
  - **Evidence management unit:** Jose Angel Gomez Ruiz

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Bruce Cottrill.

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

#### 3. Declarations of interest

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

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

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

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 previous Working Group meeting**

The minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 19 March 2015.<sup>4</sup>

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

##### **5.1 Draft opinion on the risks for human health related to the presence of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin (EFSA-Q-2013-00787).<sup>5</sup>**

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft opinion and in particular the sections on Exposure assessment and the derivation of the health based guidance value and further comments received from CONTAM Panel members following the March CONTAM Plenary.

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

Not applicable

#### **7. Next meeting**

15 April 2015.

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<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/contamwgs/documents/CONTAMTetrahydrocannabinol\\_THC.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/contamwgs/documents/CONTAMTetrahydrocannabinol_THC.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2013-00787>



Parma, 05 March 2015  
EFSA/CONTAM/2419

### Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

#### Minutes of the 12th meeting of the Working Group on tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin

Held on 05 March 2015, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 19 March 2015)

#### Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Bruce Cottrill, Sandra Ceccatelli (vice chair), Birgit Dusemund, Peter Fürst (chair) and Carlo Nebbia
  - Werner Brueller has participated via teleconference.
- **Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:**
  - NA
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
  - None

#### EFSA:

- **Biological hazards and contaminants unit:** Karen Mackay
- **Evidence management unit:** Jose Angel Gomez Ruiz<sup>2</sup>

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Frans Verstraete.

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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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>.

<sup>2</sup> Participated from 1500-1530h

### 3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest<sup>4</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 previous Working Group meeting

The minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 20 February 2015 were agreed.<sup>5</sup>

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

#### **5.1 Draft opinion on the risks for human health related to the presence of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin (EFSA-Q-2013-00787).**<sup>6</sup>

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft opinion following the comments received during the March 2015 CONTAM Plenary.

### 6. Any Other Business

Not applicable

### 7. Next meeting

20 March 2015.

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

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/contamwgs/documents/CONTAMTetrahydrocannabinol\\_THC.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/contamwgs/documents/CONTAMTetrahydrocannabinol_THC.pdf)

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**Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain**

**Minutes of the 11th meeting of the Working Group on tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin**

**Held by WEB-conference, on 20 Feb 2015**

**(Agreed on 20 February 2015)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
    - Werner Brueller, Sandra Ceccatelli (vice-chair), Bruce Cottrill, Birgit Dusemund, Peter Fürst (chair) and Carlo Nebbia
  - **Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:**
    - NA
  - **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
    - Frans Verstraete (DG SANCO)<sup>2</sup>
- EFSA:**
- **Biological hazards and contaminants unit:** Karen Mackay
  - **Evidence management unit:** Jose Angel Gomez Ruiz<sup>3</sup>

**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**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>4</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest<sup>5</sup>, EFSA

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<sup>2</sup> Participated from 0930-1030 h

<sup>3</sup> Participated from 0930-1030 h

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

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 previous Working Group meeting**

The minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 02 February 2015.<sup>6</sup>

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

##### **5.1 Draft opinion on the risks for human health related to the presence of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin (EFSA-Q-2013-00787).<sup>7</sup>**

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft opinion and in particular the sections on Exposure assessment and the derivation of the health based guidance value.

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

Not applicable

#### **7. Next meeting**

05 March 2015.

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<sup>6</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/contamwgs/documents/CONTAMTetrahydrocannabinol\\_THC.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/contamwgs/documents/CONTAMTetrahydrocannabinol_THC.pdf)

<sup>7</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2013-00787>

Parma, 13 January 2015  
EFSA/CONTAM/2355

### Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

#### Minutes of the 10th meeting of the Working Group on tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin

Held on 12-13 January 2015, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 02 February 2015)

#### Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Werner Brueller, Birgit Dusemund, Peter Fürst (chair) and Carlo Nebbia<sup>1</sup>  
Sandra Ceccatelli<sup>2</sup> (vice-chair) has participated via teleconference.
- **Hearing Experts<sup>3</sup>:**
  - NA
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
  - Frans Verstraete (DG SANCO)<sup>4</sup>

#### EFSA:

- **Biological hazards and contaminants unit:** Karen Mackay
- **Evidence management unit:** Jose Angel Gomez Ruiz<sup>5</sup>

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Bruce Cottrill.

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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<sup>1</sup> Participated via teleconference on 12 January 2015 (1400-1800h); participated physically on 13 January 2015.

<sup>2</sup> Participated via teleconference on 12 January 2015 (until 1600h) and on 13 January 2015.

<sup>3</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>.

<sup>4</sup> Participated on 13 January 2015 only.

<sup>5</sup> Participated on 13 January 2015 only.

### 3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>6</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest<sup>7</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 previous Working Group meeting

The minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 16 December 2014 were agreed.<sup>8</sup>

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

#### **5.1 Draft opinion on the risks for human health related to the presence of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin (EFSA-Q-2013-00787).**<sup>9</sup>

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft opinion and in particular the sections on Exposure assessment and Hazard Identification and Characterisation.

### 6. Any Other Business

Not applicable

### 7. Next meeting

20 February 2015.

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<sup>6</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

<sup>7</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

<sup>8</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/contamwgs/documents/CONTAMTetrahydrocannabinol\\_THC.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/contamwgs/documents/CONTAMTetrahydrocannabinol_THC.pdf)

<sup>9</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2013-00787>

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Parma, 16 December 2014  
EFSA/CONTAM/2352

**Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain**

**Minutes of the 9th meeting of the Working Group on tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin**

**Held by WEB-conference, 16 December 2014**

**(Agreed on 16 December 2014)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Bruce Cottrill, Birgit Dusemund, Peter Fürst (chair) and Carlo Nebbia
  
- **Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:**
  - NA
  
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
  - Frans Verstraete (DG SANCO)

**EFSA:**

- **Biological hazards and contaminants unit:** Karen Mackay
- **Evidence management unit:** Jose Angel Gomez Ruiz

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Werner Brueller and Sandra Ceccatelli.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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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>.

### 3. Declarations of interest

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 previous Working Group meeting

The minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 08 December 2014 were agreed.<sup>4</sup>

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

#### **5.1 Draft opinion on the risks for human health related to the presence of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin (EFSA-Q-2013-00787).**<sup>5</sup>

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft opinion and in particular the Introduction, Chemistry and Occurrence sections.

### 6. Any Other Business

Not applicable

### 7. Next meeting

12-13 January 2015

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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://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/contamwgs/documents/CONTAMTetrahydrocannabinol\\_THC.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/contamwgs/documents/CONTAMTetrahydrocannabinol_THC.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2013-00787>

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**Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain**

**Minutes of the 8th meeting of the Working Group on tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin**

**Held by WEB-conference, 08 December 2014**

**(Agreed on 08 December 2014)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Werner Brueller, Sandra Ceccatelli (vice-chair), Bruce Cottrill, Birgit Dusemund, Peter Fürst (chair) and Carlo Nebbia
  
- **Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:**
  - NA
  
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
  - Frans Verstraete (DG SANCO)

**EFSA:**

- **Biological hazards and contaminants unit:** Karen Mackay
- **DATA unit:** Jose Angel Gomez Ruiz

**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> 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>.

### 3. Declarations of interest

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 previous Working Group meeting

The minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 24 November 2014.<sup>4</sup>

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

#### 5.1 Draft opinion on the risks for human health related to the presence of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin (EFSA-Q-2013-00787).<sup>5</sup>

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft opinion and in particular Hazard Identification and Characterisation.

### 6. Any Other Business

Not applicable

### 7. Next meeting

16 December 2014.

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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://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/contamwgs/documents/CONTAMTetrahydrocannabinol\\_THC.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/contamwgs/documents/CONTAMTetrahydrocannabinol_THC.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2013-00787>

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## Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

### Minutes of the 7th meeting of the Working Group on tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin

Held on 04-05 November 2014, Asti, Italy

(Agreed on 24 November 2014)

#### Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
    - Werner Brueller, Sandra Ceccatelli (vice-chair), Bruce Cottrill (participated by teleconference), Birgit Dusemund, Peter Fürst (chair) and Carlo Nebbia
  - **Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:**
    - Otmar Zollar (for item 6) (participated by teleconference)<sup>2</sup>
  - **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
    - Frans Verstraete (DG SANCO)
- EFSA:**
- **Biological hazards and contaminants unit:** Karen Mackay
  - **DATA unit:** Jose Angel Gomez Ruiz (participated by teleconference).

#### 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

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest<sup>4</sup>, EFSA

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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>.

<sup>2</sup> Participated from 1400 – 1530h

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 previous Working Group meeting**

The minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 23 September were agreed.<sup>5</sup>

#### **5. Hearing Expert**

Dr. Otmar Zoller was invited to present his views for item 6 – ‘Swiss Authority Studies’ of the present meeting.

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

##### **6.1 Draft opinion on the risks for human health related to the presence of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin (EFSA-Q-2013-00787).<sup>6</sup>**

The members of the Working Group discussed the draft opinion and in particular the Introduction and Occurrence sections and Hazard identification and Characterisation.

#### **7. Any Other Business**

Not applicable

#### **8. Next meeting**

08 December 2014.

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

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/contamwgs/documents/CONTAMTetrahydrocannabinol\\_THC.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/contamwgs/documents/CONTAMTetrahydrocannabinol_THC.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2013-00787>

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Parma, 23 September  
2014  
EFSA/CONTAM/2271

### **Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain**

#### **Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Working Group on tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin**

**TELE-conference 23 September 2014**

**(Agreed on 23 September 2014)**

#### **Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**

Werner Brueller, Sandra Ceccatelli (vice-chair), Bruce Cottrill, Birgit Dusemund, Peter Fürst (chair) and Carlo Nebbia

- **Hearing Experts:**

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

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**EFSA:**

- **Unit on Biological hazards and contaminants:** Karen Mackay
- **Other EFSA Units/Departments:** -

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

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Frans Verstraete (DG SANCO) and Jose Angel Gomez Ruiz (DATA unit).

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

The agenda was adopted without changes.

#### **3. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests,<sup>2</sup> EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of

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

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

interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at in the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

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

The minutes were agreed on 23 September 2014.

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

**Draft opinion on the risks for human health related to the presence of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin (EFSA-Q-2013-00787).** The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and in particular the sections on hazard identification and characterisation. Further revisions were proposed to these chapters.

#### **6. Next meeting**

04-05 November 2014.

Parma, 19 September  
2014  
EFSA/CONTAM/2269

### **Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain**

#### **Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Working Group on tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin**

**TELE-conference 19 September 2014**

**(Agreed on 23 September 2014)**

#### **Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**

Werner Brueller, Sandra Ceccatelli (vice-chair), Bruce Cottrill, Birgit Dusemund, Peter Fürst (chair) and Carlo Nebbia

- **Hearing Experts:**

Franjo Grotenhermen<sup>1</sup> (nova-Institute)

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANCO)

#### **EFSA:**

- **Unit on Biological hazards and contaminants:** Karen Mackay
- **Other EFSA Units/Departments:** -

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

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Jose Angel Gomez Ruiz (DATA unit).

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

The agenda was adopted without changes.

#### **3. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding

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<sup>1</sup> Participated from 1400-1430h

Declarations of Interests,<sup>3</sup> EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at in the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

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

The minutes were agreed on 05 September 2014 and published on the EFSA website on 09 September.

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

- Draft opinion on the risks for human health related to the presence of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin (EFSA-Q-2013-00787). The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and in particular the section on hazard identification and characterisation.
  
- The hearing expert was invited to give information on hemp plants and feed.

#### **6. Next meeting**

23 September 2014.

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

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



**Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain**  
**Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Working Group on tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin**  
**Held on 31 July & 01 August 2014, Vienna**  
**(Agreed on 05 September 2014)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**  
Werner Brueller, Sandra Ceccatelli (vice-chair), Bruce Cottrill, Birgit Dusemund, Peter Fürst (chair) and Carlo Nebbia
  - **Hearing Experts:**  
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  - **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**  
Frans Verstraete (DG SANCO)
- EFSA:**
- **Unit on Biological hazards and contaminants:** Karen Mackay,
  - **Other EFSA Units/Departments:** Jose Angel Gomez Ruiz (DATA Unit)<sup>1</sup>

**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**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests,<sup>3</sup> EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific

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<sup>1</sup> Attended by tele/web conference on 31 July, from 1100h to 1245h

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

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

Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at in the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

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

The minutes were agreed on 17 July 2014 and published on the EFSA website on 21 July 2014.

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

**Draft opinion on the risks for human health related to the presence of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin (EFSA-Q-2013-00787).** The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and in particular the sections on the introduction, legislation, occurrence, hazard identification and characterisation. Further revisions were proposed to the chapters.

#### **6. Next meeting**

19 September 2014.

Parma, 12th June 2014  
EFSA/CONTAM/2196

### Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

#### Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group on tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin

Held on 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> June 2014, Brussels

(Agreed on 17 July 2014)

#### Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

Werner Brueller, Sandra Ceccatelli<sup>1</sup> (vice-chair), Bruce Cottrill<sup>2</sup>, Birgit Dusemund, Peter Fürst (chair) and Carlo Nebbia<sup>3</sup>.

- **Hearing Experts:**

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANCO)

#### EFSA:

- **Unit on Biological hazards and contaminants:** Karen Mackay,
- **Other EFSA Units/Departments:** Jose Angel Gomez Ruiz (DATA Unit)

#### 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

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>4</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding

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<sup>1</sup> Participated on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2014

<sup>2</sup> Participated on 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> June 2014 by AudioWeb

<sup>3</sup> Participated on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2014 by AudioWeb

Declarations of Interests,<sup>5</sup> EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at in the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

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

The minutes were agreed on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2014 and published on the EFSA website on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2014.

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

**Draft opinion on the risks for human health related to the presence of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin (EFSA-Q-2013-00787).** The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and in particular the sections on the introduction, previous assessments, chemistry, occurrence and hazard identification. Further revisions were proposed to the chapters of this draft scientific output.

#### **6. Next meeting**

31<sup>st</sup> July - 1<sup>st</sup> August 2014

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<sup>4</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencpolicy.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

Parma, 16 April 2014  
EFSA/CONTAM/2164

**Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain**  
**Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Working Group on tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin**  
**Held on 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> April 2014, Parma**  
**(Agreed on 05 May 2014)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**  
Werner Brueller, Sandra Ceccatelli (vice-chair), Bruce Cottrill, Birgit Dusemund, Peter Fürst (chair) and Carlo Nebbia.
- **Hearing Experts:**  
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- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**  
Frans Verstraete (DG SANCO)<sup>1</sup>
- **EFSA:**
  - **Unit on Biological hazards and contaminants:** Karen Mackay,
  - **Other EFSA Units/Departments:** Jose Angel Gomez Ruiz (DATA Unit)

**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**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests,<sup>3</sup> EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific

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<sup>1</sup> Participated by AudioWeb on 15 April 2014

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

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

Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at in the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

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

The minutes were agreed on 12 March 2014 and published on the EFSA website on 03 April 2014.

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

**Draft opinion on the risks for human health related to the presence of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin (EFSA-Q-2013-00787).** The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and in particular the sections on previous assessments, chemistry, analytical methods, occurrence and hazard identification. Further revisions were proposed to the chapters of this draft scientific output.

#### **6. Next meeting**

11-12 June 2014

Parma, 12 03 2014  
EFSA/CONTAM/2144

**Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain**  
**Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Working Group on tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin**  
**TELE-conference, 12 03 2014**  
**(Agreed on 12 03 2014)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**

Werner Brueller, Sandra Ceccatelli (vice-chair), Bruce Cottrill, Birgit Dusemund, Peter Fürst (chair) and Carlo Nebbia.

- **Hearing Experts:**

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANCO)

- **EFSA:**

- **Unit on Biological hazards and contaminants:** Karen Mackay, Athanasios Gkrillas
- **Other EFSA Units/Departments:** Jose Angel Gomez Ruiz (DATA Unit)

**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

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests,<sup>2</sup> EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at in the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

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

Not applicable

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

**Draft opinion on the risks for human health related to the presence of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin (EFSA-Q-2013-00787)**

The working group (WG) discussed the terms of reference, the table of contents of the draft opinion and the work programme. Tasks were distributed among the WG members to draft the chapters of this opinion.

### 6. Next meeting

14-15 04 2014

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

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