



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

MINUTES OF THE 19TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON AFLATOXINS IN FOOD

Held on 15 January 2020, Teleconference

(Agreed on 15 January 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Isabelle Oswald, Annette Petersen (vice-chair), Heather Wallace (chair), Doris Marko, Evangelia Ntzani and Josef Schlatter.
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Frans Verstraete
- EFSA:
BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert
DATA Unit: Petra Gergelova
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Michael Routledge, Laurent Bodin and Aldert Piersma.

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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. For further details on the outcome of the screening of the Annual Declarations of Interest, please refer to Annex I. Oral Declaration(s) of Interest were asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 18th Working Group meeting held on 9 January 2020, Teleconference.

The minutes of the 18th Working Group meeting held on 9 January 2020, Teleconference, were agreed.³

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of aflatoxins in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00698)⁴

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the comments received during the public consultation as well as the draft responses to the comments and the necessary changes in the draft opinion on aflatoxins in food. Revisions were proposed and will be implemented. The chair of the WG decided that after the amendments have been 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(s)

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¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/aflatoxins-min.pdf>

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00698>



Annex I

Interests and actions resulting from the screening of Annual Declarations of Interest (ADoI)

In the Annual Declaration of Interest filled by Prof. Michael Routledge the following interest has been declared: previous scientific research on aflatoxins funded by private institutions, which constitutes a Conflict of Interest (CoI) with the mandate of the EFSA Working Group in hand. In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, a waiver was granted in accordance with Article 21 of the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management. Pursuant to Article 21(6) of the above-mentioned Decision, the concerned expert was allowed to take part in the discussion and in the drafting phase of the EFSA Scientific Opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of aflatoxins in food, and has not been allowed to be, or act as, a chairman, a vice-chairman or rapporteur of the Working Group.



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MINUTES OF THE 18TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON AFLATOXINS IN FOOD

Held on 9 January 2020, Teleconference

(Agreed on 9 January 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Isabelle Oswald, Michael Routledge, Annette Petersen (vice-chair), Heather Wallace (chair), Doris Marko, Evangelia Ntzani and Laurent Bodin.
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Frans Verstraete
- EFSA:
BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Josef Schlatter and Aldert Piersma.

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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. For further details on the outcome of the screening of the Annual Declarations of Interest, please refer to Annex I. Oral Declaration(s) of Interest were asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 17th Working Group meeting held on 5-6 December 2019, Parma.

The minutes of the 17th Working Group meeting held on 5-6 December 2019, Parma, were agreed.³

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of aflatoxins in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00698)⁴

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft technical report following public consultation of the opinion on aflatoxins in food. Tasks were distributed.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting(s)

15 January 2020.

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

MINUTES OF THE 17TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON AFLATOXINS IN FOOD

Held on 5-6 December 2019, Parma

(Agreed on 6 December 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Isabelle Oswald, Michael Routledge, Josef Schlatter¹, Heather Wallace (chair), Doris Marko and Laurent Bodin.
Annette Petersen (vice-chair) and Evangelia Ntzani² participated by teleconference.
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Frans Verstraete³
- EFSA:
BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert
DATA Unit: Petra Gergelova⁴
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Aldert Piersma.

¹ Participated on 5 December between 16.00 and 18.00 and on 6 December.

² Participated on 5 December

³ Participated on 6 December

⁴ Participated on 5 December



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 Independence⁵ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁶, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. For further details on the outcome of the screening of the Annual Declarations of Interest, please refer to Annex I. Oral Declaration(s) of Interest were asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 16th Working Group meeting held on 5 September 2019, Teleconference.

The minutes of the 16th Working Group meeting held on 5 September 2019, Teleconference, were agreed.⁷

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of aflatoxins in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00698)⁸

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft technical report generated following the public consultation of the opinion on aflatoxins in food. Tasks were distributed.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting(s)

9 January 2020

⁵ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

⁶ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁷ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/aflatoxins-min.pdf>

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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

MINUTES OF THE 16TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON AFLATOXINS IN FOOD

Held on 5 September 2019, Parma

(Agreed on 5 September 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Isabelle Oswald, Michael Routledge, Annette Petersen (vice-chair), Heather Wallace (chair), Doris Marko¹, Evangelia Ntzani, Laurent Bodin and Aldert Piersma².
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Frans Verstraete
- EFSA:
BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert
DATA Unit: Petra Gergelova
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Josef Schlatter.

¹ Participated until 12.00 CET

² Participated from 10.30 until 10.45



2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 15th Working Group meeting held on 27 August 2019, Teleconference.

The minutes of the 15^h Working Group meeting held on 27 August 2019, by teleconference, were agreed.⁵

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of aflatoxins in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00698)⁶

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft opinion on aflatoxins in food, particularly the hazard identification and characterisation, the risk characterisation, the uncertainties, the conclusions and recommendations and the summary. Revisions were proposed and will be implemented. The chair of the WG decided that after the amendments have been completed, the draft opinion will be presented at the next CONTAM Panel meeting for discussion and possible endorsement for public consultation. In addition, the WG proposed some changes to the 'Background and Terms of Reference as provided by the requestor', which were agreed with the European Commission at the WG meeting.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting(s)

5-6 December 2019

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

⁴ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

MINUTES OF THE 15TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON AFLATOXINS IN FOOD

Held on 27 August 2019, Parma

(Agreed on 27 August 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Isabelle Oswald, Josef Schlatter, Heather Wallace (chair), Doris Marko, Evangelia Ntzani and Laurent Bodin.
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Frans Verstraete
- EFSA:
BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Annette Petersen, Aldert Piersma and Michael Routledge.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.



3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 14th Working Group meeting held on 23-24 July 2019, held in EFSA, Parma.

The minutes of the 14th bis Working Group meeting held on 23-24 July 2019, held in EFSA, Parma, were agreed.³

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of aflatoxins in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00698)⁴

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft opinion on aflatoxins in food, particularly the hazard identification and characterisation, the uncertainties and conclusions. Tasks were distributed.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting(s)

5 September 2019

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

MINUTES OF THE 14TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON AFLATOXINS IN FOOD

Held on 23-24 July 2019, Parma

(Agreed on 24 July 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Isabelle Oswald, Michael Routledge, Josef Schlatter, Annette Petersen (vice-chair), Heather Wallace (chair) and Doris Marko.
Evangelia Ntzani, Laurent Bodin and Aldert Piersma¹ participated by teleconference.
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Frans Verstraete
- EFSA:
BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert
- Others:
Not Applicable

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.

¹ Participated on 23 July between 9.00 and 9.30



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. For further details on the outcome of the screening of the Annual Declarations of Interest, please refer to Annex I. Oral Declaration(s) of Interest were asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 13th bis Working Group meeting held on 1 July 2019, Teleconference.

The minutes of the 13th bis Working Group meeting held on 1 July 2019, Teleconference, were agreed.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of aflatoxins in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00698)⁵

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft opinion on aflatoxins in food, particularly the hazard identification and characterisation, risk characterisation, conclusions and recommendations, and uncertainties. Tasks were distributed and will be implemented before the next meeting.

6. Any Other Business

6.1. Not Applicable

7. Next meeting(s)

27 August 2019

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

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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

MINUTES OF THE 13TH bis MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON AFLATOXINS IN FOOD

Held on 1 July 2019, Parma

(Agreed on 1 July 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Isabelle Oswald, Michael Routledge, Josef Schlatter, Annette Petersen (vice-chair), Heather Wallace (chair), Doris Marko, Evangelia Ntzani and Laurent Bodin.
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Frans Verstraete
- EFSA:
BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.
Apologies were received from Aldert Piersma

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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. For further details on the outcome of the screening of the Annual Declarations of Interest, please refer to Annex I. Oral Declaration(s) of Interest were asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 13th Working Group meeting held on 13-14 June 2019, Teleconference.

The minutes of the 13th Working Group meeting held on 13-14 June 2019, Teleconference, were agreed.³

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of aflatoxins in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00698)⁴

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft opinion on aflatoxins in food, particularly the hazard identification and characterisation, processing and risk characterisation. Tasks were distributed.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting(s)

23-24 July 2019

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

MINUTES OF THE 13TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON AFLATOXINS IN FOOD

Held on 13-14 June 2019, Parma

(Agreed on 13 June 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Annette Petersen (vice-chair), Heather Wallace (chair), Doris Marko and Laurent Bodin
Isabelle Oswald¹, Michael Routledge² Evangelia XXX and Aldert Piersma³ participated by teleconference
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Frans Verstraete
- EFSA:
BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert, Elena Rovesti
DATA Unit: Petra Gergelova
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

¹ Participated on 13 June and 14 June am

² Participated on 14 June

³ Participated on 14 June between 9.00 and 10.00 am



Apologies were received from Josef Schlatter

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 Independence⁴ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁵, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. For further details on the outcome of the screening of the Annual Declarations of Interest, please refer to Annex I. Oral Declaration(s) of Interest were asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 12th Working Group meeting held on 10 May 2019, Teleconference.

The minutes of the 12th Working Group meeting held on 10 May 2019, Teleconference, were agreed.⁶

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of aflatoxins in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00698)⁷

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft opinion on aflatoxins in food, particularly the supporting information, the hazard identification and characterisation, the occurrence and exposure and the risk characterisation. Tasks were distributed.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting(s)

1 July 2019

⁴ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

⁵ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

MINUTES OF THE 12TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON AFLATOXINS IN FOOD

Held on 10 May 2019, Teleconference

(Agreed on 10 May 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Isabelle Oswald, Michael Routledge, Evangelia Ntzani, Heather Wallace (chair) and Doris Marko.
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
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- EFSA:
BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert, Elena Rovesti
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Laurent Bodin, Josef Schlatter, Annette Petersen (vice-chair), Aldert Piersma and Frans Verstraete

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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. For further details on the outcome of the screening of the Annual Declarations of Interest, please refer to Annex I. Oral Declaration(s) of Interest were asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 11th Working Group meeting held on 7 May 2019, Teleconference.

The minutes of the 11th Working Group meeting held on 7 May 2019, Teleconference, were agreed.³

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of aflatoxins in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00698)⁴

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft opinion on aflatoxins in food, particularly the genotoxicity and mode of action. Tasks were distributed.

6. Any Other Business

6.1. Not Applicable

7. Next meeting(s)

13-14 June 2019

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

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In the Annual Declaration of Interest filled by Prof. Michael Routledge the following interest has been declared: previous scientific research on aflatoxins funded by private institutions, which constitutes a Conflict of Interest (CoI) with the mandate of the EFSA Working Group in hand. In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, a waiver was granted in accordance with Article 21 of the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management. Pursuant to Article 21(6) of the above-mentioned Decision, the concerned expert was allowed to take part in the discussion and in the drafting phase of the EFSA Scientific Opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of aflatoxins in food, and has not been allowed to be, or act as, a chairman, a vice-chairman or rapporteur of the Working Group.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

MINUTES OF THE 11TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON AFLATOXINS IN FOOD

Held on 7 May 2019, Teleconference

(Agreed on 7 May 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Isabelle Oswald, Michael Routledge, Annette Petersen (vice-chair) and Heather Wallace (chair)
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
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- EFSA:
BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert, Elena Rovesti
DATA Unit: Petra Gergelova
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Frans Verstraete, Evangelia Ntzani, Josef Schlatter, Doris Marko, Laurent Bodin and Aldert Piersma.

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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. For further details on the outcome of the screening of the Annual Declarations of Interest, please refer to Annex I. Oral Declaration(s) of Interest were asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 10th Working Group meeting held on 2 May 2019, Teleconference.

The minutes of the 10th Working Group meeting held on 2 May 2019, Teleconference, were agreed.³

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of aflatoxins in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00698)⁴

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft opinion on aflatoxins in food, particularly the occurrence and exposure. Tasks were distributed.

6. Any Other Business

6.1. Not Applicable

7. Next meeting(s)

10 May 2019

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wqs/chemical-contaminants/aflatoxins-min.pdf>

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00698>



Annex I

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In the Annual Declaration of Interest filled by Prof. Michael Routledge the following interest has been declared: previous scientific research on aflatoxins funded by private institutions, which constitutes a Conflict of Interest (CoI) with the mandate of the EFSA Working Group in hand. In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, a waiver was granted in accordance with Article 21 of the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management. Pursuant to Article 21(6) of the above-mentioned Decision, the concerned expert was allowed to take part in the discussion and in the drafting phase of the EFSA Scientific Opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of aflatoxins in food, and has not been allowed to be, or act as, a chairman, a vice-chairman or rapporteur of the Working Group.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

MINUTES OF THE 10TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON AFLATOXINS IN FOOD

Held on 2 May 2019, Teleconference

(Agreed on 2 May 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Evangelia Ntzani, Isabelle Oswald, Michael Routledge, Josef Schlatter and Heather Wallace (chair).
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
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- EFSA:
BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Frans Verstraete, Annette Petersen (vice-chair), Doris Marko, Laurent Bodin and Aldert Piersma.

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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. For further details on the outcome of the screening of the Annual Declarations of Interest, please refer to Annex I. Oral Declaration(s) of Interest were asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 9th Working Group meeting held on 30 April 2019, Teleconference.

The minutes of the 9th Working Group meeting held on 30 April 2019, Teleconference, were agreed.³

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of aflatoxins in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00698)⁴

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft opinion on aflatoxins in food, particularly the observations in humans. Tasks were distributed.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting(s)

7 May 2019

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wqs/chemical-contaminants/aflatoxins-min.pdf>

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00698>



Annex I

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In the Annual Declaration of Interest filled by Prof. Michael Routledge the following interest has been declared: previous scientific research on aflatoxins funded by private institutions, which constitutes a Conflict of Interest (CoI) with the mandate of the EFSA Working Group in hand. In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, a waiver was granted in accordance with Article 21 of the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management. Pursuant to Article 21(6) of the above-mentioned Decision, the concerned expert was allowed to take part in the discussion and in the drafting phase of the EFSA Scientific Opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of aflatoxins in food, and has not been allowed to be, or act as, a chairman, a vice-chairman or rapporteur of the Working Group.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

MINUTES OF THE 9TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON AFLATOXINS IN FOOD

Held on 30 April 2019, Teleconference

(Agreed on 30 April 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Evangelia Ntzani, Isabelle Oswald, Michael Routledge, Annette Petersen (vice-chair), Heather Wallace (chair), Doris Marko and Laurent Bodin.
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
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- EFSA:
BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Frans Verstraete, Josef Schlatter and Aldert Piersma.

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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. For further details on the outcome of the screening of the Annual Declarations of Interest, please refer to Annex I. Oral Declaration(s) of Interest were asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 8th Working Group meeting held on 4-5 April 2019, EFSA (Parma).

The minutes of the 8th Working Group meeting held on 4-5 April 2019, EFSA (Parma), were agreed.³

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of aflatoxins in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00698)⁴

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft opinion on aflatoxins in food, particularly the hazard identification. Tasks were distributed.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting(s)

2 May 2019

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/aflatoxins-min.pdf>

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00698>



Annex I

Interests and actions resulting from the screening of Annual Declarations of Interest (ADoI)

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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

MINUTES OF THE 8TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON AFLATOXINS IN FOOD

Held on 04-05 April 2019, EFSA (Parma)

(Agreed on 11 April 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Laurent Bodin, Evangelia Ntzani, Isabelle Oswald, Annette Petersen (vice-chair), Michael Routledge, Josef Schlatter, Heather Wallace (chair) and Doris Marko
Aldert Piersma¹ participated by teleconference.
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
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- EFSA:
BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert
DATA Unit: Petra Gergelova²
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

¹ Participated on 4 April between 16.00 and 17.00 only

² Participated on 5 April only



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

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 Independence³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁴, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. For further details on the outcome of the screening of the Annual Declarations of Interest, please refer to Annex I. Oral Declaration(s) of Interest were asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 7th Working Group meeting held on 7 March 2019, Teleconference.

The minutes of the 7th Working Group meeting held on 7 March 2019, by teleconference, were agreed.⁵

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of aflatoxins in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00698)⁶

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft opinion on aflatoxins in food, particularly the occurrence and exposure and the hazard identification and characterisation. Tasks were distributed.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting(s)

30 April 2019

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

⁴ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/aflatoxins-min.pdf>

⁶ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00698>



Annex I

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In the Annual Declaration of Interest filled by Prof. Michael Routledge the following interest has been declared: previous scientific research on aflatoxins funded by private institutions, which constitutes a Conflict of Interest (CoI) with the mandate of the EFSA Working Group in hand. In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, a waiver was granted in accordance with Article 21 of the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management. Pursuant to Article 21(6) of the above-mentioned Decision, the concerned expert was allowed to take part in the discussion and in the drafting phase of the EFSA Scientific Opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of aflatoxins in food, and has not been allowed to be, or act as, a chairman, a vice-chairman or rapporteur of the Working Group.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

MINUTES OF THE 7TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON AFLATOXINS IN FOOD

Held on 07 March 2019, TELE-conference

(Agreed on 07 March 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Evangelia Ntzani, Isabelle Oswald, Michael Routledge, Josef Schlatter and Heather Wallace (chair), Doris Marko, Laurent Bodin and Aldert Piersma¹.
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
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- EFSA:
BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Frans Verstraete and Annette Petersen (vice-chair).

¹ Participated between 10.00 and 11.00 only



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. For further details on the outcome of the screening of the Annual Declarations of Interest, please refer to Annex I. Oral Declaration(s) of Interest were asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 6th Working Group meeting held on 5 March 2019, Teleconference.

The minutes of the 6th Working Group meeting held on 5 March 2019, Teleconference, were agreed.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of aflatoxins in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00698)⁵

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft opinion on aflatoxins in food, particularly the hazard identification. Tasks were distributed.

6. Any Other Business

6.1. Not Applicable

7. Next meeting(s)

4-5 April 2019

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://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wqs/chemical-contaminants/aflatoxins-min.pdf>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00698>



Annex I

Interests and actions resulting from the screening of Annual Declarations of Interest (ADoI)

In the Annual Declaration of Interest filled by Prof. Michael Routledge the following interest has been declared: previous scientific research on aflatoxins funded by private institutions, which constitutes a Conflict of Interest (CoI) with the mandate of the EFSA Working Group in hand. In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, a waiver was granted in accordance with Article 21 of the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management. Pursuant to Article 21(6) of the above-mentioned Decision, the concerned expert was allowed to take part in the discussion and in the drafting phase of the EFSA Scientific Opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of aflatoxins in food, and has not been allowed to be, or act as, a chairman, a vice-chairman or rapporteur of the Working Group.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

MINUTES OF THE 6TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON AFLATOXINS IN FOOD

Held on 05 March 2019, TELE-conference

(Agreed on 05 March 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Evangelia Ntzani, Laurent Bodin, Isabelle Oswald, Annette Petersen (vice-chair), Michael Routledge, Josef Schlatter and Heather Wallace (chair) and Doris Marko
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
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- EFSA:
BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert
DATA Unit: Petra Gergelova
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Aldert Piersma and Frans Verstraete.



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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. For further details on the outcome of the screening of the Annual Declarations of Interest, please refer to Annex I. Oral Declaration(s) of Interest were asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 5th Working Group meeting held on 28-29 January 2019, Parma.

The minutes of the 5th Working Group meeting held on 28-29 February 2019, Parma, were agreed.³

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of aflatoxins in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00698)⁴

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft opinion on aflatoxins in food, particularly the occurrence and exposure and the observations in humans. Tasks were distributed.

6. Any Other Business

6.1. Not Applicable

7. Next meeting(s)

7 March 2019

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/aflatoxins-min.pdf>

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00698>



Annex I

Interests and actions resulting from the screening of Annual Declarations of Interest (ADoI)

In the Annual Declaration of Interest filled by Prof. Michael Routledge the following interest has been declared: previous scientific research on aflatoxins funded by private institutions, which constitutes a Conflict of Interest (CoI) with the mandate of the EFSA Working Group in hand. In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, a waiver was granted in accordance with Article 21 of the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management. Pursuant to Article 21(6) of the above-mentioned Decision, the concerned expert was allowed to take part in the discussion and in the drafting phase of the EFSA Scientific Opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of aflatoxins in food, and has not been allowed to be, or act as, a chairman, a vice-chairman or rapporteur of the Working Group.

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Working Group on aflatoxins in food

Parma, 28-29 January 2019

(Agreed on 29 January 2019)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Evangelia Ntzani, Isabelle Oswald¹, Annette Petersen (vice-chair), Michael Routledge, Josef Schlatter and Heather Wallace (chair)

Doris Marko² and Aldert Piersma³ participated by teleconference

- **Hearing Experts:⁴**

Not Applicable

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)⁵ participated by teleconference

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert

¹ Participated on 28 January only

² Participated on 28 January only and on 29 January from 11.30 onwards

³ Participated on 29 January only

⁴ 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>.

⁵ Participated on 29 January only

DATA Unit: Petra Gergelova⁶

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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 Independence⁷ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁸, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. For further details on the outcome of the screening of the Annual Declarations of Interest, please refer to Annex I. Oral Declaration(s) of Interest were asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 4th Working Group meeting held on 17 December 2018

The minutes of the 4th Working Group meeting held on 17 December 2018 by teleconference were agreed.⁹

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of aflatoxins in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00698)¹⁰

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft opinion on aflatoxins in food, particularly the supporting information, occurrence and exposure and the hazard identification. Tasks were distributed. The WG

⁶ Participated on 29 January only

⁷ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

⁸ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/chemical-contaminants/aflatoxins-min.pdf>

¹⁰ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00698>

indicated that an additional WG member with expertise in toxicokinetics and kinetic modelling is needed. In addition, the WG proposed some changes to the Background as provided by the requestor, which were agreed with the European Commission at the WG meeting.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

5 March 2019

Annex I

Interests and actions resulting from the screening of Annual Declarations of Interest (ADoI)

In the Annual Declaration of Interest filled by Prof. Michael Routledge the following interest has been declared: previous scientific research on aflatoxins funded by private institutions, which constitutes a Conflict of Interest (CoI) with the mandate of the EFSA Working Group in hand. In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management¹², and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, a waiver was granted in accordance with Article 21 of the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management. Pursuant to Article 21(6) of the above-mentioned Decision, the concerned expert was allowed to take part in the discussion and in the drafting phase of the EFSA Scientific Opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of aflatoxins in food, and has not been allowed to be, or act as, a chairman, a vice-chairman or rapporteur of the Working Group.

¹¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

¹²

http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Working Group on aflatoxins in food

by TELE-conference, 17 December 2018

(Agreed on 17 December 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
Aldert Piersma and Heather Wallace (chair)
- **Hearing Experts:**¹
Not Applicable
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert and Elena Rovesti
- **Others:**
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest,³ 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 3rd Working Group meeting held on 12-13 December 2018

The minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting held on 12-13 December 2018 were agreed.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of aflatoxins in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00698)⁵

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the mandate, the draft table of contents of the opinion on aflatoxins in food and the work carried out by the WG so far. Tasks were distributed.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

28-29 January 2019

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

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

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wqs/chemical-contaminants/aflatoxins-min.pdf>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00698>

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group on aflatoxins in food

Brussels, 12-13 December 2018

(Agreed on 13 December 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Doris Marko, Evangelia Ntzani, Isabelle Oswald¹, Annette Petersen (vice-chair), Michael Routledge, Josef Schlatter and Heather Wallace (chair)

- **Hearing Experts:**²

Not Applicable

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert

DATA Unit: Petra Gergelova³

¹ Participated by teleconference on 12 December pm and in person on 13 December

² 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 Participated on 13 December only

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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 Independence⁴ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁵, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. For further details on the outcome of the screening of the Annual Declarations of Interest, please refer to Annex I. Oral Declaration(s) of Interest were asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting held on 20 November 2018

The minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting held on 20 November 2018 by teleconference were agreed.⁶

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of aflatoxins in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00698)⁷

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft opinion on aflatoxins in food, particularly the supporting information, occurrence and exposure and the hazard identification. Tasks were distributed. The WG indicated that an additional WG member with expertise in toxicokinetics and kinetic modelling might be needed.

⁴ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

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http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁶ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wqs/chemical-contaminants/aflatoxins-min.pdf>

⁷ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00698>

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

17 December 2018

Annex I

Interests and actions resulting from the screening of Annual Declarations of Interest (ADoI)

In the Annual Declaration of Interest filled by Prof. Michael Routledge the following interest has been declared: previous scientific research on aflatoxins funded by private institutions, which constitutes a Conflict of Interest (CoI) with the mandate of the EFSA Working Group in hand. In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence⁸ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁹, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, a waiver was granted in accordance with Article 21 of the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management. Pursuant to Article 21(6) of the above-mentioned Decision, the concerned expert was allowed to take part in the discussion and in the drafting phase of the EFSA Scientific Opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of aflatoxins in food, and has not been allowed to be, or act as, a chairman, a vice-chairman or rapporteur of the Working Group.

⁸ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

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Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group on aflatoxins in food

by TELE-conference, 20 November 2018

(Agreed on 20 November 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Doris Marko, Evangelia Ntzani, Isabelle Oswald, Annette Petersen (vice-chair), Michael Routledge and Heather Wallace (chair)

- **Hearing Experts:¹**

Not Applicable

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

¹ 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>.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Josef Schlatter.

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. For further details on the outcome of the screening of the Annual Declarations of Interest, please refer to Annex I. Oral Declaration(s) of Interest were asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 11 October 2018

The minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 11 October 2018 by teleconference were agreed.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of aflatoxins in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00698)⁵

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft opinion on aflatoxins in food, particularly the supporting information, data and methodologies, previously reported exposure data and the hazard identification. Tasks were distributed.

6. Any Other Business

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

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Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

12-13 December 2018

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Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on aflatoxins in food

by TELE-conference, 11 October 2018

(Agreed on 11 October 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Doris Marko, Evangelia Ntzani, Isabelle Oswald, Annette Petersen (vice-chair)¹, Michael Routledge and Heather Wallace (chair)

- **Hearing Experts:**²

Not Applicable

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

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- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Josef Schlatter and Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE).

¹ Participated from 10.00 CET onwards

² 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>.

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 Independence³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁴, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. For further details on the outcome of the screening of the Annual Declarations of Interest, please refer to Annex I. Oral Declaration(s) of Interest were asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

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

Not applicable

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of aflatoxins in food (EFSA-Q-2018-00698)⁵

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the terms of reference of the mandate, the literature search, the approach for the assessment and the table of contents of the draft opinion on aflatoxins in food. Tasks were distributed. An additional WG member with expertise in developmental and reproductive toxicity will be invited to join the WG.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

20 November 2018

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

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