
CONTAM UNIT

Brussels, 16 August 2012

EFSA/CONTAM/1838

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

Minutes of the 33rd meeting of the Working Group on Brominated Flame Retardants

Brussels, 16 August 2012

Drafting WG meeting

EFSA / Unit on Contaminants / Brominated Flame Retardants

Agreed by the WG on 16 August 2012

Participants

WG Experts	Åke Bergman, Niklas Johansson, Dieter Schrenk (Chair) and Rolaf van Leeuwen.
Hearing Experts	-
Observers (eg. EC)	-
EFSA	Nicklas Gustavsson ¹ and Luisa Ramos Bordajandi.

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Peter Fürst.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and/or Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) 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 the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The members of the working group edited the draft opinion on emerging and novel brominated flame retardants in food (EFSA-Q-2010-00220). Revisions were proposed and they will be implemented before presenting the draft opinion for possible adoption at the next CONTAM Panel meeting.

¹ Present by phone connection.

5. Next meeting date

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CONTAM UNIT

Parma, 4 June 2012
EFSA/CONTAM/1772

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

Minutes of the 32nd meeting of the Working Group on Brominated Flame Retardants

AudioWeb, 4 June 2012

EFSA / Unit on Contaminants / Brominated Flame Retardants

Agreed by the WG on 12 June 2012

Participants

WG Experts	Åke Bergman, Alan Boobis, Sandra Ceccatelli, Jean-Pierre Cravedi, Metka Filipič, Peter Fürst, Niklas Johansson, Helle Knutsen, Miroslav Machala, Franco Merletti, Dieter Schrenk, Rolaf van Leeuwen (Chair) and Stefan van Leeuwen.
Hearing Experts	-
Observers (eg.EC)	-
EFSA	Nicklas Gustavsson and Luisa Ramos Bordajandi.

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Olaf Pöpke.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and/or Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) 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 the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The working group discussed the draft opinion on emerging and novel brominated flame retardants in food (EFSA-Q-2010-00220). Revisions were proposed and they will be implemented before the next WG meeting.

5. Next meeting date

To be decided.

CONTAM UNIT

Parma, 14 May 2012
EFSA/CONTAM/1744

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

**Minutes of the 31st meeting of the Working Group on Brominated Flame Retardants
AudioWeb, 14 May 2012**

EFSA / Unit on Contaminants / Brominated Flame Retardants

Agreed by the WG on 14 May 2012

Participants

WG Experts	Åke Bergman, Sandra Ceccatelli, Jean-Pierre Cravedi, Niklas Johansson, Helle Knutsen, Miroslav Machala, Olaf Pöpke, Dieter Schrenk, Rolaf van Leeuwen (Chair) and Stefan van Leeuwen.
Hearing Experts	-
Observers (eg.EC)	-
EFSA	Nicklas Gustavsson and Luisa Ramos Bordajandi.

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Alan Boobis, Metka Filipič, Peter Fürst and Franco Merletti.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and/or Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) 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 the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The working group discussed the draft opinion on emerging and novel brominated flame retardants in food (EFSA-Q-2010-00220). Revisions were proposed and the draft opinion will be discussed again at the next WG meeting.

5. Next meeting date

The next WG meeting (AudioWeb) will be held 4 June 2012.

CONTAM UNIT

Parma, 13 April 2012

EFSA/CONTAM/1712

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

Minutes of the 30th meeting of the Working Group on Brominated Flame Retardants

Parma, 11-13 April 2012

EFSA / Unit on Contaminants / Brominated Flame Retardants

Agreed by the WG on 16 April 2012

Participants

WG Experts	Åke Bergman, Alan Boobis, Sandra Ceccatelli, Jean-Pierre Cravedi, Metka Filipič ¹ , Niklas Johansson, Helle Knutsen, Miroslav Machala, Olaf Pöpke ¹ , Dieter Schrenk, Rolaf van Leeuwen (Chair) and Stefan van Leeuwen.
Hearing Experts	-
Observers (eg.EC)	-
EFSA	Nicklas Gustavsson and Luisa Ramos Bordajandi.

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Peter Fürst and Franco Merletti.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and/or Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) 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 the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The working group discussed the draft opinion on emerging and novel brominated flame retardants in food (EFSA-Q-2010-00220). Revisions were proposed and the draft opinion will be discussed again at the next WG meeting.

¹ Participating only on 12.04.2012 (AudioWeb).

5. Next meeting date

The next WG meeting (AudioWeb) will be held 14 May 2012.

CONTAM UNIT

Brussels, 28 February 2012

EFSA/CONTAM/1700

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

Minutes of the 29th meeting of the Working Group on Brominated Flame Retardants

AudioWeb, 28 February 2012

EFSA / Unit on Contaminants / Brominated Flame Retardants

Agreed by the WG on 28 February 2012

Participants

WG Experts	Sandra Ceccatelli, Jean-Pierre Cravedi, Metka Filipič, Peter Fürst, Niklas Johansson, Helle Knutsen, Miroslav Machala, Franco Merletti, Olaf Pöpke, Rolaf van Leeuwen (Chair) and Stefan van Leeuwen.
Hearing Experts	-
Observers (eg.EC)	-
EFSA	Luisa Ramos Bordajandi.

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Åke Bergman, Alan Boobis, Dieter Schrenk and Marco Zeilmaker.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and/or Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) 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 the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The working group discussed the draft opinion on brominated phenols and their derivatives (EFSA-Q-2012-00055). Revisions were proposed and they will be implemented before the opinion is presented for possible adoption at the next CONTAM Plenary meeting.

5. Next meeting date

The next WG meeting will be held 12-13 April 2012.

CONTAM UNIT

Brussels, 16 February 2012

EFSA/CONTAM/1679

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

Minutes of the 28th meeting of the Working Group on Brominated Flame Retardants

Brussels, 15-16 February 2012

EFSA / Unit on Contaminants / Brominated Flame Retardants

Agreed by the WG on 16 February 2012

Participants

WG Experts	Åke Bergman, Jean-Pierre Cravedi, Metka Filipič, Peter Fürst, Niklas Johansson, Miroslav Machala, Olaf Pöpke, Dieter Schrenk, Rolaf van Leeuwen (Chair) and Stefan van Leeuwen.
Hearing Experts	-
Observers (eg.EC)	-
EFSA	Luisa Ramos Bordajandi.

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Alan Boobis, Sandra Ceccatelli, Helle Knutsen, Franco Merletti, and Marco Zeilmaker.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and/or Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) 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 the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The working group discussed the draft opinion on brominated phenols and their derivatives (EFSA-Q-2012-00055). Revisions were proposed and they will be implemented before the opinion is presented for possible adoption at the next CONTAM Plenary meeting. The working group also discussed the available chapters of the draft opinion on Emerging and Novel BFRs (EFSA-Q-2010-00220). Tasks were distributed and the opinion will be discussed again at the next meeting.

5. Next meeting date

The next WG meeting will be held 28 February 2012.

CONTAM UNIT

Parma, 20 January 2012

EFSA/CONTAM/1667

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

Minutes of the 27th meeting of the Working Group on Brominated Flame Retardants

Audio-Web, 20 January 2012

EFSA / Unit on Contaminants / Brominated Flame Retardants

Agreed by the WG on 20 January 2012

Participants

WG Experts	Åke Bergman, Sandra Ceccatelli, Jean-Pierre Cravedi, Metka Filipič, Niklas Johansson, Helle Knutsen, Miroslav Machala, Olaf Pöpke, Rolaf van Leeuwen (Chair) and Stefan van Leeuwen.
Hearing Experts	-
Observers (eg.EC)	-
EFSA	Luisa Ramos Bordajandi.

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Alan Boobis, Peter Fürst, Franco Merletti, Dieter Schrenk and Marco Zeilmaker.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and/or Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) 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 the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The working group discussed the available chapters of the draft opinion on brominated phenols and their derivatives (EFSA-Q-2012-00055). Tasks were distributed and the opinion will be discussed again at the next meeting.

5. Next meeting date

The next WG meeting will be held 15-16 February 2012.

CONTAM UNIT

Parma, 21 December 2011

EFSA/CONTAM/1601

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

Minutes of the 26th meeting of the Working Group on Brominated Flame Retardants

Audio-Web, 20 December 2011

EFSA / Unit on Contaminants / Brominated Flame Retardants

Agreed by the WG on 21 December 2011

Participants

WG Experts	Åke Bergman, Sandra Ceccatelli, Peter Fürst, Niklas Johansson, Helle Knutsen, Miroslav Machala, Franco Merletti, Olaf Pöpke, Dieter Schrenk, Rolaf van Leeuwen (Chair) and Stefan van Leeuwen.
Hearing Experts	-
Observers (eg.EC)	-
EFSA	Luisa Ramos Bordajandi.

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Jean-Pierre Cravedi, Alan Boobis, Metka Filipič, Elena Scaravelli and Marco Zeilmaker.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and/or Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) 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 the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The working group discussed the available chapters of the draft opinion on brominated phenols and on emerging and novel brominated flame retardants (EFSA-Q-2010-00220). Tasks were distributed and the opinion will be discussed again at the next meeting.

5. Next meeting date

The next WG meeting will be held 20 January 2012.

CONTAM UNIT

Mikulov, 26 October 2011

EFSA/CONTAM/1579

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

Minutes of the 25th meeting of the Working Group on Brominated Flame Retardants

Mikulov, 25-26 October 2011

EFSA / Unit on Contaminants / Brominated Flame Retardants

Agreed by the WG on 26 October 2011

Participants

WG Experts	Åke Bergman, Jean-Pierre Cravedi, Niklas Johansson, Helle Knutsen, Miroslav Machala, Olaf Pöpke, Dieter Schrenk, Rolaf van Leeuwen (Chair) and Stefan van Leeuwen.
Hearing Experts	-
Observers (eg.EC)	-
EFSA	Luisa Ramos Bordajandi.

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Alan Boobis, Sandra Ceccatelli, Metka Filipič, Peter Fürst, Franco Merletti, Elena Scaravelli and Marco Zeilmaker.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and/or Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) 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 the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The working group discussed the chapters related to the chemistry, analytical methods, occurrence data and exposure, and hazard identification and characterization of the draft opinion on TBBPA and its derivatives (EFSA-Q-2010-00219). Revisions were proposed and they will be implemented before the opinion is presented for possible adoption at the next CONTAM Plenary meeting. The working group discussed the available chapters of the draft opinion on Emerging and Novel BFRs (EFSA-Q-2010-00220). Tasks were distributed and the opinion will be discussed again at the next meeting.

5. Next meeting date

The next WG meeting will be held 20 December 2011.

CONTAM UNIT

Hamburg, 16 September 2011

EFSA/CONTAM/1521

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

Minutes of the 24th meeting of the Working Group on Brominated Flame Retardants

Hamburg, 15-16 September 2011

EFSA / Unit on Contaminants / Brominated Flame Retardants

Agreed by the WG on 16 September 2011

Participants

WG Experts	Åke Bergman, Alan Boobis ¹ , Sandra Ceccatelli, Jean-Pierre Cravedi, Metka Filipič, Peter Fürst (vice-Chair), Niklas Johansson, Helle Knutsen, Miroslav Machala, Franco Merletti, Olaf Pöpke, Dieter Schrenk, Rolaf van Leeuwen (Chair), and Stefan van Leeuwen.
Hearing Experts	-
Observers (eg.EC)	-
EFSA	Luisa Ramos Bordajandi and Elena Scaravelli.

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Marco Zeilmaker.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and/or Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) 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 the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The working group discussed the chapters related to the chemistry, analytical methods, occurrence data and exposure, and hazard identification of the draft opinion on TBBPA and its derivatives (EFSA-Q-200-00219). Revisions were proposed and they will be implemented before the next working group meeting. The working group discussed how to tackle the draft

¹ Present by phone on 15.09.2011 and 16.09.2011 (morning only).

opinion on other BFRs including emerging ones (EFSA-Q-200-00220). Tasks were distributed and the opinion will be discussed again at the next meeting.

5. Next meeting date

The next WG meeting will be held 25-26 October 2011.

CONTAM UNIT

Parma, 28 June 2011

EFSA/CONTAM/1502

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

Minutes of the 23rd meeting of the Working Group on Brominated Flame Retardants

Parma, 23 June 2011

Drafting WG meeting

EFSA / Unit on Contaminants / Brominated Flame Retardants

Agreed by the WG on 11 July 2011

Participants

WG Experts	Rolaf van Leeuwen (Chair).
Hearing Experts	-
Observers (eg.EC)	-
EFSA	Luisa Ramos Bordajandi.

1. Welcome and apologies

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 Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and/or Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) 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 the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The chapters related to the chemistry, analytical methods, occurrence data and exposure, hazard identification and characterization, conclusions and recommendations of the draft opinion on HBCDDs in Food (EFSA-Q-200-00218) were edited. Revisions were proposed and they will be implemented before presenting the draft opinion for possible adoption at the next CONTAM Panel meeting.

5. Next meeting date

The next WG meeting will be held 15-16 September 2011.

CONTAM UNIT

Parma, 20 June 2011

EFSA/CONTAM/1460

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

Minutes of the 22nd meeting of the Working Group on Brominated Flame Retardants

Oslo, 15-16 June 2011

EFSA / Unit on Contaminants / Brominated Flame Retardants

Agreed by the WG on 28 June 2011

Participants

WG Experts	Åke Bergman, Sandra Ceccatelli, Jean-Pierre Cravedi, Metka Filipič, Peter Fürst (vice-Chair), Niklas Johansson, Helle Knutsen, Miroslav Machala, Franco Merletti, Olaf Pöpke, Dieter Schrenk and Rolaf van Leeuwen (Chair).
Hearing Experts	-
Observers (eg.EC)	-
EFSA	Luisa Ramos Bordajandi and Elena Scaravelli.

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Alan Boobis, Stefan van Leeuwen and Marco Zeilmaker.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and/or Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) 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 the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The Working Group discussed the chapters related to the chemistry, analytical methods, sources and use, occurrence data and exposure assessment, hazard identification and characterisation, risk characterisation, conclusions and recommendations of the draft opinion on HBCDDs in Food (EFSA-Q-2010-00218). Revisions were proposed and they will be implemented before the next WG meeting (drafting WG meeting). The Working Group briefly

discussed how to tackle the draft opinion on TBBPA and other phenols (EFSA-Q-2010-00219).

5. Next meeting date

The next WG meeting will be held 23 June 2011 (drafting WG meeting).

CONTAM UNIT

Brussels, 12 April 2011

EFSA/CONTAM/1399

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

Minutes of the 21st meeting of the Working Group on Brominated Flame Retardants

Brussels, 11-12 April 2011

EFSA / Unit on Contaminants / Brominated Flame Retardants

Agreed by the WG on 12 April 2011

Participants

WG Experts	Åke Bergman, Alan Boobis, Sandra Ceccatelli, Jean-Pierre Cravedi ¹ , Metka Filipič, Peter Fürst (vice-Chair), Niklas Johansson, Helle Knutsen, Miroslav Machala, Olaf Pöpke, Dieter Schrenk, Rolaf van Leeuwen (Chair), Stefan van Leeuwen ¹ and Marco Zeilmaker ¹ .
Hearing Experts	-
Observers (eg.EC)	-
EFSA	Luisa Ramos Bordajandi and Elena Scaravelli.

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Franco Merletti.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and/or Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) 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 the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The Working Group discussed the chapters related to the chemistry, analytical methods, occurrence data, hazard identification and characterization, conclusions and recommendations of the draft opinion on HBCDDs in Food (EFSA-Q-200-00218). Revisions were proposed and they will be implemented before the next WG meeting.

¹ Present only on 12 April 2011.

5. Next meeting date

The next WG meeting will be held 15-16 June 2011.

CONTAM UNIT

Amsterdam, 3 March 2011

EFSA/CONTAM/1374

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

Minutes of the 20th meeting of the Working Group on Brominated Flame Retardants

Amsterdam, 3 March 2011

EFSA / Unit on Contaminants / Brominated Flame Retardants

Agreed by the WG on 3 March 2011

Participants

WG Experts	Åke Bergman ¹ , Alan Boobis, Jean-Pierre Cravedi, Peter Fürst (vice-Chair), Niklas Johansson, Helle Knutsen, Miroslav Machala, Franco Merletti, Dieter Schrenk, Rolaf van Leeuwen (Chair), Stefan van Leeuwen and Marco Zeilmaker.
Hearing Experts	-
Observers (eg.EC)	-
EFSA	Luisa Ramos Bordajandi.

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Sandra Ceccatelli, Metka Filipič, Olaf Pöpke and Elena Scaravelli.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and/or Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) 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 the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The Working Group discussed the chapters related to the hazard identification and characterisation, conclusions and recommendations of the draft opinion on PBDEs in Food (EFSA-Q-2009-00684). Revisions were proposed and they will be implemented before presenting the draft opinion at the 44th CONTAM Plenary.

¹ Only present on 03.03.2011 in the morning.

5. Next meeting date

The next WG meeting will be held 11-12 April 2011.

CONTAM UNIT

Parma, 9 February 2011

EFSA/CONTAM/1326

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

Minutes of the 19th meeting of the Working Group on Brominated Flame Retardants

Brussels, 8-9 February 2011

EFSA / Unit on Contaminants / Brominated Flame Retardants

Agreed by the WG on 9 February 2011

Participants

WG Experts	Åke Bergman, Alan Boobis, Sandra Ceccatelli, Jean-Pierre Cravedi, Metka Filipič, Peter Fürst (vice-Chair), Niklas Johansson, Helle Knutsen, Miroslav Machala, Olaf Pöpke, Dieter Schrenk, Rolaf van Leeuwen (Chair) and Marco Zeilmaker.
Hearing Experts	-
Observers (eg.EC)	-
EFSA	Luisa Ramos Bordajandi and Elena Scaravelli

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Franco Merletti and Stefan van Leeuwen.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and/or Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) 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 the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The Working Group discussed the chapters related to chemistry, analytical methods, occurrence data and hazard identification and characterisation of the draft opinion on HBCDDs in food (EFSA-Q-2010-00218). The Working Group went through the draft opinion on PBDEs in Food (EFSA-Q-2009-00684) and discussed in particular the hazard and risk characterization chapters. Revisions were proposed in both cases and they will be implemented before the next WG meeting.

5. Next meeting date

The next WG meeting will be held 3 March 2011.

CONTAM UNIT

Parma, 10 December 2010

EFSA/CONTAM/1266

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

Minutes of the 18th meeting of the Working Group on Brominated Flame Retardants

Paris, 7-8 December 2010

EFSA / Unit on Contaminants / Brominated Flame Retardants

Agreed by the WG on 17 January 2010

Participants

WG Experts	Åke Bergman, Jean-Pierre Cravedi, Peter Fürst (vice-Chair), Niklas Johansson, Helle Knutsen, Miroslav Machala, Olaf Pöpke, Dieter Schrenk, Rolaf van Leeuwen (Chair) and Stefan van Leeuwen.
Hearing Experts	-
Observers (eg.EC)	-
EFSA	Luisa Ramos Bordajandi.

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Alan Boobis, Sandra Ceccatelli, Metka Filipič, Franco Merletti, Elena Scaravelli and Marco Zeilmaker.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and/or Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) 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 the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The Working Group went through the draft opinion on PBDEs in Food (EFSA-Q-2009-00684) and discussed in particular the hazard and risk characterization chapters. The Working Group also discussed the chapters related to the chemistry, analytical methods, occurrence data and hazard identification and characterisation of the draft opinion on HBCDDs in food (EFSA-Q-2010-00218). Revisions were proposed in both cases and they will be implemented before the next WG meeting.

5. Next meeting date

The next WG meeting will be held 8-9 February 2011.

CONTAM UNIT

Brussels, 15 November 2010

EFSA/CONTAM/1263

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

Minutes of the 17th meeting of the Working Group on Brominated Flame Retardants

Brussels, 15 November 2010

Drafting WG meeting

EFSA / Unit on Contaminants / Brominated Flame Retardants

Agreed by the WG on 17 November 2010

Participants

WG Experts	Alan Boobis, Peter Fürst (vice-Chair) and Rolaf van Leeuwen (Chair).
Hearing Experts	-
Observers (eg.EC)	-
EFSA	Luisa Ramos Bordajandi.

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Helle Knutsen.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Discussions

The Working Group edited the draft opinion on PBDEs in Food (EFSA-Q-2009-00684) and discussed in particular the hazard characterization and risk characterization. Revisions were proposed and they will be implemented before presenting the draft opinion for possible adoption at the next CONTAM Panel meeting.

5. Next meeting date

The next WG meeting will be held 7-8 December 2010.

CONTAM UNIT

Parma, 14 October 2010

EFSA/CONTAM/1250

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

Minutes of the 16th meeting of the Working Group on Brominated Flame Retardants

Ljubljana, 12-13 October 2010

EFSA / Unit on Contaminants / Brominated Flame Retardants

Agreed by the WG on 15 October 2010

Participants

WG Experts	Åke Bergman, Alan Boobis, Sandra Ceccatelli, Jean-Pierre Cravedi, Metka Filipič, Peter Fürst (vice-Chair), Niklas Johansson, Helle Knutsen, Franco Merletti, Miroslav Machala, Olaf Päpke and Rolaf van Leeuwen (Chair).
Hearing Experts	-
Observers (eg.EC)	-
EFSA	Luisa Ramos Bordajandi and Elena Scaravelli.

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Dieter Schrenk, Stefan van Leeuwen and Marco Zeilmaker.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and/or Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) 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 the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The Working Group discussed the structure, the available draft chapters and the occurrence data received for the draft opinion on HBCDD in food (EFSA-Q-2010-00218). Tasks were distributed. The Working Group went also through the draft opinion on PBDEs in Food (EFSA-Q-2009-00684) and discussed in particular the hazard characterization. Revisions were proposed and they will be implemented before the next WG meeting.

5. Next meeting date

The next WG meeting (drafting group) will be held 15 November 2010.

CONTAM UNIT

Parma, 10 September 2010

EFSA/CONTAM/1215

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

Minutes of the 15th meeting of the Working Group on Brominated Flame Retardants

Phone-conference, 10 September 2010

EFSA / Unit on Contaminants / Brominated Flame Retardants

Agreed by the WG on 23 September 2010

Participants

WG Experts Åke Bergman, Sandra Ceccatelli, Jean-Pierre Cravedi, Metka Filipič, Helle Knutsen, Franco Merletti, Miroslav Machala, Dieter Schrenk, Rolaf van Leeuwen (Chair) and Marco Zeilmaker.

Observers (eg.EC) -

Hearing Expert -

EFSA: Barbara Lugoboni and Luisa Ramos Bordajandi.

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Alan Boobis, Peter Fürst (vice-Chair), Niklas Johansson¹, Olaf Pöpke and Stefan van Leeuwen.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) 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 the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The Working Group discussed the draft chapters of the draft opinion on PBBs in food (EFSA-Q-2010-00217) and especially those related to the hazard identification and characterisation, risk characterization, conclusions and recommendations. The hazard characterization chapter of the draft opinion on PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2009-00684) was also discussed.

¹ Not present due to technical problems with the phone-connection.

Revisions were proposed for both draft opinions and they will be implemented before presenting the draft opinions to the 40th CONTAM Plenary meeting.

5. Next meeting date

The next WG meeting will be held 12-13 October 2010.

CONTAM UNIT

Brussels, 2 September 2010

EFSA/CONTAM/1208

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

Minutes of the 14th meeting of the Working Group on Brominated Flame Retardants

Brussels, 1-2 September 2010

Drafting WG meeting

EFSA / Unit on Contaminants / Brominated Flame Retardants

Agreed by the WG on 2 September 2010

Participants

WG Experts	Alan Boobis, Peter Fürst (vice-Chair), Rolaf van Leeuwen (Chair) and Marco Zeilmaker
Observers (eg.EC)	-
Hearing Expert	-
EFSA:	Claudia Heppner, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi and Elena Scaravelli.

1. Welcome and apologies

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 Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) 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 the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The Working Group discussed and edited the chapters related to the chemistry, analytical methods, occurrence data, exposure, hazard identification and characterisation and risk characterization of the draft opinions on PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2009-00684) and PBBs in food (EFSA-Q-2010-00217). Revisions were proposed and they will be implemented and further discussed at the next WG meeting.

5. Next meeting date

The next WG meeting will be held 10 September 2010.

CONTAM UNIT

Münster, 19 August 2010

EFSA/CONTAM/1203

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

Minutes of the 13th meeting of the Working Group on Brominated Flame Retardants

Münster, 18-19 August 2010

EFSA / Unit on Contaminants / Brominated Flame Retardants

Agreed by the WG on 19 August 2010

Participants

WG Experts	Åke Bergman ¹ , Alan Boobis, Sandra Ceccatelli, Metka Filipič , Peter Fürst (vice-Chair), Niklas Johansson, Helle Knutsen, Miroslav Machala, Olaf Pöpke, Dieter Schrenk, Rolaf van Leeuwen (Chair), Stefan Van Leeuwen ¹ and Marco Zeilmaker
Observers (eg.EC)	-
Hearing Expert	-
EFSA:	Luisa Ramos Bordajandi and Elena Scaravelli.

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Jean-Pierre Cravedi and Franco Merletti.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) 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 the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The Working Group discussed the chapters related to the chemistry, analytical methods, occurrence data and hazard identification and characterisation of the draft opinions on PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2009-00684) and PBBs in food (EFSA-Q-2010-00217). Revisions were proposed and they will be implemented and further discussed at the next WG meeting.

¹ Present only on 19.08.10.

5. Next meeting date

The next WG meeting will be held 1-2 September 2010.

CONTAM UNIT

Amsterdam, 30 July 2010

EFSA/CONTAM/1187

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

Minutes of the 12th meeting of the Working Group on Brominated Flame Retardants

Amsterdam, 29-30 July 2010

EFSA / Unit on Contaminants / Brominated Flame Retardants

Agreed by the WG on 30 July 2010

Participants

WG Experts	Jean-Pierre Cravedi, Peter Fürst (vice-Chair), Niklas Johansson, Helle Knutsen, Miroslav Machala, Franco Merletti, Olaf Pöpke, Dieter Schrenk, Rolaf van Leeuwen (Chair) and Stefan Van Leeuwen.
Observers (eg.EC)	-
Hearing Expert	Bas Bokkers
EFSA:	Luisa Ramos Bordajandi and Elena Scaravelli.

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Åke Bergman, Alan Boobis, Sandra Ceccatelli, Metka Filipič and Marco Zeilmaker.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) 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 the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The Working Group discussed the chapters related to the chemistry, analytical methods, occurrence data and hazard identification and characterisation of the draft opinions on PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2009-00684) and PBBs in food (EFSA-Q-2010-00217). Revisions were proposed and they will be implemented and further discussed at the next WG meeting.

5. Next meeting date

The next WG meeting will be held 18-19 August 2010.

CONTAM UNIT

Toulouse, 29 June 2010

EFSA/CONTAM/1169

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

Minutes of the 11th meeting of the Working Group on Brominated Flame Retardants

Toulouse, 28-29 June 2010

EFSA / Unit on Contaminants / Brominated Flame Retardants

Agreed by the WG on 29 June 2010

Participants

WG Experts	Åke Bergman, Sandra Ceccatelli, Jean-Pierre Cravedi, Metka Filipič, Peter Fürst (vice-Chair), Niklas Johansson, Miroslav Machala ¹ , Franco Merletti, Olaf Pöpke, Rolaf van Leeuwen (Chair), Stefan Van Leeuwen ¹ and Marco Zeilmaker.
Hearing Experts	Catherine Viguié ²
Observers (eg.EC)	-
EFSA:	Luisa Ramos Bordajandi and Elena Scaravelli.

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Alan Boobis, Helle Knutsen and Dieter Schrenk.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) 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 the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The Working Group discussed the chapters related to the chemistry, analytical methods, occurrence data and hazard identification and characterisation of the draft opinions on

¹ Present on 28.06.10 and on 29.06.10 in the morning.

² Present only on 28.06.10 in the afternoon.

PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2009-00684) and PBBs in food (EFSA-Q-2010-00217). Revisions were proposed and they will be implemented and further discussed at the next WG meeting.

5. Next meeting date

The next WG meeting will be held 29-30 July 2010.

CONTAM UNIT

Stockholm, 4 June 2010

EFSA/CONTAM/1165

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

Minutes of the 10th meeting of the Working Group on Brominated Flame Retardants

Stockholm, 3-4 June 2010

EFSA / Unit on Contaminants / Brominated Flame Retardants

Agreed by the WG on 4 June 2010

Participants

WG Experts Åke Bergman, Alan Boobis, Sandra Ceccatelli, Jean-Pierre Cravedi, Peter Fürst (vice-Chair)¹, Niklas Johansson¹, Helle Knutsen, Miroslav Machala, Olaf Pöpke, Dieter Schrenk, Rolaf van Leeuwen (Chair) and Marco Zeilmaker.

Hearing Experts -

Observers (eg.EC) -

EFSA: Luisa Ramos Bordajandi and Elena Scaravelli.

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Metka Filipič, Franco Merletti and Stefan Van Leeuwen.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) 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 the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The Working Group discussed the chapters related to the chemistry, analytical methods, occurrence data and hazard identification and characterisation of the draft opinions on PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2009-00684) and PBBs in food (EFSA-Q-2010-00217). Revisions were proposed and they will be implemented and further discussed at the next WG meeting.

¹ Present only 04.06.2010

5. Next meeting date

The next WG meeting will be held 28-29 June 2010.

CONTAM UNIT

Parma, 21 May 2010
EFSA/CONTAM/1152

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

Minutes of the 9th meeting of the Working Group on Brominated Flame Retardants

Parma, 20-21 May 2010

EFSA / Unit on Contaminants / Brominated Flame Retardants

Agreed by the WG on 21 May 2010

Participants

WG Experts	Alan Boobis ¹ , Sandra Ceccatelli ² , Jean-Pierre Cravedi ² , Metka Filipič, Peter Fürst (vice-Chair), Helle Knutsen ² , Miroslav Machala, Olaf Pöpke, Dieter Schrenk ³ , Rolaf van Leeuwen (Chair) and Stefan Van Leeuwen.
Hearing Experts	-
Observers (eg.EC)	-
EFSA:	Alessandro Carletti, Stefan Fabiansson ² , Claudia Heppner ² , Luisa Ramos Bordajandi and Elena Scaravelli.

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Åke Bergman, Niklas Johansson, Franco Merletti and Marco Zeilmaker.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) 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 the beginning of this meeting.

¹ Present only 21.05.10

² Present only 20.05.10

³ Present only 20.05.10 (phone-conference)

4. Discussions

The Working Group discussed the chapters related to the chemistry, analytical methods, occurrence data and hazard identification and characterisation of the draft opinions on PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2009-00684) and PBBs in food (EFSA-Q-2010-00217). Revisions were proposed and they will be implemented and further discussed at the next WG meeting.

5. Next meeting date

The next WG meeting will be held 3-4 June 2010.

CONTAM UNIT

Parma, 5 May 2010
EFSA/CONTAM/1146

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

Minutes of the 8th meeting of the Working Group on Brominated Flame Retardants

Phone-conference, 4 May 2010

EFSA / Unit on Contaminants / Brominated Flame Retardants

Agreed by the WG on 11 May 2010

Participants

WG Experts	Sandra Ceccatelli, Jean-Pierre Cravedi, Metka Filipič, Niklas Johansson, Helle Knutsen, Miroslav Machala, Franco Merletti, Dieter Schrenk, Rolaf van Leeuwen (Chair) and Marco Zeilmaker.
Hearing Experts	-
Observers (eg.EC)	-
EFSA:	Luisa Ramos Bordajandi

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Åke Bergman, Alan Boobis, Peter Furst (vice-Chair), Olaf Pöpke and Stefan Van Leeuwen.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) 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 the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The Working Group discussed the chapters related to the hazard identification and characterisation, including toxicokinetics, toxicity and observations in humans, of the draft opinion on PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2009-00684). Revisions were proposed and they will be implemented and further discussed at the next WG meeting.

5. Next meeting date

The next WG meeting will be held 20-21 May 2010.

CONTAM UNIT

Parma, 26 April 2010

EFSA/CONTAM 1143

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

Minutes of the 7th meeting of the Working Group on Brominated Flame Retardants

Phone-conference, 26 April 2010

EFSA / Unit on Contaminants / Brominated Flame Retardants

Agreed by the WG on 4 May 2010

Participants

WG Experts	Åke Bergman, Peter Fürst (vice-Chair), Niklas Johansson, Miroslav Machala, Olaf Pöpke, Rolaf Van Leeuwen (Chair), Stefan Van Leeuwen and Marco Zeilmaker.
Hearing Experts	-
Observers (eg.EC)	-
EFSA:	Alessandro Carletti, Anna Odone, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi and Elena Scaravelli.

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Alan Boobis, Sandra Ceccatelli, Jean-Pierre Cravedi, Metka Filipič, Helle Knutsen, Franco Merletti and Dieter Schrenk.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) 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 the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The Working Group discussed the chapters related to chemistry, analytical methods, occurrence and exposure of the draft opinions on PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2009-00684) and PBBs in food (EFSA-Q-2010-00217). Further revisions were proposed and they will be implemented and discussed further at the next WG meetings.

5. Next meeting date

The next meeting of the WG will be held 4th May 2010.

CONTAM UNIT

Brussels, 30 March 2010

EFSA/CONTAM 1121

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Working Group on Brominated Flame Retardants

Brussels, 29-30 March 2010

EFSA / Unit on Contaminants / Brominated Flame Retardants

Agreed by the WG on 30 March 2010

Participants

WG Experts	Åke Bergman ¹ , Sandra Ceccatelli, Jean-Pierre Cravedi, Metka Filipič, Peter Fürst (vice-Chair), Niklas Johansson, Helle Knutsen, Miroslav Machala, Franco Merletti, Olaf Pöpke, Dieter Schrenk ² and Stefan Van Leeuwen.
Hearing Experts	-
Observers (eg.EC)	-
EFSA:	Anna Odone, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi and Elena Scaravelli.

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Alan Boobis, Rolaf Van Leeuwen (Chair) and Marco Zeilmaker.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) 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 the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The Working Group discussed the available chapters of the draft opinions on PBDEs in food (EFSA-Q-2009-00684) and PBBs in food (EFSA-Q-2010-00217). Further revisions were proposed and they will be implemented and discussed at the next WG meetings.

¹ Present on 29.03.10 and on 30.03.10 in the morning.

² Present on 29.03.10 in the afternoon and on 30.03.10.

5. Next meeting date

The next meeting of the WG will be held in April.

CONTAM UNIT

Parma, 12 March 2010
EFSA/CONTAM 1118

PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

**Minutes of the 5th Working Group Meeting of the Working Group on
Brominated Flame Retardants in Food
Drafting WG meeting
Parma, 12 March 2010**

(Adopted by the WG on 12 March 2010)

Participants

WG Experts: Niklas Johansson and Rolaf Van Leeuwen (chair).
Hearing Experts: -
Observers: -
EFSA: Alessandro Carletti, Anna Odone, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi and Elena Scaravelli.

1. Welcome and apologies

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 Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) 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 the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The Working Group experts discussed the available chapters of the draft opinion on brominated flame retardants (PBDEs) in food (EFSA-Q-2009-00684).

5. Next meeting date

The next meeting of the WG will be held at the end of March.

CONTAM UNIT

Brussels, 13 January 2010
EFSA/CONTAM 1084

PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

**Minutes of the 4th Working Group Meeting of the Working Group on
Brominated Flame Retardants in Food
Brussels, 12-13 January 2010**

(Adopted by the WG on 13 January 2010)

Participants

WG Experts: Åke Bergman, Alan Boobis¹, Sandra Ceccatelli, Jean-Pierre Cravedi, Peter Fürst, Niklas Johansson, Helle Knutsen, Miroslav Machala, Franco Merletti, Olaf Pöpke, Dieter Schrenk², Rolaf Van Leeuwen (chair), Stefan Van Leeuwen and Marco Zeilmaker.

Hearing Experts: -

Observers: Frank Swartenbroux

EFSA: Anna Odone, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi and Elena Scaravelli.

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Metka Filipič.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) 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 the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The Working Group discussed the available chapters of the draft opinion on brominated flame retardants (PBDEs) in food (EFSA-Q-2009-00684). Further revisions were proposed and they will be discussed at the next WG meetings.

5. Next meeting date

The next meeting of the WG will be held in March.

¹ Only present 13.01.10.

² Only present 13.01.10 (phone-conference in the morning)

CONTAM UNIT

Parma, 4 December 2009
EFSA/CONTAM 1072

PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

**Minutes of the 3rd Working Group Meeting of the Working Group on
Brominated Flame Retardants in Food
Phone-conference, 4 December 2009**

(Adopted by the WG on 8 December 2009)

Participants

WG Experts: Åke Bergman, Peter Furst, Niklas Johansson, Franco Merletti, Olaf Papke, Rolaf Van Leeuwen (chair), Stefan Van Leeuwen and Marco Zeilmaker

Hearing Experts: -

Observers: -

EFSA: Anna Odone, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi and Elena Scaravelli.

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Alan Boobis, Sandra Ceccatelli, Jean-Pierre Cravedi, Metka Filipi, Helle Knutsen, Miroslav Machala and Dieter Schrenk.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) 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 the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The Working Group discussed the chapters related to the analytical methods and occurrence data in the draft opinion on brominated flame retardants in food (EFSA-Q-2009-00684). Further revisions were proposed and they will be discussed at the next WG meetings.

5. Next meeting date

The next meeting of the WG will be held in January.

CONTAM UNIT

Parma, 27 November 2009
EFSA/CONTAM 1069

PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

**Minutes of the 2nd Working Group Meeting of the Working Group on
Brominated Flame Retardants in Food
Phone-conference, 27 November 2009**

(Adopted by the WG on 8 December 2009)

Participants

WG Experts: Sandra Ceccatelli, Jean-Pierre Cravedi, Metka Filipič, Helle Knutsen, Miroslav Machala, Dieter Schrenk, Rolaf Van Leeuwen (chair) and Marco Zeilmaker.

Hearing Experts: -

Observers: -

EFSA: Luisa Ramos Bordajandi and Elena Scaravelli.

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Åke Bergman, Alan Boobis, Peter Fürst, Niklas Johansson, Franco Merletti, Olaf Pöpke and Stefan Van Leeuwen.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) 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 the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The Working Group discussed the chapters related to the toxicity of the target compounds in the draft opinion on brominated flame retardants in food (EFSA-Q-2009-00684). Further revisions were proposed and they will be discussed at the next WG meetings.

5. Next meeting date

The next meeting of the WG will be held in December.

CONTAM UNIT

Brussels, 22 October 2009
EFSA/CONTAM 1033

PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

**Minutes of the 1st Working Group Meeting of the Working Group on
Brominated Flame Retardants in Food
Brussels, 22 October 2009**

(Adopted by the WG on 22 October 2009)

Participants

WG Experts: Åke Bergman, Alan Boobis, Sandra Ceccatelli, Metka Filipič, Peter Fürst, Niklas Johansson, Miroslav Machala, Olaf Pöpke, Rolaf Van Leeuwen (chair), Philippe Verger, Marco Zeilmaker.

Hearing Experts: -

Observers: Frans Verstraete¹

EFSA: Claudia Heppner, Luisa Ramos Bordajandi and Elena Scaravelli.

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Jean-Pierre Cravedi, Helle Knutsen, Dieter Schrenk and Stefan Van Leeuwen.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) 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 the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The Working Group (WG) discussed how to tackle the draft opinion on brominated flame retardants in food (EFSA-Q-2009-00684) and the distribution of tasks.

5. Next meeting date

The next meetings of the WG will be held in November and December.

¹ Present only in the morning.