

Parma, 9 January 2015
EFSA/CONTAM/2371

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain
Minutes of the 20th meeting of the Working Group on chromium and nickel
Held on 9 January 2015, web-conference
(Agreed on 4 February 2015)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
Eugenia DOGLIOTTI (Chair), Lutz EDLER, Thierry GUERIN, Henk VAN LOVEREN, Christiane VLEMINCKX, Michael DINOVI, Antonio MUTTI

- **Hearing Experts:**
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- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
 - **BIOCONTAM Unit:** Marco BINAGLIA, Ruth ROLDÁN TORRES

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Alessandro DI DOMENICO, José Ángel GÓMEZ RUIZ (EFSA-DATA Unit) and Leonidas PALILIS (EFET).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests,² EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of interest and the Specific Declarations of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No

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

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 19th Working Group meeting held on 18 November 2014

The minutes were agreed on 12 December and published on 15 December 2014.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of nickel in food and drinking water (EFSA-Q-2012-00378), in particular the sections on hazard characterisation, risk characterisation, conclusions and recommendations.

The WG finalised the discussions on the draft opinion and agreed to the final amendments to be done. The Chair of the WG decided that after amendments it will be presented at the next CONTAM Panel meeting for discussion and possible adoption.

6. Next meeting

No further meetings are foreseen.

Parma, 18 November 2014
EFSA/CONTAM/2316

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain
Minutes of the 19th meeting of the Working Group on chromium and nickel
Held on 18 November 2014, web-conference
(Agreed on 12 December 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
Alessandro DI DOMENICO, Lutz EDLER (Chair), Thierry GUERIN, Henk VAN LOVEREN, Christiane VLEMINCKX.

- **Hearing Experts:**
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- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
 - **BIOCONTAM Unit:** Marco BINAGLIA, Ruth ROLDÁN TORRES
 - **Other EFSA Units/Directorates:** José Ángel GÓMEZ RUIZ (DATA Unit)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Michael DINOVI, Eugenia DOGLIOTTI, Antonio MUTTI and Leonidas PALILIS (EFET).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding

Declarations of Interests,² EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of interest and the Specific Declarations of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or in the Oral Declarations of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 18th Working Group meeting held on 21-22 October 2014

The minutes were agreed on 4 November and published on 6 November 2014.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of nickel in food and drinking water (EFSA-Q-2012-00378), in particular the sections on hazard characterisation, exposure assessment and risk characterisation.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held the second week of January 2015, as an audio-conference.

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

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

Parma, 22 October 2014
EFSA/CONTAM/2292

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain
Minutes of the 18th meeting of the Working Group on chromium and nickel
Held on 21-22 October 2014, Parma
(Agreed on 4 November 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

Alessandro DI DOMENICO, Michael DINOVI¹, Eugenia DOGLIOTTI (Chair), Lutz EDLER, Thierry GUERIN, Antonio MUTTI, Henk VAN LOVEREN, Christiane VLEMINCKX.

- **Hearing Experts:**

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

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- **EFSA:**

- **BIOCONTAM Unit:** Marco BINAGLIA, Ruth ROLDAN TORRES
- **Other EFSA Units/Directorates:** Jose Angel GOMEZ RUIZ² (DATA Unit)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Leonidas PALILIS (EFET).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

¹ Participation by teleweb conference

² Participation on 22 October only

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes³ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests,⁴ EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of interest and the Specific Declarations of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or in the Oral Declarations of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 17th Working Group meeting held on 2-3 September 2014

The minutes were agreed on 15 September and published on 6 October 2014.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of nickel in food and drinking water (EFSA-Q-2012-00378), in particular the introduction and sections on chemistry, legislation, occurrence, exposure assessment, hazard identification and characterisation and risk characterisation.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 17 November 2014, as an audio-conference.

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

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

Parma, 11 September 2014
EFSA/CONTAM/2252

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain
Minutes of the 17th meeting of the Working Group on chromium and nickel
Held on 2-3 September 2014, Parma
(Agreed on 15 September 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
Alessandro DI DOMENICO, Michael DINOVI¹, Eugenia DOGLIOTTI (Chair), Lutz EDLER, Thierry GUERIN, Antonio MUTTI², Henk VAN LOVEREN, Christiane VLEMINCKX.

- **Hearing Experts:**
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- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
 - **BIOCONTAM Unit:** Marco BINAGLIA
 - **Other EFSA Units/Directorates:** Jose Angel GOMEZ RUIZ (DATA Unit)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Leonidas PALILIS (EFET).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

¹ Participation by teleweb conference

² Participation on 2 September only

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes³ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests,⁴ EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of interest and the Specific Declarations of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or in the Oral Declarations of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 16th Working Group meeting held on 15-16 July 2014

The minutes were agreed on 16 July and published on 8 August 2014.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of nickel in food and drinking water (EFSA-Q-2012-00378), in particular the sections on chemistry, exposure assessment, hazard identification and characterisation.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 21-22 October 2014.

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

Parma, 16 July 2014
EFSA/CONTAM/2227

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain
Minutes of the 16th meeting of the Working Group on chromium and nickel
Held on 15-16 July 2014, Parma
(Agreed on 16 July 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

Alessandro DI DOMENICO,, Eugenia DOGLIOTTI¹ (Chair), Lutz EDLER (Vice-Chair²), Thierry GUERIN, , Henk VAN LOVEREN³, Christiane VLEMINCKX.

- **Hearing Experts:**

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

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- **EFSA:**

- **BIOCONTAM Unit:** Marco BINAGLIA, Karen MACKAY
- **Other EFSA Units/Directorates:** Jose Angel GOMEZ RUIZ (DATA Unit)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Leonidas PALILIS (EFET), Michael DINOVI and Antonio MUTTI.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

¹ Participation on 15 July only

² Chair of the meeting on 16 July

³ Participation on 16 July only

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes⁴ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests,⁵ EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of interest and the Specific Declarations of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or in the Oral Declarations of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 15th Working Group meeting held on 5-6 June 2014

The minutes were agreed on 6 June and published on 10 June 2014.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of nickel in food and drinking water (EFSA-Q-2012-00378), in particular the sections on chemistry, analytical methods, previous assessments, occurrence, exposure assessment, hazard identification and characterisation.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 2-3 September 2014.

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

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain
Minutes of the 15th meeting of the Working Group on chromium and nickel
Held on 5-6 June 2014, Teleconference
(Agreed on 6 June 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

Alessandro DI DOMENICO, Michael DINOVI¹, Eugenia DOGLIOTTI (Chair), Lutz EDLER, Thierry GUERIN, Antonio MUTTI, Henk VAN LOVEREN, Christiane VLEMINCKX.

- **Hearing Experts:**

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

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- **EFSA:**

- **BIOCONTAM Unit:** Marco BINAGLIA
- **Other EFSA Units/Directorates:** Jose Angel GOMEZ RUIZ (DATA Unit)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Leonidas PALILIS (EFET).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding

¹ Participation by teleweb conference

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

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 14th Working Group meeting held on 2-3 April 2014

The minutes were agreed on 3 April and published on 10 April 2014.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of nickel in food and drinking water (EFSA-Q-2012-00378), in particular the sections on chemistry, analytical methods, previous assessments, occurrence, exposure assessment, hazard identification and characterisation.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 14-15 July 2014.

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

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

Parma, 3 April 2014
EFSA/CONTAM/2153

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain
Minutes of the 14th meeting of the Working Group on chromium and nickel
Held on 2-3 April 2014, Teleconference
(Agreed on 3 April 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

Alessandro DI DOMENICO, Michael DINOVI¹, Eugenia DOGLIOTTI (Chair), Lutz EDLER¹, Thierry GUERIN, Antonio MUTTI, Ivonne RIETJENS, Henk VAN LOVEREN, Christiane VLEMINCKX.

- **Hearing Experts:**

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

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- **EFSA:**

- **BIOCONTAM Unit:** Marco BINAGLIA, Johann STEINKELLNER.
- **Other EFSA Units/Directorates:** Jose Angel GOMEZ RUIZ (DATA Unit)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Leonidas PALILIS (EFET).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding

¹ Participation by teleweb conference

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

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 13th Working Group meeting held on 4 March 2014, (teleconference).

The minutes were agreed and published on 26 March 2014.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of nickel in food and drinking water (EFSA-Q-2012-00378), in particular the sections on chemistry, analytical methods, previous assessments, occurrence and hazard identification.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 5-6 June 2014.

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

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

Parma, 14 March 2014
EFSA/CONTAM/2135

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain
Minutes of the 13th meeting of the Working Group on chromium and nickel
Held on 4 March 2014, Teleconference
(Agreed on 21 March 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
Alessandro DI DOMENICO, Lutz EDLER (Vice-chair), Ivonne RIETJENS, Henk VAN LOVEREN, Christiane VLEMINCKX.

- **Hearing Experts:**
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- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
 - **BIOCONTAM Unit:** Marco BINAGLIA.
 - **Other EFSA Units/Directorates:** -

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Vice-chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from, Michael DINOVI, Eugenia DOGLIOTTI, Thierry GUERIN, Antonio MUTTI and Leonidas PALILIS (EFET).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding

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Declarations of Interests,² EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of interest and the Specific Declarations of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or in the Oral Declarations of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 12th Working Group meeting held on 16 November 2013, Parma.

The minutes were agreed and published on 28 February 2014.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of nickel in food and drinking water (EFSA-Q-2012-00378), in particular the sections on previous assessments and hazard identification.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 2-3 April 2014.

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

Parma, 20 February 2014
EFSA/CONTAM/2114

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain
Minutes of the 12th meeting of the Working Group on chromium and nickel
Held on 4 February 2014, Parma
(Agreed on 28 February 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
Eugenia DOGLIOTTI (Chair), Alessandro DI DOMENICO¹, Michael DINOVI¹, Lutz EDLER¹, Thierry GUERIN, Ivonne RIETJENS, Christiane VLEMINCKX.

- **Hearing Experts:**
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- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
 - **BIOCONTAM Unit:** Marco BINAGLIA.
 - **Other EFSA Units/Directorates:** Jose Angel Gomez Ruiz (DATA Unit)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from, Antonio MUTTI, Henk VAN LOVEREN, and Leonidas PALILIS (EFET).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding

¹ Attendance by teleconference

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

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 11th Working Group meeting held on 16 November 2013, Parma.

The minutes were agreed on 16 December 2013 and published on 4 January 2014.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of chromium in food and drinking water (EFSA-Q-2012-00379), in particular the sections on exposure assessment and risk characterisation. The Chair of the WG decided that after amendments it will be presented at the next CONTAM Panel meeting for discussion and possible adoption.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 4 March 2014.

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

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

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain
Minutes of the 11th meeting of the Working Group on chromium and nickel
Held on 16 December 2013, Audioweb
(Agreed on 16 December 2013)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

Eugenia DOGLIOTTI (Chair), Alessandro DI DOMENICO, Michael DINOVI, Lutz EDLER, Thierry GUERIN, Ivonne RIETJENS, Henk VAN LOVEREN, Christiane VLEMINCKX.

- **Hearing Experts:**

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

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- **EFSA:**

- **CONTAM Unit:** Marco BINAGLIA.
- **Other EFSA Units/Directorates:** -

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from, Antonio MUTTI, and Leonidas PALILIS (EFET).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding

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Declarations of Interests,² EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of interest and the Specific Declarations of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or in the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 10th Working Group meeting held on 12 November 2013, Parma.

The minutes were agreed on 12 November 2013 and published on 16 December 2013.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 The Working Group discussed the draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of chromium in food and drinking water (EFSA-Q-2012-00379, in particular the sections on exposure assessment and risk characterisation.

5.2 The Working Group (WG) discussed the terms of reference of the mandate on the risk related to the presence of nickel in food (EFSA-Q-2010-00378). The WG discussed the available occurrence datasets for nickel. The table of contents for the draft opinion on nickel was also discussed and the tasks were divided amongst the WG members

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 4 February 2014.

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

Parma, 12 November 2013
EFSA/CONTAM/2075

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain
Minutes of the 10th meeting of the Working Group on chromium and nickel
Held on 12 November 2013, Audioweb
(Agreed on 12 November 2013)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

Eugenia DOGLIOTTI (Chair), Alessandro DI DOMENICO, Lutz EDLER, Thierry GUERIN, Ivonne RIETJENS, Christiane VLEMINCKX.

- **Hearing Experts:**

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

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- **EFSA:**

- **CONTAM Unit:** Marco BINAGLIA.
- **Other EFSA Units/Directorates:** Jose Angel Gomez Ruiz (DCM)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Michael DINOVI, Antonio MUTTI, and Leonidas PALILIS (EFET).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests,² EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of interest and the Specific Declarations of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or in the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 8th Working Group meeting held on 11-13 September 2013, Parma.

The minutes were agreed on 12 November July 2013.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 The Working Group finalised the discussions on the draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of chromium in food and drinking water (EFSA-Q-2012-00379) and agreed on final amendments. The Chair of the WG decided that after amendments it will be presented at the next CONTAM Panel meeting for discussion/adoption.

6. Next meeting

16 December 2013, as an audio-conference.

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

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

Parma, 15 October 2013
EFSA/CONTAM/2067

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain
Minutes of the 9th meeting of the Working Group on chromium and nickel
Held on 7-8 October 2013, Parma
(Agreed on 15 October 2013)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
Eugenia DOGLIOTTI (Chair), Alessandro DI DOMENICO, Lutz EDLER, Thierry GUERIN, Antonio MUTTI, Ivonne RIETJENS, Christiane VLEMINCKX.

- **Hearing Experts:**
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- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
 - **CONTAM Unit:** Marco BINAGLIA, Bistra BENKOVA, Athanasios GKRILLAS.
 - **Other EFSA Units/Directorates:** Jose Angel Gomez Ruiz (DCM)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Michael DINOVI and Leonidas PALILIS (EFET).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding

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Declarations of Interests,² EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or in the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 8th Working Group meeting held on 11-13 September 2013, Parma.

The minutes were agreed on 7 October July 2013.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of chromium in food and drinking water (EFSA-Q-2012-00379). In particular the sections on dose response analysis, risk characterisation, uncertainty analysis, conclusions and recommendation were discussed.

6. Next meeting

12 November 2013, as an audio-conference.

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

Parma, 13 September 2013
EFSA/CONTAM/2039

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain
Minutes of the 8th meeting of the Working Group on chromium and nickel
Held on 11-13 September 2013, Parma
(Agreed on 7 October 2013)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

Eugenia DOGLIOTTI (Chair), Alessandro DI DOMENICO¹, Michael DINOVI, Lutz EDLER, Thierry GUERIN, Antonio MUTTI, Ivonne RIETJENS¹, Christiane VLEMINCKX

- **Hearing Experts:**

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

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- **EFSA:**

- **CONTAM Unit:** Marco BINAGLIA, Bistra BENKOVA
- **Other EFSA Units/Directorates:** Jose Angel Gomez Ruiz (DCM); Amy Mullee (Nutrition)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Leonidas PALILIS (EFET).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

¹ Present on 12 and 13 September 2013

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 7th Working Group meeting held on 11-12 July 2013, Parma.

The minutes were agreed on 19 July 2013 and published on the EFSA website on 26 July 2013.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

- 5.1 Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of chromium in food and bottled water (EFSA-Q-2012-00379). In particular the sections on chemistry, analytical methods, occurrence, exposure, hazard identification, risk characterisation, conclusions and recommendation were discussed.

6. Next meeting

8-9 October 2013.

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

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

Parma, 12 July 2013
EFSA/CONTAM/2028

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain
Minutes of the 7th meeting of the Working Group on chromium and nickel
Held on 11-12 July 2013, Parma
(Agreed on 19 July 2013)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

Eugenia DOGLIOTTI (Chair), Alessandro DI DOMENICO, Lutz EDLER, Thierry GUERIN, Antonio MUTTI, Ivonne RIETJENS, Christiane VLEMINCKX

- **Hearing Experts:**

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

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- **EFSA:**

- **CONTAM Unit:** Marco BINAGLIA, Bistra BENKOVA
- **Other EFSA Units/Directorates:** Jose Angel GOMEZ RUIZ

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Michael DINOVI and Leonidas PALILIS (EFET).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding

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Declarations of Interests,² EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at in the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 6th Working Group meeting held on 27 June 2013, tele-conference. The minutes were agreed on 27 June 2013 and published on the EFSA website on 28 June 2013.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of chromium in food and bottled water (EFSA-Q-2012-00379). In particular the sections on occurrence, exposure assessment, toxicity, dose-response assessment and the approaches for risk characterisation were discussed. Further revisions were proposed to the chapters of this scientific output.

6. Next meeting

11-13 September 2013.

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

Parma, 27 June 2013
EFSA/CONTAM/2019

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain
Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Working Group on chromium and nickel
TELE-conference, 27 June 2013
(Agreed on 27 June 2013)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

Eugenia DOGLIOTTI (Chair), Alessandro DI DOMENICO, Michael DINOVI, Lutz EDLER, Thierry GUERIN

- **Hearing Experts:**

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

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- **EFSA:**

- **CONTAM Unit:** Natalie THATCHER, Bistra BENKOVA.
- **Other EFSA Units/Directorates:** Jose Angel GOMEZ RUIZ

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from, Antonio MUTTI, Ivonne RIETJENS, Christiane VLEMINCKX and Leonidas PALILIS (EFET).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests,² EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at in the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 5th Working Group meeting held on 20 June 2013, conference call. The minutes were agreed on 20 June 2013 and published on the EFSA website on 24 June 2013.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

6.1 Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of chromium in food and bottled water (EFSA-Q-2012-00379). In particular the sections on occurrence and exposure data were discussed.

6. Next meeting

11-12 July 2013, Parma.

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

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

Parma, 20 June 2013
EFSA/CONTAM/2011

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain
Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Working Group on chromium and nickel
TELE-conference, 20 June 2013
(Agreed on 20 June 2013)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

Eugenia DOGLIOTTI (Chair), Michael DINOVI, Lutz EDLER, Thierry GUERIN, Ivonne RIETJENS, Christiane VLEMINCKX

- **Hearing Experts:**

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

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- **EFSA:**

- **CONTAM Unit:** Natalie THATCHER, Bistra BENKOVA
- **Other EFSA Units/Directorates:** -

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Alessandro DI DOMENICO, Antonio MUTTI and Leonidas PALILIS (EFET).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 4th Working Group meeting held on 23-24 April 2013, Rome. The minutes were agreed on 24 April 2013 and published on the EFSA website on 6 May 2013.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

6.1 Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of chromium in food and bottled water (EFSA-Q-2012-00379). In particular the sections on hazard identification and mode of action were discussed. The possible approaches for hazard and risk characterisation were also discussed.

6. Next meeting

27 June 2013 by conference call.

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

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

Parma, 24 April 2013
EFSA/CONTAM/2001

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain
Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Working Group on chromium and nickel
Rome, 23-24 April 2013
(Agreed on 24 April 2013)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

Eugenia DOGLIOTTI (Chair), Alessandro DI DOMENICO, Michael DINOVI, Lutz EDLER, Thierry GUERIN, Antonio MUTTI, Ivonne RIETJENS, Christiane VLEMINCKX

- **Hearing Experts:**

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

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- **EFSA:**

- **CONTAM Unit:** Marco BINAGLIA
- **Other EFSA Units/Directorates:** Jose Angel Gomez Ruiz (DCM)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Leonidas PALILIS (EFET).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests,² EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at in the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting held on 1 March 2013, Parma.

5. The minutes were agreed on 1 March 2013 and published on the EFSA website on 4 March 2013.

6. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

6.1 Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of chromium in food and bottled water (EFSA-Q-2012-00379). In particular the sections on chemistry, analytical methods, occurrence, hazard identification and mode of action were discussed. The possible approaches for hazard and risk characterisation were also discussed.

7. Next meeting

20 and 27 June 2013 by conference call.

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

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

Parma, 1 March 2013
EFSA/CONTAM/1956

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain
Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group on chromium and nickel
TELE-conference, 1 March 2013
(Agreed on 1 March 2013)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
Eugenia DOGLIOTTI (Chair), Alessandro DI DOMENICO, Michael DINOVI, Lutz EDLER, Thierry GUERIN, Ivonne RIETJENS, Christiane VLEMINCKX

- **Hearing Experts:**
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- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
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- **EFSA:**
 - **CONTAM Unit:** Natalie THATCHER, Bistra BENKOVA
 - **Other EFSA Units/Directorates:** Jose ANGEL GOMEZ RUIZ

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Antonio MUTTI and Leonidas PALILIS (EFET).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding

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Declarations of Interests,² EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at in the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting held on 24-25 January 2013, Parma. The minutes were agreed on 25 January 2013 and published on the EFSA website on 6 February 2013.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of chromium in food and bottled water (EFSA-Q-2012-00379)

6. Next meeting

23-24 April 2013

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

CONTAM UNIT

Parma, 25 January 2013
EFSA/CONTAM 1934

PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

**Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Working Group on chromium and nickel
Parma, 24-25 January 2013**

Agreed by the WG on 25 January 2013

Participants

WG Experts: Eugenia Dogliotti, Lutz Edler, Alessandro Di Domenico¹, Michael DiNovi, Thierry Guerin², Antonio Mutti, Ivonne Rietjens, Christiane Vleminckx.

Observers: -

EFSA: Marco Binaglia, Bistra Benkova and Jose Angel Gomez Ruiz.

1. Welcome and apologies

The chair welcomed the participants to the meeting. Apologies were received from Leonidas Palilis (EFET).

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 (WG) discussed the draft opinion on the risk related to the presence of chromium in food and bottled water (EFSA-Q-2012-00379). In particular, the occurrence, chemistry, analytical methods, toxicokinetics and toxicological profiles for chromium III and chromium VI were discussed. Revisions to the draft opinion were proposed and further tasks were assigned to the WG members.

5. Next meeting date

The next WG meeting will be held on 1 March 2013 as an audio-conference.

¹ Attendance by conference call on 24 January.

² Attendance by conference call on 24 and 25 January.

CONTAM UNIT

Parma, 3 December 2012
EFSA/CONTAM 1912

PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

**Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Working Group on chromium and nickel
Rome, 28-29 November 2012**

Agreed by the WG on 29 November 2012

Participants

WG Experts: Eugenia Dogliotti, Lutz Edler, Alessandro Di Domenico, Michael DiNovi¹,
Thierry Guerin, Antonio Mutti, Ivonne Rietjens, Christiane Vleminckx.

Observers: Leonidas Palilis

EFSA: Marco Binaglia and Jose Angel Gomez Ruiz.

1. Welcome and apologies

The chair welcomed the participants to the meeting.

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 (WG) discussed the terms of reference of the mandates on the risk related to the presence of chromium in food and bottled water (EFSA-Q-2012-00379) and nickel in food (EFSA-Q-2010-00378). The WG discussed the available occurrence datasets for chromium and nickel. The table of contents for the draft opinion on chromium in food was also discussed and the tasks were divided amongst the WG members.

5. Next meeting date

The next WG meeting will be held on 24-25 January 2013 in Parma.

¹ Attendance by conference call.