

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 14th meeting of the Working Group on furan in food

Held on 25-26 July 2017, Parma

(Agreed on 26 July 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Margherita Bignami (vice-chair), Kevin Chipman, Bruno De Meulenaer, Josef Schlatter, Dieter Schrenk and Heather Wallace (chair)

Michael Dinovi¹ participated by teleconference

- **Hearing Experts:²**

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE) participated by teleconference.

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert

DATA Unit: Bruno Dujardin³

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

¹ Participated on 25 July in the afternoon and on 26 July.

² As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

³ Participated on 25 July in the morning.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Wim Mennes.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes⁴ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest,⁵ EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 13th Working Group meeting held on 20-21 June 2017

The minutes of the 13th Working Group meeting held on 20-21 June 2017 were agreed.⁶

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on furan in food (EFSA-Q-2016-00025)⁷

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft opinion on furan in food, particularly the supporting information, occurrence and exposure, the hazard identification and characterisation, the conclusions, recommendations and abstract. The WG finalised the discussions on the draft opinion on furan in food and agreed to the final amendments to be done. The chair of the WG decided that after the amendments have been completed, the draft opinion will be presented at the next CONTAM Panel meeting for discussion and possible adoption.

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

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

⁶ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/contamfuraninfood.pdf>

⁷ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00025>

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

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Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 13th meeting of the Working Group on furan in food

Held on 20-21 June 2017, Brussels

(Agreed on 12 July 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Margherita Bignami (vice-chair), Kevin Chipman, Bruno De Meulenaer, Wim Mennes, Josef Schlatter, Dieter Schrenk and Heather Wallace (chair)¹

Michael Dinovi² participated by teleconference

- **Hearing Experts:**³

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

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- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert

DATA Unit: Bruno Dujardin

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

¹ Participated on 20 June only.

² Participated on 20 June between 14.00 and 18.00 CET.

³ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

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

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes⁴ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest,⁵ EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 12th Working Group meeting held on 15 May 2017

The minutes of the 12th Working Group meeting held on 15 May 2017 were agreed.⁶

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on furan in food (EFSA-Q-2016-00025)⁷

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft opinion on furan in food, particularly the occurrence and exposure, the hazard identification and characterisation, the risk characterisation, the uncertainties and the conclusions. Revisions were proposed and will be implemented before the 85th CONTAM Panel meeting.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

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

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

⁶ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/contamfuraninfood.pdf>

⁷ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00025>

7. Next meeting

25-26 July

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 12th meeting of the Working Group on furan in food

by TELE-conference, 15 May 2017

(Agreed on 15 May 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Margherita Bignami (vice-chair), Kevin Chipman, Bruno De Meulenaer, Michael Dinovi, Wim Mennes, Josef Schlatter¹, Dieter Schrenk and Heather Wallace (chair)

- **Hearing Experts:**²

Not Applicable

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

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- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

¹ Participated until 16.00 CET

² As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

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

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest,⁴ EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 11th Working Group meeting held on 27 and 28 April 2017

The minutes of the 11th Working Group meeting held on 27 and 28 April 2017 were agreed.⁵

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on furan in food (EFSA-Q-2016-00025)⁶

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft opinion on furan in food, particularly the hazard identification and characterisation. Revisions were proposed and will be implemented before the next WG meeting.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

20-21 June 2017

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

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

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/contamwgs/docs/contamfuran.pdf>

⁶ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00025>

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 11th meeting of the Working Group on furan in food

Held on 27-28 April 2017, Parma

(Agreed on 28 April 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Margherita Bignami (vice-chair), Kevin Chipman, Bruno De Meulenaer, Wim Mennes¹, Josef Schlatter², Dieter Schrenk and Heather Wallace (chair)³

Michael Dinovi⁴ participated by teleconference

- **Hearing Experts:**⁵

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

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- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert

DATA Unit: Bruno Dujardin⁶

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1 Participated on 27 April in the afternoon and on 28 April in the morning.

2 Participated on 27 April in the afternoon and on 28 April the full day.

3 Participated on 27 April and on 28 April in the morning.

4 Participated on 27 April only.

⁵ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

6 Participated on 27 April only.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

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

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes⁷ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest,⁸ EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 10th Working Group meeting held on 20-21 March 2017

The minutes of the 10th Working Group meeting held on 20-21 March 2017 were agreed.⁹

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on furan in food (EFSA-Q-2016-00025)¹⁰

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft opinion on furan in food, particularly the occurrence and exposure, and the hazard identification and characterisation. Revisions were proposed and will be implemented before the next WG meeting.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

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

⁸ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/contamwgs/docs/contamfuran.pdf>

¹⁰ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00025>

7. Next meeting

15 May

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 10th meeting of the Working Group on furan in food

Held on 20-21 March 2017, Brussels

(Agreed on 20 April 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Kevin Chipman, Bruno De Meulenaer, Josef Schlatter, Dieter Schrenk and Heather Wallace (chair)

Michael Dinovi participated by teleconference

- **Hearing Experts:¹**

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)²

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert

DATA Unit: Bruno Dujardin

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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

² Participated on 20 March

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Margherita Bignami (vice-chair) and Wim Mennes.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest,⁴ EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 9th Working Group meeting held on 8 March 2017, by teleconference

The minutes of the 9th Working Group meeting held on 8 March 2017 were agreed.⁵

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on furan in food (EFSA-Q-2016-00025)⁶

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft opinion on furan in food, particularly the occurrence and exposure and the hazard identification and characterisation. Revisions were proposed and will be implemented before the next WG meeting.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

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

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

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/contamwgs/docs/contamfuran.pdf>

⁶ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00025>

7. Next meeting

27-28 April

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 9th meeting of the Working Group on furan in food

by TELE-conference, 8 March 2017

(Agreed on 8 March 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Margherita Bignami (vice-chair), Kevin Chipman, Bruno De Meulenaer, Wim Mennes, Josef Schlatter and Heather Wallace (chair)

- **Hearing Experts:**¹

Not Applicable

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Michael Dinovi and Dieter Schrenk.

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

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest,³ EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 8th Working Group meeting held on 15 and 16 February 2017

The minutes of the 8th Working Group meeting held on 15 and 16 February 2017 were agreed.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on furan in food (EFSA-Q-2016-00025)⁵

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft opinion on furan in food, particularly the hazard identification and characterisation. Revisions were proposed and will be implemented before the next WG meeting.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

20-21 March 2017

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

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

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/contamwgs/docs/contamfuran.pdf>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00025>

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 8th meeting of the Working Group on furan in food

Held on 15-16 February 2017, Parma

(Agreed on 3 March 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Margherita Bignami (vice-chair), Kevin Chipman, Bruno De Meulenaer¹, Wim Mennes, Josef Schlatter¹, and Heather Wallace (chair)

Michael Dinovi¹ participated by teleconference

- **Hearing Experts:²**

Diana Doell¹ participated by teleconference

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE) participated by teleconference

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert

DATA Unit: Bruno Dujardin¹

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

¹ Participated on 15 February only

² As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Dieter Schrenk.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest,⁴ EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 7th Working Group meeting held on 23 January 2017, by teleconference

The minutes of the 7th Working Group meeting held on 23 January 2017 were agreed.⁵

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on furan in food (EFSA-Q-2016-00025)⁶

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft opinion on furan in food, particularly the occurrence data and the hazard identification and characterisation. Revisions were proposed and will be implemented before the next WG meeting.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

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

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

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/contamwgs/docs/contamfuran.pdf>

⁶ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00025>

7. Next meeting

8 March

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 7th meeting of the Working Group on furan in food

by TELE-conference, 23 January 2017

(Agreed on 23 January 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Margherita Bignami (vice-chair), Kevin Chipman, Bruno De Meulenaer, Michael Dinovi¹, Dieter Schrenk and Heather Wallace (chair)

- **Hearing Experts:²**

Diana Doell

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert

DATA Unit: Bruno Dujardin

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

¹ Participated until 12.30 CET

² As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

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

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest,⁴ EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 6th Working Group meeting held on 12 January 2017

The minutes of the 6th Working Group meeting held on 12 January 2017 were agreed.⁵

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on furan in food (EFSA-Q-2016-00025)⁶

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft opinion on furan in food, particularly the occurrence. Revisions were proposed and will be implemented before the next WG meeting.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

15-16 February 2017

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

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

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/contamwgs/docs/contamfuran.pdf>

⁶ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00025>

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Working Group on furan in food

by TELE-conference, 12 January 2017

(Agreed on 20 January 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Margherita Bignami (vice-chair), Kevin Chipman, Bruno De Meulenaer¹, Wim Mennes, Josef Schlatter, Dieter Schrenk and Heather Wallace (chair)

- **Hearing Experts:²**

Not Applicable

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

¹ Participated until 10.45 CET

² As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Michael Dinovi.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest,⁴ EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 5th Working Group meeting held on 12 and 13 December 2016

The minutes of the 5th Working Group meeting held on 12 and 13 December 2016 were agreed.⁵

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on furan in food (EFSA-Q-2016-00025)⁶

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft opinion on furan in food, particularly the hazard identification and characterisation. Revisions were proposed and will be implemented before the WG meeting that will take place in February 2017.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

23 January 2017

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

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

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/contamwgs/docs/contamfuran.pdf>

⁶ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00025>

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

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

Held on 12-13 December 2016, Parma

(Agreed on 13 December 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Margherita Bignami (vice-chair), Kevin Chipman, Bruno De Meulenaer, Wim Mennes, Josef Schlatter, Dieter Schrenk and Heather Wallace (chair)

- **Hearing Experts:¹**

Ruud Woutersen

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

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- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert and Sara Levorato

DATA Unit: Bruno Dujardin²

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

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

² Participated on 13 December 2016

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

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest,⁴ EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 4th Working Group meeting held on 27 October 2016, by teleconference

The minutes of the 4th Working Group meeting held on 27 October 2016 were agreed.⁵

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on furan in food (EFSA-Q-2016-00025)⁶

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft opinion on furan in food, particularly the hazard identification and characterisation, and occurrence data. Revisions were proposed and will be implemented before the next WG meeting.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

12 January 2016

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

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

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/contamwgs/docs/contamfuran.pdf>

⁶ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00025>

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

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

by TELE-conference, 27 October 2016

(Agreed on 27 October 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Margherita Bignami (vice-chair), Kevin Chipman, Michael Dinovi, Josef Schlatter, Dieter Schrenk and Heather Wallace (chair)

- **Hearing Experts:¹**

Not Applicable

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

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- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert

DATA Unit: /

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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

Apologies were received from Bruno De Meulenaer, Wim Mennes and Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest,³ EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 3th Working Group meeting held on 22 and 23 September 2016

The minutes of the 3th Working Group meeting held on 22 and 23 September 2016 were agreed.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on furan in food (EFSA-Q-2016-00025)⁵

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft opinion on furan in food, particularly the hazard identification and characterisation. Revisions were proposed and will be implemented before the next WG meeting.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

12-13 December 2016

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

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

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/contamwgs/docs/contamfuran.pdf>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00025>

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

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

Held on 22-23 September 2016, Parma

(Agreed on 23 September 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Kevin Chipman, Bruno De Meulenaer, Wim Mennes, Josef Schlatter, Dieter Schrenk and Heather Wallace (chair)

Margherita Bignami¹ (vice-chair) and Michael Dinovi participated by teleconference

- **Hearing Experts:²**

Not Applicable

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)³

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert

DATA Unit: Bruno Dujardin⁴ and Eva Mavromichali⁵

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

¹ Participated on 22 September 2016 between 15.00 and 18.00 CET

² As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

³ Participated on 22 September 2016

⁴ Participated on 23 September 2016 am

⁵ Participated on 23 September 2016 am

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes⁶ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest,⁷ EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting held on 29 and 30 June 2016, by teleconference

The minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting held on 29 and 30 June 2016 were agreed.⁸

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on furan in food (EFSA-Q-2016-00025)⁹

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft opinion on furan in food, particularly the supporting information for the assessment, hazard identification and occurrence data. Revisions were proposed and will be implemented before the next WG meeting.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

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

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

⁸ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/contamwgs/docs/contamfuran.pdf>

⁹ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00025>

7. Next meeting

27 October 2016

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

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

Held on 29-30 June 2016, Brussels

(Agreed on 30 June 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Margherita Bignami (vice-chair), Kevin Chipman, Bruno De Meulenaer¹, Wim Mennes, Josef Schlatter, Dieter Schrenk and Heather Wallace (chair)

Michael Dinovi participated by teleconference²

- **Hearing Experts:**³

Not Applicable

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)⁴

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert

DATA Unit: /

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

¹ Participated on 29 June 2016

² Participated on 29 June 2016 between 12.00 and 18.00 CET and on 30 June

³ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

⁴ Participated on 29 June 2016

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes⁵ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest,⁶ EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 18 April 2016, by teleconference

The minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 18 April 2016 were agreed.⁷

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on furan in food (EFSA-Q-2016-00025)⁸

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the draft opinion on furan in food, particularly the supporting information for the assessment, hazard identification and the previously reported occurrence data. Revisions were proposed and will be implemented before the next WG meeting. In addition, the WG proposed some changes to the 'Background and Terms of Reference as provided by the requestor', which were agreed with the European Commission at the WG meeting.

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

⁶ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁷ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/contamwgs/docs/contamfuran.pdf>

⁸ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00025>

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

22-23 September 2016

Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

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

by TELE-conference, 18 April 2016

(Agreed on 18 April 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Margherita Bignami (vice-chair), Kevin Chipman, Bruno De Meulenaer, Michael Dinovi, Josef Schlatter, Dieter Schrenk and Heather Wallace (chair)

- **Hearing Experts:**¹

Not Applicable

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

Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)²

- **EFSA:**

BIOCONTAM Unit: Katleen Baert

DATA Unit: /

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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

² Participated from 11.30 CET

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.
Apologies were received from Wim Mennes.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest,⁴ EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

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

Not applicable

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Draft opinion on furan in food (EFSA-Q-2016-00025)⁵

The members of the working group (WG) discussed the terms of reference of the mandate, the strategy for the literature search, the collection of occurrence data and the table of contents of the draft opinion on furan in food. Tasks were distributed.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

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

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

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2016-00025>

7. Next meeting

29-30 June 2016