

## Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

### Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Working Group on the presence of plastic microparticles and nanoparticles in food, with particular focus on seafood

**Held on 18-19 April 2016, Parma (Italy)**

**(Agreed on 27 April 2016)**

#### **Participants**

- **Working Group Members:**

Francesco Cubadda

Christer Hogstrand

Peter Hollman

Henk Van Loveren

Anne Katrine Lundebye

Annette Petersen (chair)

- **Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:**

Stephanie Wright<sup>2</sup> (for item 5)

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

Maila Puolamaa<sup>3</sup> (European Commission, DG GROW)

- **EFSA:**

Biological hazards and contaminants Unit: Karen Mackay

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

<sup>2</sup> Participated by web conference 1700-1800h on 18 April 2016.

<sup>3</sup> Participated by web conference 1430-1530h on 18 April, 1400-1630h on 19 April 2016.

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Matthias Gehling and Sandra Wagener (Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung).

## **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 Processes<sup>4</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest<sup>5</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

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

The minutes of the 4th Working Group meeting held on 15-16 February 2016 were agreed.<sup>6</sup>

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

### **5.1. Draft opinion on the presence of plastic microparticles and nanoparticles in food, with particular focus on seafood (EFSA-Q-2015-00159)<sup>7</sup>**

The Working Group discussed the recently incorporated contributions and the comments received during the CONTAM Plenary in March 2016 and agreed on final amendments to be done.

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

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

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/sites/default/files/assets/micronanoparticleswg.pdf>

<sup>7</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2015-00159>

The chair of the WG decided that after the amendments are completed the draft statement will be presented to CONTAM Panel for possible written adoption, in May 2016.

## **6. Any Other Business**

Not Applicable

## **7. Next meeting**

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## Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

### Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Working Group on the presence of plastic microparticles and nanoparticles in food, with particular focus on seafood

**Held on 15-16 February 2016, Parma (Italy)**

**(Agreed on 25 February 2016)**

#### **Participants**

- **Working Group Members:**

Francesco Cubadda

Christer Hogstrand

Peter Hollman

Henk Van Loveren

Anne Katrine Lundebye

Annette Petersen (chair)

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Matthias Gehling (Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung)

- **EFSA:**

Biological hazards and contaminants Unit: Karen Mackay

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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

The Chair welcomed the participants.

## **2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## **3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

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

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

The minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting held on 26 January 2016 were agreed.<sup>3</sup>

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

### **5.1. Draft opinion on the presence of plastic microparticles and nanoparticles in food, with particular focus on seafood (EFSA-Q-2015-00159)<sup>4</sup>**

The working group (WG) reviewed the draft statement from cover to cover, discussing the recently incorporated contributions from the WG members. Further revisions to various sections of the draft output were proposed.

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/sites/default/files/assets/micronanoparticleswg.pdf>

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## **6. Any Other Business**

Not Applicable

## **7. Next meeting**

18-19 April 2016

## Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

### Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group on the presence of plastic microparticles and nanoparticles in food, with particular focus on seafood

**Held by WEB-conference, 26 January 2016**

**(Agreed on 26 January 2016)**

#### **Participants**

- **Working Group Members:**

Francesco Cubadda

Peter Hollman

Henk Van Loveren

Anne Katrine Lundebye

Annette Petersen (chair)

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Matthias Gehling (Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung)

Sandra Wagener (Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung)

- **EFSA:**

Biological hazards and contaminants Unit: Karen Mackay

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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

The Chair welcomed the participants.  
Apologies were received from Christer Hogstrand.

## **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 Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

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

The minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting held on 17-18 November 2015 were agreed.<sup>3</sup>

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

### **5.1. Draft opinion on the presence of plastic microparticles and nanoparticles in food, with particular focus on seafood (EFSA-Q-2015-00159)<sup>4</sup>**

The working group (WG) discussed the structure of the draft statement and the contributions from the WG experts. Further revisions to sections of the statement were proposed.

## **6. Any Other Business**

Not Applicable

## **7. Next meeting**

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15-16 February 2016

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### Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group on the presence of plastic microparticles and nanoparticles in food, with particular focus on seafood

**Held on 17-18 November 2015, Parma (Italy)**

**(Agreed on 18 November 2015)**

#### **Participants**

- **Working Group Members:**

Francesco Cubadda

Christer Hogstrand

Peter Hollman

Henk Van Loveren

Anne Katrine Lundebye<sup>1</sup>

Annette Petersen (chair)

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Sandra Wagener (Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung)

- **EFSA:**

Biological hazards and contaminants Unit: Karen Mackay

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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<sup>1</sup> Participated on 17 November only, by tele/web conference

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

The Chair welcomed the participants.

## **2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## **3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

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

The minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 17 September 2015 were agreed.<sup>4</sup>

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

### **5.1. Draft opinion on the presence of plastic microparticles and nanoparticles in food, with particular focus on seafood (EFSA-Q-2015-00159)<sup>5</sup>**

The working group (WG) discussed the literature retrieved from the recent searches and further search terms were proposed. Interpretation of the terms of reference were discussed. The structure of the draft statement and contributions from the WG experts were discussed. Further revisions to sections of the statement were proposed.

## **6. Any Other Business**

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

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Not Applicable

## **7. Next meeting**

26 January 2016

## Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain

### Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on the presence of plastic microparticles and nanoparticles in food, with particular focus on seafood

**Held by WEB-conference, 17 September 2015**

**(Agreed on 17 September 2015)**

#### **Participants**

- **Working Group Members:**

Francesco Cubadda  
Christer Hogstrand  
Peter Hollman  
Henk Van Loveren  
Anne Katrine Lundebye  
Annette Petersen (chair)

- **Hearing Experts:**

Not Applicable

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

Matthias Gehling (Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung)  
Sandra Wagener (Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung)

- **EFSA:**

Biological hazards and contaminants Unit: Karen Mackay

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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

The Chair welcomed the participants.

## **2. Adoption of agenda**

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

Not applicable

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

### **5.1. Draft opinion on the presence of plastic microparticles and nanoparticles in food, with particular focus on seafood (EFSA-Q-2015-00159)<sup>3</sup>**

The working group (WG) discussed the terms of reference, the table of contents of the draft statement and the meeting plan. Tasks were distributed amongst the WG members to draft the sections of this Statement.

## **6. Any Other Business**

Not Applicable

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

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## **7. Next meeting**

To be decided.