

Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms Unit

Minutes of the 12th Working Group on Supplementary Guidelines for the allergenicity assessment of genetically modified plants

**Held on 26 April 2017, WEB/TELE
(Agreed on 3 May 2017)**

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Karin Hoffmann-Sommergruber, Frits Koning, Henk van Loveren, Clare Mills, Javier Moreno, Martinus Lovik, Jean-Michel Wal

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

- None

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

- None

- **EFSA:**

- GMO Unit: Antonio Fernandez Dumont

- **Others:**

- Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The EFSA staff welcomed the participants. Apologies were received by Philippe Eigenmann and Michelle Epstein.

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 Interest³, 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 16th March 2017

The minutes of the 11th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 3rd April 2017.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. EFSA Guidance Document preparation ([EFSA-Q-2014-00547](#))

Further discussion took place on the three topics addressed in the guidance document (non-IgE-mediated adverse immune reactions, *in vitro* protein digestibility and endogenous allergenicity). An agreement was reached on the general principles described in the guidance document. The guidance document will be discussed in the following EFSA GMO Panel plenary meeting (adoption).

6. Any Other Business

Not applicable.

7. Next meeting

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

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

Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms Unit

Minutes of the preparatory meeting to the 12th Working Group on Supplementary Guidelines for the allergenicity assessment of genetically modified plants

**Held on 20 April 2017, WEB/TELE
(Agreed on 3 May 2017)**

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
 - Jean-Michel, Javier Moreno
- **Hearing Experts¹:**
 - None
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 - None
- **EFSA:**
 - GMO Unit: Antonio Fernandez Dumont
- **Others:**
 - Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The EFSA staff welcomed the participants.

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2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document preparation ([EFSA-Q-2014-00547](#))

Further discussion took place on the draft guidance document addressing the topics non-IgE-mediated adverse immune reactions, *in vitro* protein digestibility and endogenous allergenicity.

5. Any Other Business

Not applicable.

6. Next meeting

26th of April 2017, WEB/TELE-conference.

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

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

Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms Unit

Minutes of the preparatory meeting to the 12th Working Group on Supplementary Guidelines for the allergenicity assessment of genetically modified plants

**WEB/TELE-conference, 12 April 2017
(Agreed on 2 May 2017)**

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
 - Clare Mills, Javier Moreno
- **Hearing Experts¹:**
 - John Mclaughlin
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 - None
- **EFSA:**
 - GMO Unit: Antonio Fernandez Dumont
- **Others:**
 - Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The EFSA staff 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>.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document preparation ([EFSA-Q-2014-00547](#))

Further discussion took place on the section dealing with *in vitro* protein digestibility.

5. Any Other Business

Not applicable.

6. Next meeting

26th of April 2017, WEB/TELE-conference.

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

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

Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms Unit

Minutes of the preparatory meeting to the 12th Working Group on Supplementary Guidelines for the allergenicity assessment of genetically modified plants

**WEB/TELE-conference, 3 April 2017
(Agreed on 28 April 2017)**

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
 - Clare Mills, Javier Moreno
- **Hearing Experts¹:**
 - None
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 - None
- **EFSA:**
 - GMO Unit: Antonio Fernandez Dumont
- **Others:**
 - Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The EFSA staff 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>.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document preparation ([EFSA-Q-2014-00547](#))

Further discussion took place on the section dealing with *in vitro* protein digestibility.

5. Any Other Business

Not applicable.

6. Next meeting

12th of April 2017, WEB/TELE-conference.

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

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

Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms Unit

Minutes of the 11th Working Group on Supplementary Guidelines for the allergenicity assessment of genetically modified plants

Held on 16 March 2017, Leiden, The Netherlands,

(Agreed on 3 April 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

- Michelle Epstein, Frits Koning, Clare Mills, Javier Moreno, Martinus Lovik, Jean-Michel Wal

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

- None

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

- None

- **EFSA:**

- GMO Unit: Antonio Fernandez Dumont

- **Others:**

- Not Applicable

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

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The EFSA staff welcomed the participants. Apologies were received by Philippe Eigenmann, Karin Hoffmann-Sommergruber and Henk van Loveren.

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 Interest³, 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 6-7 October 2016.

The minutes of the 10th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 26 October 2016.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. EFSA Guidance Document preparation ([EFSA-Q-2014-00547](#))

Further discussion took place on the three topics of the guidance document (non-IgE-mediated adverse reactions, *in vitro* protein digestibility, endogenous allergenicity). Based on the comments received during the public consultation and at the EFSA InfoSession of 23rd November 2017, the guidance document will be modified accordingly.

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/sites/default/files/assets/gmoallergenicity.pdf>

6. Any Other Business

Not applicable.

7. Next meeting

26th of April 2017, WEB/TELE-conference.

Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms Unit Minutes of the preparatory meeting to the 11th Working Group on Supplementary Guidelines for the allergenicity assessment of genetically modified plants

Held on 28 February 2017, Leiden, The Netherlands,

(Agreed on 14 March 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
 - Frits Koning
- **Hearing Experts¹:**
 - None
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 - None
- **EFSA:**
 - GMO Unit: Antonio Fernandez Dumont
- **Others:**
 - Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The EFSA staff welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

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

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1 EFSA Guidance Document preparation ([EFSA-Q-2014-00547](#))

Further discussion took place on the section dealing with non-IgE-mediated adverse immune reactions to foods.

5. Any Other Business

Not applicable.

6. Next meeting

16th of March 2017, Leiden.

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

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

Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms Unit Minutes of the preparatory meeting to the 11th Working Group on Supplementary Guidelines for the allergenicity assessment of genetically modified plants

Held on 27 February 2017, Manchester, UK,

(Agreed on 14 March 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
 - Clare Mills
- **Hearing Experts¹:**
 - None
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 - None
- **EFSA:**
 - GMO Unit: Antonio Fernandez Dumont
- **Others:**
 - Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The EFSA staff welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

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

The 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 Interest³, 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1 EFSA Guidance Document preparation ([EFSA-Q-2014-00547](#))

Further discussion took place on the section dealing with *in vitro* protein digestibility.

5. Any Other Business

Not applicable.

6. Next meeting

16th of March 2017, Leiden.

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

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

Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms Unit

Minutes of the 10th meeting of the Working Group on Supplementary Guidelines for the allergenicity assessment of genetically modified plants and “Focus group” meeting

Parma, Italy, 6-7 October 2016

(Agreed on 26 October 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

- Frits Koning, Javier Moreno, Michelle Epstein, Martinus Lovik and Jean-Michel Wal

Clare Mills and Karin Hoffmann-Sommergruber participated via web/tele.

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

- None

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

- None

- **EFSA:**

- GMO Unit (6 and 7 October): Antonio Fernandez Dumont, Regina Selb, Claudia Paoletti, Hermann Broll, Elisabeth Waigmann, Anna Lanzoni

- **Others:**

- “Focus Group” members (only 7 October): Kitty Verhoeckx, Annabelle Capt, Andrea Mikkelsen, Sabine Schnadt.

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>.

- Pierre Rouge, Rene Crevel and Patricia Restani participated via web/tele.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received by Philippe Eigenmann and Henk van Loveren.

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 Interest³, 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 via web/tele 24 June 2016.

The minutes of the 9th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 14 July 2016.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document preparation ([EFSA-Q-2014-00547](#)) All comments received during the public consultation process were discussed by the WG for all three topics of the guidance (non-IgE mediated adverse reactions, *in vitro* protein digestibility, endogenous allergenicity).

6. Any Other Business

Not applicable.

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/sites/default/files/assets/gmoallergenicity.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms Unit

Minutes of the preparatory meeting to the 10th Working Group on Supplementary Guidelines for the allergenicity assessment of genetically modified plants

WEB/TELE-conference, 12 September 2016

(Agreed on 6 October 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
 - Frits Koning
- **Hearing Experts¹:**
 - None
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 - None
- **EFSA:**
 - GMO Unit: Antonio Fernandez Dumont and Regina Selb
- **Others:**
 - Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The EFSA staff 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>.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document preparation ([EFSA-Q-2014-00547](#))

Further discussion took place on the section dealing with non-IgE mediated adverse immune reactions.

5. Any Other Business

Not applicable.

6. Next meeting

6-7th of October 2016, Parma.

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

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

Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms Unit

Minutes of the 9th meeting of the Working Group on Supplementary Guidelines for the allergenicity assessment of genetically modified plants

WEB/TELE-conference, 24 June 2016

(Agreed on 14 July 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

- Frits Koning, Javier Moreno, Clare Mills, Karin Hoffmann-Sommergruber, Michelle Epstein, Martinus Lovik, Henk van Loveren, and Jean-Michel Wal

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

- None

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

- None

- **EFSA:**

- GMO Unit: Antonio Fernandez Dumont and Regina Selb

- **Others:**

- Not Applicable

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

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received by Philippe Eigenmann.

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 Interest³, 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 21/22 April 2016 in Parma.

The minutes of the 8th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 2 May 2016.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document preparation ([EFSA-Q-2014-00547](#)) Final amendments of all three guideline parts (non-IgE mediated adverse reactions, *in vitro* protein digestibility, endogenous allergenicity) were discussed by the WG members for endorsement of the document in the July EFSA GMO Panel plenary meeting.

6. Any Other Business

Not applicable.

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/sites/default/files/assets/gmoallergenicity.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms Unit

Minutes of the preparatory meeting to the 9th Working Group on Supplementary Guidelines for the allergenicity assessment of genetically modified plants

WEB/TELE-conference, 31 May 2016

(Agreed on 10 June 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
 - Clare Mills, Javier Moreno and Jean-Michel Wal
- **Hearing Experts¹:**
 - None
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 - None
- **EFSA:**
 - GMO Unit: Antonio Fernandez Dumont and Regina Selb
- **Others:**
 - Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The EFSA staff welcomed the participants.

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<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

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4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document preparation ([EFSA-Q-2014-00547](#))

Further development on the allergenicity guideline document was discussed, focussing on the *in vitro* digestibility section.

5. Any Other Business

Not applicable.

6. Next meeting

24th of June 2016, held by WEB/TELE.

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

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

Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms

Minutes of the 8th meeting of the Working Group on Supplementary Guidelines for the allergenicity assessment of genetically modified plants

Held on 20-21 April 2016, Parma, Italy

(Agreed on 2 May 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

- Frits Koning, Javier Moreno, Karin Hoffmann-Sommergruber, Michelle Epstein, Martinus Lovik, Henk van Loveren, and Jean-Michel Wal
- Clare Mills participated via TELE on 20th of April

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

- None

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

- None

- **EFSA:**

GMO Unit: Antonio Fernandez Dumont, Anna Lanzoni, Claudia Paoletti, Regina Selb, Elisabeth Waigmann

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Philippe Eigenmann.

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

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the preparatory Working Group meeting held on 15 April 2016 by Web/Telemeeting.

The minutes of the preparatory Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 29 April 2016.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document preparation ([EFSA-Q-2014-00547](#))

Comments received on the guidelines from the "Focus Group" were discussed and evaluated. The guidelines will be modified accordingly.

6. Any Other Business

Not applicable.

7. Next meeting

To be confirmed.

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/sites/default/files/assets/gmoallergenicity.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms Unit

Minutes of the preparatory meeting to the 8th Working Group on Supplementary Guidelines for the allergenicity assessment of genetically modified plants

WEB/TELE-conference, 15 April 2016

(Agreed on 29 April 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
 - Frits Koning, Javier Moreno and Jean-Michel Wal
- **Hearing Experts¹:**
 - None
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 - None
- **EFSA:**
 - GMO Unit: Antonio Fernandez Dumont, Regina Selb
- **Others:**
 - Not Applicable

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

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The EFSA staff welcomed the participants.
Apologies were received from Clare Mills.

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 Interest³, 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document preparation ([EFSA-Q-2014-00547](#))

Comments on the allergenicity draft guideline were received by the "Focus Group". The comments were discussed in preparation of the WG meeting taking place on the 20th/21st of April.

5. Any Other Business

Not applicable.

6. Next meeting

20 - 21 April 2016, Parma, Italy.

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

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

Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms

Minutes of the 7th meeting of the Working Group on Supplementary Guidelines for the allergenicity assessment of genetically modified plants

Held by WEB/TELE-conference, 14 March 2016

(Agreed on 8 April 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

- Michelle Epstein, Karin Hoffmann-Sommergruber, Henk van Loveren, Frits Koning, Martinus Lovik, Clare Mills, Javier Moreno and Jean-Michel Wal

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

None

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

None

- **EFSA:**

GMO Unit: Antonio Fernandez Dumont, Regina Selb

- **Others:**

None

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Philippe Eigenmann.

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 Interest³, 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 18-19 February 2016, Leiden, The Netherlands

The minutes of the 6th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 1 March 2016.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document preparation ([EFSA-Q-2014-00547](#))

The draft text of the Guidelines to be distributed to the "Focus Group" members was discussed and finalised.

6. Any Other Business

Not applicable.

7. Next meeting

20 - 21 April 2016, Parma, Italy.

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/sites/default/files/assets/gmoallergenicity.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms

Minutes of the preparatory meeting to the 7th Working Group on Supplementary Guidelines for the allergenicity assessment of genetically modified plants

**WEB/TELE-conference, 26 February 2016
(Agreed on 26 February 2016)**

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
 - Clare Mills and Javier Moreno
- **Hearing Experts¹:**
 - None
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 - None
- **EFSA:**
 - GMO Unit: Antonio Fernandez Dumont and Regina Selb
- **Others:**
 - Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The EFSA staff welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of the agenda

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

The 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 Interest³, 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1 EFSA Guidance Document preparation ([EFSA-Q-2014-00547](#))

In preparation for the following WG meeting, the section on *in vitro* digestibility was discussed. Further discussion is needed.

5. Any Other Business

Not applicable.

6. Next meeting

14th of March 2016, WEB/TELE-conference.

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

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

Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organism Unit

Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Working Group on Supplementary Guidelines for the allergenicity assessment of genetically modified plants

**Held on 18 - 19 February 2016, Leiden (The Netherlands)
(Agreed on 1 March 2016)**

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

- Michelle Epstein, Frits Koning, Martinus Lovik, Clare Mills, Javier Moreno, Henk van Loveren and Jean-Michel Wal.

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

- None

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

- None

- **EFSA:**

- GMO Unit: Antonio Fernandez Dumont, Regina Selb

- **Others:**

- Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The EFSA staff welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Philippe Eigenmann and Karin Hoffmann-Sommergruber.

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

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 5^h Working Group meeting held on 30 November/ 1 December 2015, Vienna, Austria.

The minutes of the 5th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 16 February 2016.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document preparation ([EFSA-Q-2014-00547](#))

The members of the Allergenicity WG discussed the aspects of "In-vitro digestibility", "endogenous allergenicity" and "non-IgE mediated immunogenicity". The draft of the Allergenicity Guidance Document will be sent to the Focus Group when finalised.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable.

7. Next meeting

20 - 21 April 2016, Parma, Italy.

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/sites/default/files/assets/gmoallergenicity.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organism Unit

Minutes of the preparatory meeting to the 6th Working Group on Supplementary Guidelines for the allergenicity assessment of genetically modified plants

Held on 9 February 2016, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 17 February 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

- Jean-Michel Wal

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

- None

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

- None

- **EFSA:**

- GMO Unit: Antonio Fernandez Dumont and Claudia Paoletti

- **Others:**

- Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The EFSA staff 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>.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document preparation ([EFSA-Q-2014-00547](#))

The WG member discussed different topics to be addressed at the next working group meeting to take place on 18 February and 19 February 2016.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

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

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

Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organism Unit

Minutes of preparatory meeting to the 6th Working Group on Supplementary Guidelines for the allergenicity assessment of genetically modified plants

**WEB/TELE-conference, 1 February 2016
(Agreed on 11 February 2016)**

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

- Clare Mills, Javier Moreno and Jean-Michel Wal

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

- None

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

- None

- **EFSA:**

- GMO Unit: Antonio Fernandez Dumont

- **Others:**

- Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The EFSA staff welcomed the participants.

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<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 Interest³, 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document preparation ([EFSA-Q-2014-00547](#))

The WG members discussed different topics to be addressed at the next working group meeting to take place on 18 February and 19 February 2016.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

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

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

Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organism Unit

Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Working Group on Supplementary Guidelines for the allergenicity assessment of genetically modified plants

**Held on 30 November/1 December 2015, Vienna (Austria)
(Agreed on 16 February 2016)**

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

- Michelle Epstein, Karin Hoffmann-Sommergruber, Frits Koning, Martinus Lovik, Clare Mills, Javier Moreno and Jean-Michel Wal

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

- None

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

- None

- **EFSA:**

- GMO Unit: Antonio Fernandez Dumont

- **Others:**

- Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The EFSA staff welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Philippe Eigenmann and Henk van Loveren.

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 Interest³, 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 22 September 2015, Leiden (The Netherlands). The minutes of the 4th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 12 November 2015.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document preparation ([EFSA-Q-2014-00547](#))

The WG members discussed the risk assessment strategy to be followed in the Guidance Document.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable.

7. Next meeting

18 - 19 February 2016, Leiden.

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

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

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/assets/gmoallergenicity.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organism Unit

Minutes of the preparatory TELE/WEB meeting to Working Group on Supplementary Guidelines for the allergenicity assessment of genetically modified plants

Held on 11 November 2015, TELE/WEB

(Agreed on 11 February 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

- Martinus Lovik and Jean-Michel Wal

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

- None

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

- None

- **EFSA:**

- GMO Unit: Antonio Fernandez Dumont

- **Others:**

- Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The EFSA staff 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>.

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 Interest³, 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document preparation ([EFSA-Q-2014-00547](#))

The WG members discussed the work plan and action points for the forthcoming meeting on 30 Nov – 1 Dec 2015 in Vienna.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

6. Next meeting

30th November 2015 and 1st December 2015, Vienna

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

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

Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms
Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Working Group on Supplementary Guidelines
for the allergenicity assessment of genetically modified plants
Held on 22 September 2015, Leiden (The Netherlands)
(Agreed on 12 November 2015)

Participants

• **Working Group Members:**

- Frits Koning, Henk van Loveren, Martinus Lovik, Clare Mills, Javier Moreno and Jean-Michel Wal

• **Hearing Experts¹:**

- None

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

- None

• **EFSA:**

- GMO Unit: Antonio Fernandez Dumont

• **Others:**

- Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The EFSA staff welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Philippe Eigenmann, Michelle Epstein and Karin Hoffmann-Sommergruber.

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 Interest³, 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

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

Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting held on 20 May 2015, Brussels (Belgium). The minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 20 September 2015.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA Guidance Document preparation ([EFSA-Q-2014-00547](#))

The WG members discussed the feedback received at the EFSA workshop and the work plan for the following meetings to be organised.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

30th November 2015 and 1st December 2015, Vienna

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/assets/gmoallergenicity.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms
Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group on Supplementary Guidelines
for the allergenicity assessment of genetically modified plants
Held on 20 May 2015, Brussels (Belgium)
(Agreed on 20 September 2015)

Participants

• **Working Group Members:**

- Michelle Epstein, Karin Hoffmann-Sommergruber, Frits Koning, Henk van Loveren, Martinus Lovik, Clare Mills, Javier Moreno and Jean-Michel Wal

• **Hearing Experts¹:**

- None

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

- None

• **EFSA:**

- GMO Unit: Antonio Fernandez Dumont

• **Others:**

- Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The EFSA staff welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Philippe Eigenmann.

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 Interest³, 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

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

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 25-26 February 2015, Parma (Italy). The minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 18 May 2015.⁴

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

EFSA workshop preparation ([EFSA-Q-2014-00547](#))

The WG members discussed the different topics to be addressed at the EFSA workshop that will take place on 17 June 2015.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

22 September 2015, Leiden

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/assets/gmoallergenicity.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms
Minutes of the preparatory meeting to the 3rd Working Group on Supplementary
Guidelines for the allergenicity assessment of genetically modified plants
WEB/TELE-conference, 27 March 2015
(Agreed on 18 May 2015)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
 - Henk van Loveren, Martinus Lovik and Jean-Michel Wal

- **Hearing Experts¹:**
 - None

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 - None

- **EFSA:**
 - GMO Unit: Antonio Fernandez Dumont

- **Others:**
 - Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The EFSA staff welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Clare Mills.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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

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

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

Briefing notes of the EFSA workshop ([EFSA-Q-2014-00547](#))

The WG members discussed the briefing notes of the EFSA workshop that will take place on 17 June 2015.

5. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms
Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group on Supplementary Guidelines
for the allergenicity assessment of genetically modified plants
Held on 25-26 February 2015, Parma (Italy)
(Agreed on 18 May 2015)

Participants

• **Working Group Members:**

- Michelle Epstein, Frits Koning, Henk van Loveren, Martinus Lovik, Clare Mills, Javier Moreno and Jean-Michel Wal
- Karin Hoffmann-Sommergruber has participated via TELE/WEB-conference

• **Hearing Experts¹:**

- None

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

- None

• **EFSA:**

- GMO Unit: Michele Ardizzone, Hermann Broll, Ana Lanzoni and Antonio Fernandez Dumont

• **Others:**

- Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Philippe Eigenmann.

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 Interest³, EFSA

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

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

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 2 December 2015, Brussels (Belgium). The minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 30 January 2015.⁴

5. Scientific topics for discussion

5.1 *In vitro* digestibility tests for allergenicity assessment ([EFSA-Q-2014-00547](#))

The topic was discussed. Further discussion is needed.

5.2 Non-IgE mediated immune adverse reactions to foods ([EFSA-Q-2014-00547](#))

The topic was discussed. Further discussion is needed.

5.3 Endogenous allergenicity ([EFSA-Q-2014-00547](#))

The topic was discussed. Further discussion is needed.

6. Any Other Business

-Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

20 May 2015, Brussels

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/gmowgs/docs/gmoallergenicity.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms
Minutes of the preparatory meeting to the 2nd Working Group on Supplementary
Guidelines for the allergenicity assessment of genetically modified plants
WEB/TELE-conference, 23 January 2015
(Agreed on 22 February 2015)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
 - Clare Mills, Henk van Loveren, Martinus Lovik and Jean-Michel Wal

- **Hearing Experts¹:**
 - None

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 - None

- **EFSA:**
 - GMO Unit: Antonio Fernandez Dumont

- **Others:**
 - Not applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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

3. Declarations of interest of Working Group members

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4. Scientific topics for discussion

Table of contents of the Scientific Opinion ([EFSA-Q-2014-00547](#))

The WG members discussed the draft table of contents. Further discussion is needed.

5. Any Other Business

Not applicable.

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

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

Genetically Modified Organisms Unit (GMO UNIT)

Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on Supplementary Guidelines for the allergenicity assessment of genetically modified plants

Held on 2 December 2014, Brussels (Belgium)

(Agreed on 30 January 2015)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
 - Philippe Eigenmann, Michelle Epstein, Karin Hoffmann-Sommergruber, Henk van Loveren, Martinus Lovik, Clare Mills, Javier Moreno and Jean-Michel Wal

- **Hearing Experts¹:**
 - None

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 - None

- **EFSA:**
 - GMO Unit: Hermann Broll and Antonio Fernandez Dumont

- **Others:**
 - Not applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Michelle Epstein.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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>.

3. Declarations of interest of Working Group members

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4. Scientific topics for discussion

4.1 Introduction to the mandate: background, terms of reference, expected deliverables and timelines (EFSA-Q-2014-00547)

The mandate was introduced to the WG members.

4.2 *In vitro* digestibility tests for allergenicity assessment (EFSA-Q-2014-00547)

The topic was introduced to the WG members. Further discussion is needed.

4.3 Non-IgE mediated immune adverse reactions to foods (EFSA-Q-2014-00547)

The topic was introduced to the WG members. Further discussion is needed.

4.4 Endogenous allergenicity (EFSA-Q-2014-00547)

The topic was introduced to the WG members. Further discussion is needed.

5. Any Other Business

Not applicable.

6. Next meeting

25-26 February 2015

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

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