

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND EMERGING RISKS UNIT

## Scientific Committee and emerging risks Unit

### Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Work package 3 of the Working Group on Scientific technical assistance to the RASFF on chemical contaminants

**Held in Parma on 7-8 February 2019  
(Agreed on 26 February 2019)**

#### **Participantssi**

- **Working Group Members:**

Peter Fürst (participated by teleconference)

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

Not Applicable

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

Jan Baele (DG SANTE), Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE; participated by teleconference)

- **EFSA:**

Scientific Committee and emerging risks Unit: Ana Afonso (chair)

Nutrition Unit: Tilemachos Goumperis, Paolo Colombo, Ruth Roldan

Evidence management Unit: Stefano Cappé, Luca Pasinato

Food ingredients and packaging Unit: Eric Barthélémy

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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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>.

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

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Christina Tlustos and Davide Arcella.

## **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<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

## **4. Scientific topics for discussion**

### **4.1. Tool development**

The working group discussed further the requirements of the dietary assessment tool that is being developed as part of work package 3.

### **4.2. Examples**

More examples were developed to better explain the hazard characterisation methodology and the additional considerations that could be taken into account from a risk manager perspective.

It was decided that screen shots from the IT tool will be included in the examples discussed in the Technical report to better demonstrate the input data steps and the output.

### **4.3. Technical report**

The working group discussed further the feedback received during and after the presentations in the EC working groups on agricultural contaminants and on industrial & environmental contaminants in Q4 2018.

Conclusions and recommendations were also discussed.

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<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

#### **4.4. Next steps**

The IT tool will be presented to the RASFF network in its upcoming meeting in May 2019.

A user manual will be developed to explain the functions of the tool.

#### **5. Next meetings**

No additional physical meeting of the WG is foreseen.

## Scientific Committee and emerging risks Unit

### Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Work package 3 of the Working Group on Scientific technical assistance to the RASFF on chemical contaminants

**Held by teleconference on 15-16 October 2018  
(Agreed on 29 October 2018)**

#### **Participants**

- **Working Group Members:**

Christina Tlustos, Peter Fürst (participated on 16 October only)

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

Not Applicable

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

Jan Baele (DG SANTE), Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE)

- **EFSA:**

Scientific Committee and emerging risks Unit: Ana Afonso (chair)

Nutrition Unit: Tilemachos Goumperis, Paolo Colombo, Ruth Roldan

Evidence management Unit: Davide Arcella, Luca Pasinato

Food ingredients and packaging Unit: Eric Barthélémy

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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

## **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. Scientific topics for discussion**

### **4.1. Discuss feedback from RASFF network**

The working group further discussed the feedback received from the RASFF network members on the output of work package 1 and 2, in particular on questions related to dietary exposure assessment and considerations for the risk evaluation.

### **4.2. Tool development**

The working group discussed some of the requirements of the dietary assessment tool that will be developed as part of work package 3.

## **5. Next meetings**

Next meetings will be scheduled to discuss the updated tool version and revised draft report in December 2018 or January 2019 according to availability.

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# Scientific Committee and emerging risks Unit

## Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of Work package 3 of the Working Group on Scientific technical assistance to the RASFF on chemical contaminants

**Held by teleconference on 5 October 2018  
(Agreed on 29 October 2018)**

### **Participants**

- **Working Group Members:**

Christina Tlustos, Peter Fürst

- **Hearing Experts<sup>4</sup>:**

Not Applicable

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

Jan Baele (DG SANTE)

- **EFSA:**

Scientific Committee and emerging risks Unit: Ana Afonso (chair)

Nutrition Unit: Tilemachos Goumperis, Paolo Colombo

Evidence management Unit: Davide Arcella, Luca Pasinato

Food ingredients and packaging Unit: Eric Barthélémy

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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<sup>4</sup> As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work: <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 Ruth Roldan.

## **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<sup>5</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>6</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

## **4. Scientific topics for discussion**

### **4.1. Discuss feedback from RASFF network**

The working group discussed the feedback received from the RASFF network members on the output of work package 1 (hazard characterisation) and 2 (exposure assessment), in particular (i) on questions related to examples explaining the various considerations and clarifying the proposed methodology and (ii) requirements of the IT tool.

### **4.2. IT tool development**

The working group discussed some of the requirements of the dietary assessment tool that will be developed as part of work package 3. According to the agreed timelines, the work package 3 should be finalised by end March 2019.

## **5. Next meetings**

Dates for next meetings will be on 15 and 16 October via teleconference.

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