



In Focus: Bee health

Pesticides and bees: EFSA finalises new guidance

EFSA has published new guidance for assessing the potential risks to bees from the use of pesticides. The previous EU risk assessment scheme for honeybees did not take full account of risks from chronic or repeat exposure to pesticides or the potential risks to larvae. The new guidance fills these gaps as well as adding schemes for bumble bees and solitary bees.

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Recent work

News story: [Bumble bee study does not affect neonicotinoid conclusions, EFSA says](#)

Press release: [EFSA assesses risks to bees from fipronil](#)

Press release: [EFSA identifies risks to bees from neonicotinoids](#)

Event story: [EFSA Scientific Colloquium: Towards holistic approaches to risk assessment of multiple stressors in bees](#)

Call for tender: [Toxicity of exposure to multiple chemicals in bees](#)

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Why are bees under threat?

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News



Don't miss EFSA's upcoming public consultations

EFSA is holding a number of public consultations on scientific subjects in the areas of nutrition, food contact materials, pesticides, plant health, animal welfare and feed additives, over the coming weeks and months. These initiatives highlight EFSA's efforts to engage regularly in dialogue with its stakeholders and the public and to seek input for its scientific work. Don't miss out – subscribe to EFSA's new email alert service and receive automatic updates on public consultations.

EFSA in 2012: marking the first 10 years, preparing for future challenges

EFSA reached its tenth anniversary in 2012, a landmark year in which it delivered another significant work programme that built on the achievements of the previous decade. EFSA's Annual Report, which is published today, highlights the progress made last year in key scientific areas, in relations with stakeholders, cooperation with partners, and in reinforcing the measures the Authority has in place to ensure the independence of its scientific work.



Meat inspection: EFSA completes review of practices and recommends improvements

EFSA has completed a major piece of work that will provide the scientific basis for the modernisation of meat inspection across the EU. Following a risk based approach, EFSA has identified and ranked public health hazards in meat. As requested by the European Commission, EFSA has recommended improvements to meat inspection procedures to protect consumers from risks related to such hazards.

Do you want to see EFSA's risk assessment in action? Come and join our panel meetings!

EFSA recognises that stakeholders want to better understand the risk assessment process. If advice and action in relation to food safety risks are to be trusted, it is crucial that the way these decisions are made can be scrutinised and understood. Therefore, the Authority has increased the number of opportunities for Observers to attend meetings of its Scientific Panels.



EFSA reports on *Listeria* levels in certain ready-to-eat foods

The first part of EFSA's analysis of an EU-wide baseline survey on *Listeria monocytogenes* published today provides valuable insights into the presence of this bacteria in certain ready-to-eat foods (fish, cold meats and soft cheeses). The proportion of food samples exceeding the legal food safety limit was low. However, given the popularity of these foods and the severe implications that *Listeria* infections can have on human health, overall vigilance regarding the possible presence of the bacteria in food is warranted.

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Vitamin D₃ (cholecalciferol) for several animal species

11 July 2013 Scientific Opinion of the FEEDAP Panel

Brilliant Blue FCF (E133) for cats and dogs

11 July 2013 Scientific Opinion of the FEEDAP Panel

L-Tyrosine for all animal species

11 July 2013 Scientific Opinion of the FEEDAP Panel

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Events

EFSA Info Session on Applications – Workshop with Member States, applicants and stakeholders on EFSA Guidance Document on the Risk Assessment of Plant Protection Products on Bees (*Apis mellifera*, *Bombus spp.* and solitary bees)

9 September 2013 Parma

12 September 2013: Save the date for the final EFSA/FoodRisC conference

12 September 2013 Brussels

EFSA Info Session on Applications - Technical meeting with GMO applicants

15 October 2013 Parma

All events

Calls & consultations

Call for tender – Transformation of non-standard data files to the standard sample description format (OC/EFSA/DCM/2013/03)

Deadline: 15 July 2013 Procurement

Call for tender – On-request recoding of the food descriptors of EFSA chemical occurrence database and food consumption database entries according to the FoodEx2 food classification and description system (OC/EFSA/DCM/2013/04)

Deadline: 23 July 2013 Procurement

Call for tender – Media monitoring and analysis (OC/EFSA/COMM/2013/01)

Deadline: 25 July 2013 Procurement

Public consultation on the draft Guidance of EFSA on clustering and ranking of emissions of active substances of plant protection products and transformation products of these active substances from protected crops (greenhouses and crops grown under cover) to relevant environmental compartments

30 July 2013 Public consultation

Call for tender – Facilities management consultancy (OC/EFSA/CORSER/2013/04)

Deadline:31 July 2013 Procurement

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