

# **PFAS 1st Meeting: Monday 7th August 2023**

## **Agenda**

1st Meeting: Monday 7th August 2023 13:30-16:30 via MS Teams.

1. Welcome and Introductions.
2. Terms of reference for the COT PFAS subgroup. (see background information: COT position paper (2023) and associated discussion papers).
  - Agree TOR PFAS/2023/01.
  - Assess Membership and additional support available, consider the need for further expertise.
3. Proposed workplan.
  - Joint COT and COC Synthesis and Integration of Epidemiological and Toxicological Evidence subgroup (SETE) approach (see background information: SETE report, and Synthesising Epidemiological Evidence Subgroup (SEES) report).
  - Method for presentation of available data PFAS/2023/02.
  - Thyroid endpoint PFAS/2023/03.
4. Any other business.
5. Next meeting.

## **Media discussed during the meeting**

[COT PFAS subgroup Terms of Reference – first draft](#)

[PFAS/2023/02](#)

[Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances: evaluation of thyroid effects - PFAS/2023/03](#)

[Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances: method for presentation of available data - PFAS/2023/02](#)

## Background information:

- [COT interim position paper](#) (2023) and associated discussion papers ( [TOX/2022/53](#) and [TOX/2022/67](#) ).
- [SETE report](#).
- [SEES reports](#).

## Other documents for interest and awareness:

- [COT statement on EFSA opinion \(2022\)](#).
- Historic COT statements on [PFOS \(2006\)](#) and [PFOA \(2006](#) and [2009](#)).
- UK REACH PFAS Risk Management Options Analysis ([RMOA](#)) and [Annexes](#).
- [UK DWI guidance](#) on PFAS.
- European Veterinary Medicines Industry perspective on EU PFAS Restriction. PDF  
[View Veterinary medicines industry EU PFAS impact universal restriction as PDF](#) (3.74 MB)

## Attendance

### Role

Chair:

### Name

Prof Shirley Price (Member of the COT)

Dr James Coulson

Dr Phil Botham

Prof Matt Wright

Working Group Members: Full Members  
and Associate Members of the COT.

Prof Þórhallur Ingi Halldórsson - HI

Dr David Lovell

Dr Steve Enoch

Dr Tarek Abdelghany

Barry Maycock Food Standards Agency (FSA)

Britta Gadeberg UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA )

Secretariat:

Cath Mulholland Food Standards Agency (FSA)

Sophy Orphanos Food Standards Agency (FSA)

Sarah Bull

Secretariat support – IEH consulting

George Kowalczyk

Joanna Wilding

Melinda Evans

Ian Martin Environment Agency (EA)

Alun James Environment Agency (EA)

Holly Alpren Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)

Assessors and Other Government Departments:

Liz Lawton Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)

Sam Fletcher Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD) From 14:30.

Ovnair Sepai UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA )

Apologies:

Prof Gunter Kuhnle (COT Member)