

# COT 2020 meeting notes

- **COT Meeting: 28th January 2020**

At their **January** meeting the Committee discussed the EFSA consultation on Ochratoxin A, the [WHO](#) public consultation on the JECFA/JMPR update of Chapter 5 of EHC 240, an update on [Cannabidiol](#) (CBD) and the potential health risks of [mycotoxin](#) contamination in oat drinks for children aged 6 months to 5 years of age. In addition, they reviewed the potential toxicological risks from electronic nicotine (and non-nicotine) delivery systems ([E\(N\)NDS - e-cigarettes](#), the [2019 Annual report](#), [horizon scanning](#). And an update on [actions taken](#) subsequent to COT advice.

The committee also discussed the draft statement on the toxicological interactions between [xenobiotics](#) and the human microbiota.

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- **COT Meeting: 10th - 11th March 2020**

At their **March** meeting the Committee discussed items including the [2019 Annual Report](#), a discussion paper on the potential risks from [almond drink](#) consumption in children aged 6 months to 5 years of age, the draft EFSA opinion on [PFAS](#). And opinion on [glycoalkaloids](#) and the COC- guidance statement on less than [lifetime exposure](#).

The committee also continued work on the second draft statement on the safety of [turmeric and curcumin](#), the first draft statement on the potential risks from exposure to [microplastics](#), and the second draft statement of potential toxicological risks from electronic nicotine (and non-nicotine) delivery systems ([E\(N\)NDS - e-cigarettes](#)).

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- **[COT Meeting: 5th May 2020](#)**

At their **May** meeting the Committee discussed items including the potential risks from use of topically applied [CBD](#)-containing cosmetic products and potential toxicological risks from electronic nicotine (and non-nicotine) delivery systems ([E\(N\)NDS - e-cigarettes](#)).

The committee also continued work on the COT position draft paper on [CBD](#), the scoping paper: [alternatives](#) to conventional plastics for food & drinks packaging, the second draft statement on interactions between [xenobiotics](#) and the human microbiota, the updating of the COT [Terms of Reference and Code of Practice](#). And updated risk assessments for exposure of users to [propylene glycol \(PG\) and glycerol](#) from inhalation of E(N)NDS aerosols.

The minutes can be found here: [COT Meeting: 5th May 2020 | Committee on Toxicity \(food.gov.uk\)](#)

- **[COT Meeting: 7th July 2020](#)**

At their **July** meeting the Committee discussed items including the proposed [PBPK](#) workshop in December 2020, a risk assessment of the adventitious contamination of wheat flour by [soya](#) and the overarching discussion paper on consumption of [plant-based](#) drinks in children aged 6 months to 5 years of age. Also, the potential risks from aggregated exposure to [mycotoxins](#), the draft EFSA opinion on [nickel](#) and E-cigarette, or vaping [E-cigarette, or vaping](#) product use.

The committee also continued work on their contribution to SACN review of the effects of diet on maternal health, their conclusions of the overarching Statement and addendum on the potential risks from [contaminants](#) in the diet of infants aged 12 to 60 months.

The minutes can be found here: [COT Meeting: 7th July 2020 | Committee on Toxicity \(food.gov.uk\)](#)

- **COT Meeting: 15th September 2020**

At their **September** meeting the Committee discussed items including a risk assessment of the adventitious contamination of wheat flour by [soya](#), [Chitins and Chitosan](#) Biologically Based Food Contact Materials and considered additional data on the potential risks from aggregated exposure to mycotoxins.

The committee also continued work on the second draft overarching statement on [microplastics](#), the first draft statements on the consumption of [plant-based drinks](#) in children aged 6 months to 5 years, the revision of the COT Terms of Reference and Code of Practice [Terms of Reference and Code of Practice](#). And the review of the implications for risk management based on the EFSA [Dioxin](#) opinion. The committee also discussed their contribution to a SACN review of the effects of [diet](#) on maternal health.

The minutes can be found here: [COT Meeting: 15th September 2020 | Committee on Toxicity \(food.gov.uk\)](#)

- **COT Meeting: 27th October 2020**

At their **October** meeting the Committee discussed items including possible approaches to the review of the tolerable daily intake of [dioxin](#), an update on alternatives to conventional plastics for food and drinks [packaging](#), as well as a review of [herbal supplements](#) used in pregnancy.

In addition, the committee discussed the applicability of the COC guidance on less than [lifetime exposure](#) to their work. And a discussion paper on the potential effects of excess [iodine](#) intake during preconception, pregnancy and lactation.

The committee also continued work on the first draft statement on the combined exposure to mycotoxins, and discussed the draft EFSA opinion on [HBCDD](#)

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- **COT Meeting: 1st December 2020**

At their **December** meeting the Committee discussed items including problem formulation for a planned review of [dioxins](#), the pharmacokinetics of [nicotine salts](#) in ENNDS devices, the potential effects of [cannabidiol](#) and issues related to the risk assessment of regulated products after EU exit (Reserved).

The committee also continued work on statements setting out their views on [microplastics](#), [PFAS](#) and [iodine](#) in pregnancy.

The minutes can be found here: [COT Meeting: 1st December 2020 | Committee on Toxicity \(food.gov.uk\)](#)