



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 18TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

Tele-meeting 16 February 2021

(Agreed on 16 February 2021)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölflé; Dominique Turck; Alicja Mortensen; Peter Fürst; Birgit Dusemund
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: Guillermo Cardon (morning)
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard, Giorgia Vianello, Ana Maria Rincon (morning)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², 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.

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4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1 Re-evaluation of sodium carboxymethyl cellulose (E 466) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

The draft opinion was discussed and revised. The draft opinion will be further discussed in a forthcoming FAF Plenary meeting.

4.2 Re-evaluation of sucrose esters of fatty acid (E 473) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

The WG preliminary discussed the data received in the context of the call for data and the next steps in the evaluation. The WG considered necessary to ask the interested business operators for further clarifications.

4.3 Re-evaluation of mono and di-glycerides of fatty acids (E 471) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age: preliminary discussion on the approach

The WG preliminary discussed the data received in the context of the call for data and the next steps in the evaluation.

5. Any Other Business

5.1. Planning

The WG discussed and agreed on a tentative planning.

5.2. Agreement on the minutes of the 18th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 16 February 2021

The minutes were agreed.

6. Next meetings- tentative schedule for 2021

The next meeting will be on the 13 April 2021, via teleconference.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 17TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

Tele-meeting 1 December 2020

(Agreed on 4 December 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölflé; Dominique Turck; Alicja Mortensen; Peter Fürst (only in the morning)
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard, Giorgia Vianello

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Birgit Dusemund.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1 Re-evaluation of pectin (E 440i) and amidated pectin (E 440ii) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

The draft opinion was discussed and revised. The draft opinion will be further discussed in a forthcoming FAF Plenary meeting.

4.2 Re-evaluation of sodium carboxymethyl cellulose (E 466) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

The draft opinion was discussed and revised. The draft opinion will be further discussed in a forthcoming FAF Plenary meeting.

5. Any Other Business

5.1. Planning

The WG discussed and agreed on a tentative planning.

5.2. Agreement on the minutes of the 17th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 1 December 2020

The minutes will be agreed via written procedure.

6. Next meetings- tentative schedule for 2021

Dates for the 2021 meetings were discussed and tentatively agreed.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 16TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

Tele-meeting 5-6 November 2020

(Agreed on 13 November 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölflé; Birgit Dusemund; Dominique Turck; Alicja Mortensen; Peter Fürst
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard, Giorgia Vianello, Ana Maria Rincon (item 5)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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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 topic(s) for discussion

4.1 Re-evaluation of pectin (E 440i) and amidated pectin (E 440ii) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

The draft opinion was discussed and revised. The draft opinion will be further discussed in a forthcoming FAF Plenary meeting.

4.2 Re-evaluation of sodium carboxymethyl cellulose (E 466) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

The working group discussed the approach to be taken in the assessment of sodium carboxymethyl cellulose (E 466) considering the data submitted by the interested business operators. The draft opinion will be further discussed in a forthcoming working group meeting.

5. Update from the Specification WG: calcium carbonate (E 170) and silicon dioxide (E 551)

An update on the discussion on calcium carbonate (E 170) and silicon dioxide (E 551) held at the Specification Working Group was provided.

6. Any Other Business

6.1. Planning

The WG discussed and agreed on a tentative planning for the opinions' drafting.

6.2. Agreement on the minutes of the 16th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 5-6 November 2020

The minutes will be agreed via written procedure.

7. Next meeting(s)

The next working group meeting will be on 1 December 2020, via teleconference.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 15TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

Tele-meeting 6-7 October 2020

(Agreed on 7 October 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölflé; Birgit Dusemund; Dominique Turck; Alicja Mortensen
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: Guillermo Cardon (part of the second day)
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Peter Fürst.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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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 topic(s) for discussion

4.1 Re-evaluation of pectin (E 440i) and amidated pectin (E 440ii) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

The draft opinion was discussed and revised. The draft opinion will be further discussed in a forthcoming working group meeting.

4.2 Re-evaluation of sodium carboxymethyl cellulose (E 466) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

The working group discussed the approach to be taken in the assessment of sodium carboxymethyl cellulose (E 466) considering the data submitted by the interested business operators.

5. Any Other Business

5.1. Overview of the responses received in the call for data and planning

The WG discussed and agreed on a tentative planning for the opinions' drafting.

5.2. Agreement on the minutes of the 15th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 6-7 October 2020

The minutes were agreed.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next working group meeting will be on the 5-6 November 2020, via teleconference.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 14TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

Tele-meeting 10 September 2020

(Agreed on 10 September 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölflé; Birgit Dusemund; Dominique Turck; Alicja Mortensen
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Camilla Smeraldi, Giorgia Vianello

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Peter Fürst.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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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 topic(s) for discussion

4.1 Re-evaluation of lecithins (E 422) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

The draft opinion was discussed and revised. The draft opinion will be discussed in a forthcoming FAF Panel Plenary meeting.

5. Any Other Business

5.1. Planning

The WG discussed and agreed on a tentative planning for the opinions' drafting.

5.2. Agreement on the minutes of the 14th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 10 September 2020

The minutes were agreed.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next working group meeting will be on the 6-7 October 2020, via teleconference.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 13TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

Tele-meeting 1-2 September 2020

(Agreed on 8 September 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle; Peter Fürst; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölfe; Birgit Dusemund; Dominique Turck; Alicja Mortensen
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard, Giorgia Vianello

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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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 topic(s) for discussion

4.1 Re-evaluation of lecithins (E 422) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

The draft opinion was discussed and revised. The draft opinion will be finalised in a follow up WG meeting and tabled for discussion in a forthcoming FAF Panel Plenary meeting.

5. Overview of the responses received to the calls for data and planning

An overview of the responses received to the call for data and to the clarification requests was provided. The WG also discussed and agreed on a tentative planning for the opinions' drafting.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Agreement on the minutes of the 13th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 1-2 September 2020

The minutes will be agreed via written procedure.

7. Next meeting(s)

The WG agreed to plan an additional working group meeting still in September 2020, via teleconference.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 12TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

Tele-meeting 22 June 2020

(Agreed on 29 June 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölflé; Birgit Dusemund; Dominique Turck; Alicja Mortensen
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Peter Fürst.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with a change in the order of the topics.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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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 topic(s) for discussion

4.1 Re-evaluation of lecithins (E 422) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

The draft opinion was discussed. The draft will be tabled for discussion in a forthcoming working group meeting.

4.2 Re-evaluation of SSOS (E 1450) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

The draft opinion revised following the FAF Panel discussion was presented. The draft opinion is planned for discussion at the 15th FAF Plenary meeting.

5. Any Other Business

5.1 Agreement on the minutes of the 12th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 22 June 2020

The minutes will be agreed via written procedure.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next working group meeting will be on the 1 and 2 September 2020, via teleconference.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 11TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

Tele-meeting 30 April 2020

(Agreed on 30 April 2020)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Laurence Castle; Peter Fürst; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölflé; Birgit Dusemund; Dominique Turck; Alicja Mortensen

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard, Camilla Smeraldi, Ana Maria Rincon, Ndip Galvin Eyong, Ana Campos Fernandes

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with a change in the order of the topics.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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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 topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Re-evaluation of ascorbyl palmitate (E 304i) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

The draft opinion was discussed and finalised. The draft is planned to be tabled for discussion in a forthcoming FAF Panel plenary meeting.

5. Any Other Business

5.1 Agreement on the minutes of the 11th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 30 April 2020

The minutes were agreed.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next working group meeting will be on the 28-29 May 2020, via teleconference.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 10TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

Tele-meeting 15-16 April 2020

(Agreed on 20 April 2020)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Laurence Castle; Peter Fürst; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölfe; Birgit Dusemund; Dominique Turck; Alicja Mortensen

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard, Camilla Smeraldi, Ana Maria Rincon, Giorgia Vianello, Galvin Eyong

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with a change in the order of the topics.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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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 topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Re-evaluation of ascorbyl palmitate (E 304i) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

The draft opinion was discussed and some revisions were performed. The revision of the draft will continue in a forthcoming WG meeting. Thereafter, the draft is planned to be tabled for discussion in a forthcoming FAF Panel plenary meeting.

4.2. Revision of the opinion on the re-evaluation of starch sodium octenyl succinate (E 1450) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

The draft opinion was revised. The draft will be tabled for discussion in a forthcoming FAF Panel plenary meeting.

5. Feedback from the WG specifications on the approach to set the specifications for heavy metals.

Feedback was provided on the discussions held during the FAF WG on Specifications regarding the proposed specifications for ascorbyl palmitate (E 304i) and starch sodium octenyl succinate (E 1450). The outcome of the discussion of the FAF WG on Specifications was considered in the update of these two opinions (see items 4.1 and 4.2).

6. Overview of the responses received to the calls for data and planning

An overview of the responses received for the call for data was provided.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 Agreement on the minutes of the 10th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 15-16 April 2020

The minutes of this meeting will be agreed by written procedure.

8. Next meeting(s)

The next working group meeting will be on the 30 April 2020, via teleconference.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 9TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

Tele-meeting 12-13 February 2020

(Agreed on 13 February 2020)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Laurence Castle; Peter Fürst; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölfe; Birgit Dusemund, Dominique Turck, Alicja Mortensen

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard, Camilla Smeraldi, Ana Maria Rincon

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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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 topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Re-evaluation of ascorbyl palmitate (E 304i) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

The draft opinion was revised. It was noted that clarifications on the submitted data were requested from the interested parties; the responses will be considered in an updated version of the draft opinion. The draft will be tabled for discussion in a forthcoming FAF Panel plenary meeting.

4.2. Revision of the opinion on the re-evaluation of starch sodium octenyl succinate (E 1450) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

The comments received were discussed and the timetable for further elaboration on the changes to be made were agreed.

4.3. Re-evaluation of calcium carbonate (E 170) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

A preliminary discussion on the completeness of the data available was held.

5. Overview of the responses received to the calls for data

5.1. An overview of the ongoing call for data and of the responses received

An overview of the ongoing call for data and of the responses received so far was presented to the Working Group.

5.2. Allocation of the tasks for the re-evaluation of lecithins (E 322) ([EFSA-Q-2018-00094](#)), pectin (E 440(i)) and amidated pectin (E 440(ii)) ([EFSA-Q-2018-00098](#)), sodium carboxymethylcellulose (E 466) ([EFSA-Q-2018-00099](#)), sucrose esters of fatty acids (E 473) a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age ([EFSA-Q-2018-00101](#))

Tasks were distributed among the Working Group members in order to check the completeness of the data available

6. Any Other Business

6.1. Agreement on the minutes of the 9th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 12-13 February 2020

The minutes of this meeting had been agreed at the end of the meeting by the working group.

7. Next meeting(s)

The next working group meeting will be on the 15 April 2020 in Brussels.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 8TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

Physical meeting 29 November 2019

(Agreed on 29 November 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle; Peter Fürst (via teleconference); Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölfle; Birgit Dusemund and Dominique Turck (via teleconference)
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: Guillermo Cardon, Jiri Sochor
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard (via teleconference)

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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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. Template for the opinions on the re-evaluation of food additives used in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

This item was postponed.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Re-evaluation of ascorbyl palmitate (E 304i) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age³

The draft opinion was finalised and will be tabled for possible adoption at the FAF Panel plenary meeting (28-30 January 2020).

5.2. Revision of the opinion on the re-evaluation of starch sodium octenyl succinate (E 1450) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

The opinion was re-elaborated to account for the comments received and will be tabled for possible adoption at the FAF Panel plenary meeting (10-12 December 2019).

6. Overview of the responses received to the calls for data

6.1. An overview of the ongoing call for data and of the responses received

An overview of the ongoing call for data and of the responses received so far was presented to the Working Group.

The WG discussed and agreed the need for an additional expert in the field of ADME with experience in the evaluation of food additives.

6.2. Allocation of the tasks for the re-evaluation of calcium carbonate (E 170) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age⁴

Tasks were distributed among the Working Group members in order to progress with the drafting of the upcoming opinion.

7. Any Other Business

7.1. Overview of the replies to questions from third parties on the ongoing calls for data

An overview of the received questions and of the provided answers was provided.

³ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00089>

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00772>



7.2. Agreement on the minutes of the 8th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 29 November 2019

The minutes of this meeting were agreed at the end of the meeting by the working group.

8. Next meeting(s)

The working group agreed on tentative dates of the meetings for 2020.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 7TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

WEB/TELE-conference 1-2 October 2019

(Agreed on 2 October 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle; Peter Furst; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Dominique Turck; Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölfle; Birgit Dusemund and Dominique Turck
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: /
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.
Apologies were received from Alicja Mortensen.

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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², 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

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



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 topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Re-evaluation of acacia gum (E 414) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age ³

The draft opinion was finalised and will be tabled for possible adoption at the next FAF Panel plenary meeting (12-14 November 2019).

4.2. Re-evaluation of ascorbyl palmitate (E 304i) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age ⁴

Tasks were distributed among the Working Group members in order to progress with the drafting of the scientific opinion with the aim of having a first draft ready for the next WG meeting.

5. Overview of the responses received to the calls for data

5.1. An overview of the ongoing call for data and of the responses received

An overview of the ongoing call for data and of the responses received so far was presented to the Working Group. Tasks were distributed among the Working Group members in order to progress with the drafting of the upcoming opinion.

6. Any Other Business

6.1. Agreement on the minutes of the 7th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 1-2 October 2019

The minutes of this meeting agreed at the end of the meeting by the WG.

7. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held as a physical meeting (in Brussels) on 29 November 2019.

³ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00525>

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00089>



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 6TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

Physical meeting, Parma (Italy) 28 August 2019

(Agreed on 28 August 2019)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Laurence Castle; Peter Furst; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Dominique Turck; Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölfle; Birgit Dusemund and Alicja Mortensen

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives: /

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz

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

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², 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

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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 topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Re-evaluation of starch sodium octenyl succinate (E 1450) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age³

The draft opinion was finalised and will be tabled for possible adoption at the next FAF Panel plenary meeting (24-26 September 2019).

4.2. Re-evaluation of acacia gum (E 414) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age⁴

The Working Group continued its assessment. Tasks were distributed among the Working Group members in order to progress with the drafting of the scientific opinion.

5. Overview of the responses received to the calls for data

An overview of the ongoing call for data and of the responses received so far was presented to the Working Group. Tasks were distributed among the Working Group members in order to progress with the drafting of the upcoming opinion.

6. Any Other Business

6.1. Agreement on the minutes of the 6th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 28 August 2019

The minutes of this meeting were drafted during the meeting agreed by the WG.

7. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held as a teleconference in October 2019, exact date still to be agreed. A physical meeting will be held in November, exact date still to be agreed.

³ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00102>

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00525>



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 5TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

WEB/TELE-conference, 24 May 2019

(Agreed on 18 June 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle; Peter Furst; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Dominique Turck; Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölflé; Birgit Dusemund and Alicja Mortensen
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi, Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.
Apologies were received from Dominique Turck.

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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², 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. Agreement of the minutes of the 4th Working Group meeting held on 2 April 2019, Web-conference.

The minutes of the 4th Working Group meeting were agreed on 2 April 2019.³

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Re-evaluation of starch sodium octenyl succinate (E 1450) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age⁴

Further to the discussion held at the previous meetings the Working Group continued its assessment. Tasks were distributed among the Working Group members in order to progress with the drafting of the scientific opinion.

5.2. Re-evaluation of acacia gum (E 414) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age⁵

This agenda point was postponed to the next meeting.

6. Any Other Business

6.1. Overview of the responses received to the calls for data

This agenda point was postponed to the next meeting.

7. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held as a physical meeting in September 2019, date still to be agreed.

8. Short training for the pilot on opinion drafting

This agenda point was postponed.

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wqs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/wq-foodadditivesinfants-m.pdf>

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00102>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00525>



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 4TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

WEB/TELE-conference, 02 April 2019

(Agreed on 02 April 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle; Peter Furst; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Dominique Turck; Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölfle
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Birgit Dusemund and Alicja Mortensen

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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², 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. Agreement of the minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting held on 14 - February 2019, Web-conference.

The minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting were agreed on 14 February 2019.³

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Re-evaluation of starch sodium octenyl succinate (E 1450) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age⁴

Further to the initial discussion held at the previous meeting and the clarifications received from the interested parties on the data provided in response to the specific call for data for the food additive starch sodium octenyl succinate (E 1450), the Working Group continued its assessment.

Tasks were distributed among the Working Group members in order to progress with the drafting of the scientific opinion.

5.2. Re-evaluation of acacia gum (E 414) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age⁵

The Working Group held an initial discussion on the data submitted by the interested parties in response to the specific call for data for the food additive acacia gum (E 414).

Tasks were distributed among the Working Group members in order to progress with the drafting of the scientific opinion.

6. Any Other Business

6.1. Overview of the responses received to the calls for data

An overview of the responses received so far from interested parties was presented to the Working Group.

7. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held as a teleconference in May 2019, date still to be agreed.

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/wg-foodadditivesinfants-m.pdf>

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00564>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00525>

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 3RD MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

WEB/TELE-conference, 14 February 2019

(Agreed on 14 February 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle; Birgit Dusemund; Peter Furst; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Claude Lambré; Alicja Mortensen; Dominique Turck; Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölfle
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi

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

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by

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² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



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. Agreement of the minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting held on 17-18 October 2018, Parma.

The minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting were agreed on 18 October 2018.³

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Re-evaluation of starch sodium octenyl succinate (E 1450) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age⁴

The Working Group had an initial discussion on the responses received from interested parties to the specific call for data for the food additive starch sodium octenyl succinate (E 1450).

The Working Group raised some questions on the data received and requests for clarifications will be sent to the relevant interested parties.

Tasks were distributed among the Working Group members in order to progress with the drafting of the scientific opinion.

6. Any Other Business

6.1. Overview of the responses received to the calls for data

An overview of the responses received so far from interested parties was presented to the Working Group.

7. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held as a teleconference in April 2019, date still to be agreed.

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/wg-foodadditivesinfants-m.pdf>

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00564>

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Flavourings (FAF)

Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Working Group on Food Additives permitted in Foods for Infants below 16 weeks of age

Held on 17 -18/10/2018 ,Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 18/10/2018)

Participants

Working Group Members	Agenda points	Teleconference
■ Gundert-Remy Ursula	■ all	■ <input type="checkbox"/>
■ Mortensen Alicja	■ all	■ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
■ Dusemund Birgit	■ all	■ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
■ Waalkens- Berendsen Ine	■ all	■ <input type="checkbox"/>
■ Lambré Claude	■ all	■ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
■ Wölfle Detlef	■ all	■ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
■ Castle Laurence	■ all	■ <input type="checkbox"/>
■ Fürst Peter	■ all	■ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
■ Turck Dominique	■ all	■ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> on 17 October

Hearing Experts :

Not Applicable

European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

None

EFSA:

FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management, 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. Agreement of the notes of the previous Working Group meeting

The notes were agreed.

5. Feedback from FAF Panel, EFSA and European Commission

EFSA published the call for data agreed by the WG of the FAF Panel on 10/10/2018. Feedback from stakeholders is expected by 21/11/2018.

6. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

6.1 E 1450 Starch sodium octenyl succinate (Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00102)

<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00102>

The Working Group discussed the draft document. Further discussion is foreseen in a forthcoming meeting.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 Adoption of the minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting on Food Additives permitted in Foods for Infants below 16 weeks of age held on 17 - 18 October 2018, Parma.

The minutes were adopted.

7.2 Next meeting in 2018

No other meeting is foreseen

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Flavourings (FAF)

Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Working Group on Food Additives permitted in Foods for Infants below 16 weeks of age

Held on 10 -11/09/2018 ,Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 11/09/2018)

Participants

Working Members	Group	Agenda points	Teleconference
■ Gundert-Remy Ursula		■ all	■ <input type="checkbox"/>
■ Mortensen Alicja		■ Item 7.1 and 7.2	■ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
■ Dusemund Birgit		■ all	■ <input type="checkbox"/>
■ Waalkens-Berendsen Ine		■ Item 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3	■ <input type="checkbox"/>
■ Lambré Claude		■ all	■ <input type="checkbox"/>
■ Wölflé Detlef		■ Item 7.1 and 7.2	■ <input type="checkbox"/>
■ Castle Laurence		■ Item 7.1 and 7.2	■ <input type="checkbox"/>
■ Fürst Peter		■ Item 7.1 and 7.2	■ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Hearing Experts :

Not Applicable

European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

None

EFSA:

FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², 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. Agreement of the notes of the previous Working Group meeting

Not Applicable

5. Feedback from FAF Panel, EFSA and European Commission

EFSA launched calls for data on seven additives in order to address data gaps identified in previous EFSA opinions and the safety of their use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age.

On 30 November, EFSA will organise a one-day workshop to update stakeholders and interested parties on the re-evaluation of food additives

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http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

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http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

intended to be used in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age. The purpose of the workshop is EFSA and the Working Group experts to elaborate on the data requirements as they have been expressed in calls for data published by EFSA and to receive feedback from stakeholders on their data provision plans.

6. General issues

The progress of the draft opinion on phosphates was reported and issues related to the use of phosphates in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age were discussed.

7. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

7.1 E 306-E 309 Tocopherols (Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00090-EFSA-Q-2018-00093)

<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00090--00091-00092-00093>

The data requirements have been agreed by the WG

7.2 E 407 Carrageenan (Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00270)

<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00270>

The data requirements have been agreed by the WG

7.3 E 551 Silicon dioxide (Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00526)

<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00526>

The data requirements have been agreed by the WG

7.4 E 170 Calcium carbonate (Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00088)

<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00088>

The data requirements have been agreed by the WG

7.5 E 304i Fatty acid esters of ascorbyl palmitate (Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00089)

<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00089>

The data requirements have been agreed by the WG

7.6 E 471 Mono- and diglycerides of fatty acids (Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00100)

<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00100>

The data requirements have been agreed by the WG

7.7 E 473 Sucrose esters of fatty acids (Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00101)

<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00101>

The data requirements have been agreed by the WG

7.8 E 414 Acacia gum (Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00525)

<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00525>

The data requirements have been agreed by the WG

8. Any Other Business

8.1 Adoption of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting on Food Additives permitted in Foods for Infants and Young Children held on 10 - 11 September 2018, Parma.

The minutes were adopted.

8.2 Next meeting in 2018

17-18 October 2018