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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 9th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 03 June 2020 (Webconference)

(Agreed on 03 June 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:

  Eric Gaffet, Peter Fürst (Chair), Jan Mast and Ruud Peters
- EFSA:

  FIP Unit: Ana Campos Fernandes, Galvin Eyong, Federica Lodi, Ana Maria Rincon, Giorgia Vianello

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies received from Josefa Barrero.

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[1] and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management[2], 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 for discussion

4.1 Specifications of Polydextrose (E 1200) (EFSA-Q-2011-00583)

Data submitted by an interested business operator on the solubility and particle size of polydextrose (E 1200) were discussed. An assessment of the solubility data was prepared. The Working Group considered that further clarifications on the particle size data submitted would be needed and agreed to organise a technical hearing with the interested business operator.

5. Any Other Business

The Working Group was informed of a new mandate on the assessment of titanium dioxide (E171).

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 9th Working Group meeting held 03.06.2020

The minutes were agreed.

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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 8th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 17 April 2020 (Webconference)

(Agreed on 17 April 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:

  Laurence Castle, Karlien Cheyns, Peter Fürst (Chair), Manuela Mirat
- EFSA:

  FIP Unit: Galvin Eyong, Ana Maria Rincon, Giorgia Vianello

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies received from Josefa Barrero.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1 Specifications of glycerol (E 422) (EFSA-Q-2019-00815)

Data submitted on glycerol (E 422) by interested business operators were discussed and the WG considered that further clarifications were needed.

5. Any Other Business

The Working Group was informed about the outcome of the discussion at the EFSA Working Group on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age for items discussed at the 7th WG meeting.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 8th Working Group meeting held 17.04.2020

The minutes were agreed.

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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 7th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 14 April 2020 (Webconference)

(Agreed on 14 April 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:

  Laurence Castle, Karlien Cheyns, Peter Fürst (Chair), Manuela Mirat
- EFSA:

  FIP Unit: Galvin Eyong, Ana Maria Rincon, Giorgia Vianello

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies received from Josefa Barrero.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. Re-evaluation of ascorbyl palmitate (E 304i) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age (EFSA-Q-2018-00089)[3]

Data submitted on ascorbyl palmitate (E 304i) by interested business operators on the presence of toxic elements and residual solvents were discussed and an assessment of the available data was prepared. The assessment of the data will be further considered for the re-evaluation of this food additive at the EFSA Working Group on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age.[4]

4.2. Re-evaluation of sodium octenyl succinate (E1 450) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age (EFSA-Q-2018-00102)[5]

Data submitted on sodium octenyl succinate (E 1450) by interested business operators on the presence of toxic elements, sulfur dioxide, and octenyl succinic acid were discussed and an assessment of the data was prepared. The assessment of the data will be further considered for the re-evaluation of this food additive at the EFSA Working Group on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age.[4]

5. Any Other Business

None

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 7th Working Group meeting held 14.04.2020

The minutes were agreed.

[3] http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00089
http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/wg-foodadditivesinfants-m.pdf
[5] http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00102

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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 6th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 3 February 2020 (Webconference)

(Agreed on 3 February 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:

  Eric Gaffet, Peter Fürst (Chair), Jan Mast and Ruud Peters
- EFSA:

  FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Federica Lodi, Ana Maria Rincon, Giorgia Vianello

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Josefa Barrero

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[1] and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management[2], 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 for discussion

4.1. Re-evaluation of polydrextrose (E 1200) (EFSA-Q-2011-00583)[3]

Data submitted on the particle size of polydextrose (E 1200) by an interested business operator were discussed and the assessment of the data was prepared. The assessment of the data will be further considered for the re-evaluation of this food additive at the EFSA Working Group on the re-evaluation of miscellaneous food additives.[4]

4.2. Re-evaluation of calcium carbonate (E 170) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age (EFSA-Q-2018-00088)[5]

Data submitted on the particle size of calcium carbonate (E 170) by an interested business operator were discussed and the assessment of the data was prepared. The assessment of the data will be further considered for the re-evaluation of this food additive at the EFSA Working Group on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age.[6]

5. Any Other Business

The impact of a lower cut-off level when performing particle size distribution measurements was discussed.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 6th Working Group meeting held 3.02.2020

The minutes were agreed.

[3] http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2011-00583
[4] http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/re-eval-miscellaneus-wg-min.pdf
[5] http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00088
http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/wg-foodadditivesinfants-m.pdf

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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 5th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 19 June 2019 (Webconference)

(Agreed on 19 June 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
  Eric Gaffet, Peter Fürst (Chair), Jan Mast and Ruud Peters
- Hearing experts:
  Josefa Barrero and Stephane Jomini
- Observers:
  Tuomas Aitasalo, Laurent Devoille, Silvia Mazzega
- European Commission:
  Guillermo Cardon
- EFSA:
  FIP Unit: 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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4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. Proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive titanium dioxide (E171) (EFSA-Q-2018-00625)[3]

A revised draft scientific document was presented to the Working Group. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted. Subject to these revisions a new draft document will be scheduled for presentation in a forthcoming FAF Panel meeting.

5. Any Other Business

None

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 5th Working Group meeting held 19.06.2019

The minutes were agreed.

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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 4th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 11 June 2019 (Webconference)

(Agreed on 11 June 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:

  Eric Gaffet, Peter Fürst (Chair), Jan Mast and Ruud Peters
- Hearing experts:

  Josefa Barrero and Stephane Jomini
- Observers:

  Silvia Mazzega
- EFSA:

  FIP Unit: 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

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence[1] and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management[2], 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

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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 for discussion

4.1. Proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive titanium dioxide (E171) (EFSA-Q-2018-00625)[3]

A draft scientific document was presented to the Working Group. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted. Subject to these revisions a new draft document will be scheduled for presentation in a forthcoming WG meeting.

5. Any Other Business

None

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 4th Working Group meeting held 11.06.2019

The minutes were agreed.

7. Next meeting

19 June 2019 (webconference)

[3] http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00625

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 3rd MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 24 May 2019, (Webconference)

(Agreed on 24 May 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:

  Peter Fürst (Chair), Eric Gaffet, Jan Mast and Ruud Peters
- Representatives of the European Commission:

  Guillermo Cardon
- EFSA:

  FIP Unit: Federica Lodi, Ana Maria Rincon, Claudia Roncancio-Peña and Camilla Smeraldi
- Hearing experts representing interested parties:

David Brizzolara, Tony Jones, Michaela Müller, Petr Pikal and Brett Pinker were invited to present their views to elaborate on the specific questions they were called upon to answer solely for the agenda item 4.1" Proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive titanium dioxide (E171)" of the present meeting. They attended the meeting from 14:00 to 16:00 (CET time).

In accordance with the EFSA's Independence Policy 2017 and implementing rules[1] and the Decision of the Executive Director of the European Food Safety Authority on Competing Interest Management[2], EFSA invited David Brizzolara, Tony Jones, Michaela Müller, Petr Pikal and Brett Pinker to submit an ADoI. Their participation was limited to providing testimony, without the possibility to take on any role undertaken by members of the Panel, in accordance with the applicable legal framework

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

[1]EFSA's Independence Policy 2017 and implementing rules: http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/consultation/110707b.pdf

[2] Decision of the Executive Director of the European Food Safety Authority on Competing Interest Management: https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/corporate/pub/independencepolicy17

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 Independence[3] and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management[4], 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 topic for discussion

4.1. Technical hearing with interested parties for the assessment on Proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive titanium dioxide (E171) (EFSA-Q-2018-00625)[5]

Upon request from EFSA, the interested parties were given the opportunity to answer the questions elaborated by the WG and submitted in advance to the interested parties. Clarification to the points previously identified by the WG were provided during the meeting. EFSA will follow up by providing the interested parties with a written summary of the points discussed with the next steps and relative timelines.

5. Any Other Business

None

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting held 24.05.2019

The minutes were agreed.

7. Next meeting

11 June 2019 (webconference)

[3] http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf
[4] http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf
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MINUTES OF THE 2nd MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 15 May 2019, Brussels (Belgium)

(Agreed on 15 May 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:

  Peter Fürst (Chair), Jan Mast and Ruud Peters

  Eric Gaffet has participated via teleconference
- Hearing experts:

  Josefa Barrero

  Stephane Jomini participated via teleconference
- Observers:

  Tuomas Aitasalo, Milton Bonelli, Camelia Constantin, Pawel Figiel, Silvia Mazzega and Dominique Masset participated via teleconference
- Representatives of the European Commission:

  Guillermo Cardon and Jiri Sochor
- EFSA:

  FIP Unit: Ana Maria Rincon

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants and thanks Mr. Benoit Horion for hosting the working group meeting at the FPS (Federal Public Service) Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment, Eurostation II (Brussels).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. Proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive titanium dioxide (E171) (EFSA-Q-2018-00625)[3]

The additional data submitted by interested parties as well as their proposed amendment of the EU specifications for titanium dioxide (E 171) were discussed.

The Working Group evaluated the available data and considered that additional clarifications would be needed to proceed with the assessment. The Working Group would like to invite the interested parties to a technical hearing to address these clarifications.

A draft scientific document was presented to the Working Group. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted. Subject to these revisions a new draft document will be scheduled for presentation in a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5. Any Other Business

None

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting held 15.05.2019

The minutes were agreed.

7. Next meeting

24 May 2019 (webconference)

11 June 2019 (webconference)

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Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Flavourings

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on specifications of food additives

Held on 18th December 2018, Brussels (Belgium)

(Agreed on 18th December 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Eric Gaffet, Peter Fürst (Chair), Jan Mast and Ruud Peters.

- **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Ana Maria Rincon

- **Hearing experts:**

Josefa Barrero

Stephane Jomini participated via teleconference

- **Observers:**

Milton Bonelli and Dominique Masset participated via teleconference

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants and thanks Mr. Benoit Horion for hosting the working group meeting at the FPS (Federal Public Service) Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment, Eurostation II (Brussels).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive titanium dioxide (E 171) (EFSA-Q-2018-00625)

Data submitted by interested parties as well as their proposed amendment of the EU specifications for titanium dioxide (E 171) were discussed.

The Working Group evaluated the available data and considered that additional data and clarifications would be needed to proceed with the assessment.

5. Any Other Business

None.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 18.12.2018

The minutes were agreed.

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