



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 1st MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON TITANIUM DIOXIDE (E 171) AS A FOOD ADDITIVE

Held on 28 July 2020 (Webconference)

(Agreed on 28 July 2020)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

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■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Ana Campos, Maria Carfi, Esraa Elewa, Galvin Eyong, Alessandra Giarola, Ana Maria Rincon, Camilla Smeraldi, Giorgia Vianello.

SCER Unit: Maria Chiara Astuto, Jose Tarazona.

■ Observer:

Ari Karjalainen

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Jan Mast.

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. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1 Assessment of the safety of titanium dioxide (E 171) (EFSA-Q-2020-00262)

The mandate from the European Commission, the advice received from the EFSA ccWorking Group Nanotechnology for the assessment of titanium dioxide (E171), the approach that was followed for the literature search and the available toxicological database were presented to the Working Group. Further, the Working Group discussed the approaches that could be used for the relevance of the toxicity studies. An approach was agreed, and tasks were distributed to the experts.

5. Any Other Business

A short presentation on the organisation of the working documents was introduced.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 28.07.2020

The minutes were 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