Human health and environmental hazards of endocrine active substances – EFSA meets stakeholders

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Background

In September 2012, the European Commission gave EFSA the mandate to define scientific criteria for identifying endocrine disruptors (ED) and to review whether existing toxicity methods are appropriate to identify and characterise potential endocrine activity (effect on endocrine system) and/or endocrine disruption (leading to an adverse effect) in humans and the ecosystem. The resulting EFSA Scientific Committee opinion on *"Hazard assessment of endocrine disruptors: scientific criteria for identification of endocrine disruptors and appropriateness of existing testing methods for assessing effects mediated by these substances on human health and the environment"* will be published in March 2013 after discussion and adoption of the opinion by the Scientific Committee.

This opinion will feed into the current review of the EU's strategy on endocrine disruptors as well as EFSA's ongoing and future scientific work in assessing substances such as food contact materials, pesticides and contaminants in food and feed.

In line with EFSA's commitment to regular open dialogue with organisations that have a legitimate interest in its work, EFSA is organising a meeting to present the Scientific Committee's new opinion to a wide range of stakeholders, in order to provide an overview of the various aspects of the Scientific Committee's assessment and to explain the different roles of European and international bodies who have carried out work in this area.

Objectives of the meeting

EFSA is pleased to hold this scientific meeting to inform a wide range of stakeholders about the Authority's work and the work of its European and international partners in the area of endocrine active substances (EAS) and ED. The meeting will discuss the various scientific aspects of this topic: terminology, criteria for identifying/characterising EAS and ED, availability of test methods, limitations and research needs.

Structure of the meeting

The conference meeting is organised so as to promote an interactive exchange of views among participants, speakers and EFSA experts and staff. Presentations by a range of representatives of EFSA's European and international partners will provide an overview of scientific and regulatory developments related to EAS and EDs. The participation of institutional and civil society stakeholders will help to clarify the various scientific and societal aspects surrounding EAS.

Who should attend?

The scientific meeting is intended for scientific and regulatory experts in the field and other interested parties including scientists, international and institutional partners, key stakeholders, representatives from Member States, members of EFSA's Stakeholder Consultative Platform, representatives from NGOs and consumer organisations engaged in the fields related to endocrine active substances.

If registrations exceed the available places, participants will be selected on the basis of their experience/activity in the field of endocrine active substances, taking into account the need for an appropriate range of expertise to be represented at the meeting.

No conference fee will be charged.

On-line registrations

The registrations are closed.

Please note that registration may close once the maximum number of participants is reached or at the latest by 10 March 2013.

After closure of registration, potential participants will be informed whether or not they have been selected for participation. Selected participants will be asked to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements at their own expense.

Dates and venue

Further details on the venue and logistics will be communicated to participants upon confirmation of selection/attendance.

Language

English is the official language of the meeting. No translation is provided.

Contact

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