

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 56th Plenary meeting

Held on 14-16 April 2016, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 09 06 2015)

Participants

a) Panel Members

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b) European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

- Andreia Alvarez Porto⁹ (DG SANCO)

c) EFSA:

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- DATA Unit: Davide Arcella, Annette Forss and Petra Gergelova
- AMU Unit: Elisa Aiassa and Fulvio Barizzone

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

In the physical absence of the Chair, Alicja Mortensen, the Vice-Chair Claude Lambré is requested to chair the meeting and welcomed all participants.

Apologies were received from Dominique Parent-Massin.

¹ Participated on 14 and 15 April 2015

² Participated on 14 PM 15 and 16 April 2015

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⁴ Participated on 14 and 15 April 2015

⁵ Participated via teleconference except on the 15 April 2015 PM

⁶ Participated via teleconference

⁷ Participated on 14 PM 15 and 16 April 2015

⁸ Participated via teleconference

⁹ Participated on 14 PM 15 and 16 April 2015

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Committee/Scientific Panel/ Members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹⁰ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest,¹¹ EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest and the Specific Declarations of Interest filled in by the Scientific Panel Members invited for the present meeting. For further details on the outcome of the screening of the ADoI or the SDoI, please refer to Annex. Oral Declaration of Interest was asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 55th Plenary meeting held on 10-12 February 2015, Parma (Italy)

The minutes of the 55th Plenary meeting held on 10-12 February 2015 were agreed.¹²

5. Report on the written procedures since 55th Plenary meeting

No scientific outputs were adopted by written procedure since the last plenary meeting.

6. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion and possible adoption

6.1 Scientific risk assessment on Hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose (E464) ([EFSA-Q-2013-00283](#))

The ANS Panel was requested to provide a scientific opinion on the safety of hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose (E464) in relation to a request for a change of specifications. The rapporteurs introduced the draft opinion to the members of the ANS Panel and presented the main points for discussion.

The ANS Panel discussed the different parts of the risk assessment and adopted the opinion subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

The full opinion is available on the [Authority's webpage](#).

¹⁰ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

¹¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

¹² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/event/150210-m.pdf>

6.2 Re-evaluation of E300 Ascorbic acid, L-ascorbic acid, 2,3-Didehydro-L-threo-hexono-1,4-lactone, 3-Keto-L-gulofuranolactone ([EFSA-Q-2011-00470](#)), E301 Sodium ascorbate, Sodium L-ascorbate, 2,3-Didehydro-L-threo-hexono-1, 4-lactone sodium enolate, 3-Keto-L-gulofurano-lactone sodium enolate (E301) ([EFSA-Q-2011-00471](#)) and E302 Calcium ascorbate, Calcium salt of 2,3-didehydro-L-threo-hexono-1,4-lactone dihydrate ([EFSA-Q-2011-00472](#))

The rapporteur introduced the draft opinion on the safety assessment of ascorbic acid and ascorbates (E300-302) to the members of the ANS Panel and presented the main points for discussion.

The ANS Panel discussed the different parts of the risk assessment and adopted the opinion subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

The full opinion is available on the [Authority's webpage](#).

6.3 Re-evaluation of E312 Dodecyl gallate, n-dodecyl (or lauryl) ester of 3,4,5-trihydroxybenzoic acid, Dodecyl ester of gallic acid ([EFSA-Q-2011-00481](#))

The rapporteur introduced the draft opinion on the safety assessment of dodecyl gallate (E312) to the members of the ANS Panel and presented the main points for discussion.

The ANS Panel discussed the different parts of the risk assessment and adopted the opinion subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

The full opinion is available on the [Authority's webpage](#).

6.4 Extension of use for Extracts of Rosemary (E 392) into fat based spreads (E392) ([EFSA-Q-2014-00498](#))

The ANS Panel was requested to provide a scientific opinion on the safety of Extracts of Rosemary (E392) in relation to a request for extension of use. The rapporteur introduced the draft opinion to the members of the ANS Panel and presented the main points for discussion.

The ANS Panel discussed the different parts of the risk assessment and adopted the opinion subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

The full opinion is available on the [Authority's webpage](#)

6.5 Re-evaluation of E140i Chlorophylls ([EFSA-Q-2011-00357](#))

The rapporteur introduced the draft opinion on the safety assessment of chlorophylls (E140i) to the members of the ANS Panel and presented the main points for discussion.

The ANS Panel discussed the different parts of the risk assessment and adopted the opinion subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

The full opinion is available on the [Authority's webpage](#).

6.6 Re-evaluation of E140ii Chlorophyllins ([EFSA-Q-2011-00371](#))

The rapporteur introduced the draft opinion on the safety assessment of chlorophyllins (E140ii) to the members of the ANS Panel and presented the main points for discussion.

The ANS Panel discussed the different parts of the risk assessment and adopted the opinion subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

The full opinion is available on the [Authority's webpage](#).

6.7 Re-evaluation of E432 Polyoxyethylene sorbitan monolaurate (polysorbate 20) ([EFSA-Q-2011-00523](#)), E433 Polyoxyethylene sorbitan monooleate (polysorbate 80) ([EFSA-Q-2011-00524](#)), E434 Polyoxyethylene sorbitan monopalmitate (polysorbate 40) ([EFSA-Q-2011-00525](#)), E435 Polyoxyethylene sorbitan monostearate (polysorbate 60) ([EFSA-Q-2011-00526](#)), E436 Polyoxyethylene sorbitan tristearate (polysorbate 65) ([EFSA-Q-2011-00527](#)) and request for a scientific opinion on the exposure assessment of the whole group of polysorbates (E 432-436) ([EFSA-Q-2012-00740](#))

The draft opinion was presented by the rapporteur to the members of the ANS Panel. The need for further clarifications before finalisation was noted. Final discussion and adoption of the opinion are deferred to an upcoming plenary meeting.

6.8 Risk assessment for peri and postmenopausal women taking food supplements containing isolated isoflavones ([EFSA-Q-2013-00916](#)): state of play

The Chair of the Working Group together with EFSA staff presented the background to the mandate, the definition and the development of the proposed protocol and the structure of the opinion. Further discussions and the revision of the scientific opinion are deferred to an upcoming plenary meeting.

6.9 Re-evaluation of E914 oxidised polyethylene wax ([EFSA-Q-2011-00709](#))

The main points for discussion were presented by EFSA staff to the members of the ANS Panel. The need for further clarifications before finalisation was noted. Final discussion and adoption of the opinion are deferred to an upcoming plenary meeting.

7. New Mandates

The Head of the FIP unit informed the members of the ANS Panel on that overall 7 new mandates had been received since last Plenary meeting. Two of them are still undergoing suitability check by Application Desk.

EFSA-Q-Number	Subject
EFSA-Q-2015-00223	Request for EFSA's opinion regarding a proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive Basic Methacrylate Copolymer (E 1205)
EFSA-Q-2015-00222	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on Potassium Polyaspartate used as a stabiliser in wine

7.2 Valid applications since the previous meeting

Five applications were considered suitable by Application Desk:

EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Valid on
EFSA-Q-2015-00117	Request for EFSA to provide a scientific opinion on the safety of the proposed extension of use of Thaumatin (E957) as a food additive	07/04/2015
EFSA-Q-2015-00137	Extension of use of E 162 Beetroot Red, betanin in dietary foods for young children for special medical purposes	13/04/2015
EFSA-Q-2015-00136	Extension of use of E 160a Carotenes in dietary foods for young children for special medical purposes	13/04/2015
EFSA-Q-2015-00135	Extension of use of E 955 Sucralose in dietary foods for young children for special medical purposes	13/04/2015
EFSA-Q-2015-00134	Extension of use of E 950 Acesulfame in dietary foods for young children for special medical purposes	13/04/2015

8. Feedback from the Scientific Committee/Scientific Panels, EFSA, the European Commission

8.1 Scientific Committee and Scientific Panel including their Working Groups

A Panel member reported on the progress made by the Scientific Committee concerning the uncertainty in the risk assessment process. A public consultation is envisaged during the year and training sessions for experts will follow.

8.1.1. ANS SWG on Applications

8.1.2 ANS SWG Re-evaluation of Food Colours

8.1.3 ANS SWG Re-evaluation of Gums and Food Additives from Natural Sources

8.1.4 ANS SWG Re-evaluation of Food Additives other than Gums & Colours

8.1.5 ANS WG Isoflavones

8.1.6 ANS SWG Re-evaluation of Nitrates – Nitrites

The Chairs of the aforementioned Working Groups updated the Panel members on the progress made and on the next steps.

8.2 EFSA including its Working Groups /Task Forces

The Head of FIP Unit summarised to Panel members the new way of working applied in preparation to plenary meetings to maximize efforts and outputs.

8.3 European Commission

No specific topics were reported by the European Commission representative.

9. Other scientific topics for information and/or discussion

None

10. Any Other Business

An EFSA staff officer presented the updated workprogramme 2015 for the re-evaluation of food additives as laid down by Regulation (EU) No 257/2010.