

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

Minutes of the 61st Plenary meeting

Held on 8-10 December 2015, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 26 January 2016)

Participants

a) Panel Members

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b) Hearing experts⁵

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c) European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

- Wim Debeuckelaere (DG SANTE E7)

d) EFSA:

- Food Ingredients and Packaging (FIP) Unit: Dario Battacchi, Anna Christodoulidou, Paolo Colombo, Juho Lemmetyinen, Federica Lodi, Ana Maria Rincon, Claudia Roncancio Peña, Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard, Stavroula Tasiopoulou
- Evidence Management (DATA): Andrea Altieri and Davide Arcella

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all participants.

Apologies were received from Oliver Lindtner.

¹ Participated on 8 PM and 9 December 2015

² Participated on 8 PM, 9 and 10 December 2015 (on 10 AM via teleconference)

³ Participated on 8 PM, 9 and 10 December 2015

⁴ Participated on 9 PM December 2015 (via) teleconference

⁵ As defined in Article 11 of the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁶ Participated via teleconference on 9 December AM (agenda item 6.2)

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with the exception of item 6.9 that was removed from the “Scientific outputs submitted for discussion and possible adoption” and will not be discussed.

3. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Panel Members

In accordance with EFSA’s Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes⁷ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest,⁸ 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. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 60th Plenary meeting held on 17-19 November 2015, Parma (Italy)

The minutes of the 60th Plenary meeting held on 17-19 November were agreed.⁹

5. Report on the written procedures since 60th 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 Re-evaluation of E 174 Silver ([EFSA-Q-2011-00346](#))

The rapporteur introduced the draft opinion on the safety assessment of silver (E 174) 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](#).

6.2 Re-evaluation of E 315 Erythorbic acid ([EFSA-Q-2011-00482](#)), E 316 Sodium Erythorbate ([EFSA-Q-2011-00483](#))

The rapporteur introduced the draft opinion on the safety assessment of erythorbic acid (E 315) and sodium erythorbate (E 316) 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](#).

⁷ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

⁸ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/event/151117>

6.3 Request for EFSA opinion regarding a proposed extension of use of E 955 Sucralose in dietary foods for young children for special medical purposes ([EFSA-Q-2015-00135](#))

The rapporteur introduced the draft opinion on the safety of the proposed extension of use of sucralose (E 955) in food for special medical purposes (FSMP) to the members of the ANS Panel and presented the main points for discussion. The ANS Panel discussed the different parts of the opinion and adopted it subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

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

6.4 Re-evaluation of E 175 Gold ([EFSA-Q-2011-00345](#))

The rapporteur introduced the draft opinion on the safety assessment of gold (E 175) 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 Request for EFSA to provide a refined exposure assessment of E 319 Tertiary-butylhydroquinone (TBHQ) ([EFSA-Q-2013-00690](#))

The rapporteur introduced the draft output on the refined exposure assessment of TBHQ (E 319) to the members of the ANS Panel and presented the main points for discussion. The ANS Panel discussed the assessment and adopted the statement subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

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

6.6 Re-evaluation of E 160b Annatto, bixin, norbixin ([EFSA-Q-2011-00362](#))

The main points for discussion were presented by the rapporteur to the members of the ANS Panel. Discussion and adoption of the opinion are deferred to an upcoming Plenary meeting.

6.7 Re-evaluation of E210 Benzoic acid ([EFSA-Q-2011-00001](#)), E211 Sodium benzoate ([EFSA-Q-2011-00002](#)), E212 Potassium benzoate ([EFSA-Q-2011-00003](#)) and E213 Calcium benzoate ([EFSA-Q-2011-00004](#))

This topic was not discussed because of lack of time.

6.8 Re-evaluation of E220 Sulphur dioxide ([EFSA-Q-2011-00445](#)), 221 Sodium sulphite ([EFSA-Q-2011-00446](#)), E222 Sodium bisulphite ([EFSA-Q-2011-00447](#)), E223 Sodium metabisulphite ([EFSA-Q-2011-00448](#)), E224 Potassium metabisulphite ([EFSA-Q-2011-00449](#)), E226 Calcium sulphite ([EFSA-Q-2011-00450](#)), E227 Calcium bisulphite ([EFSA-Q-2011-00451](#)), E228 Potassium bisulphite ([EFSA-Q-2011-00452](#))

This topic was not discussed because of lack of time.

6.9 Request for EFSA opinion regarding a proposed extension of use of E 950 Acesulfame K in dietary foods for young children for special medical purposes ([EFSA-Q-2015-00134](#))

This topic was removed from the agenda and therefore not discussed.

6.10 Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food additive Gaseous chlorine dioxide ([EFSA-Q-2012-00748](#))

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.

7. New Mandates

This topic was not discussed because of lack of time.

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

8.1 Scientific Committee and Scientific Panel including their Working Groups

8.1.1. ANS SWG Re-evaluation of Nitrates – Nitrites

The Panel discussed the draft protocol for a systematic review of the literature on the levels of nitrosamines and nitrosamides found in food products containing nitrates and nitrites.

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

This topic was not discussed because of lack of time.

8.1.3 ANS SWG on Applications

This topic was not discussed because of lack of time.

8.2 EFSA including its Working Groups/Task Forces

This topic was not discussed because of lack of time.

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

None