

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

Minutes of the 62nd Plenary meeting

Held on 26-28 January 2016, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 8 March 2016)

Participants

a) Panel Members

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b) Hearing experts⁵

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c) European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

- Jiri Sochor (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

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all participants.

¹ Participated via teleconference on 26 PM, 27 January 2016 and on 28 January 2016

² Participated on 26 and 27 AM January 2016, on 28 January 2016 via teleconference

³ Participated via teleconference

⁴ Participated on 26 AM January 2016, on 27 PM January and on 28 January 2016

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 27 PM January 2016 (agenda item 9.3)

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without any changes.

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 61st Plenary meeting held on 8-10 December 2015, Parma (Italy)

The minutes of the 61st Plenary meeting held on 8-10 December 2015 were agreed.⁹

5. Report on the written procedures since 61st 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 Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food additive: Gaseous chlorine dioxide ([EFSA-Q-2012-00748](#))

The rapporteur introduced the draft opinion on the safety assessment of gaseous chlorine dioxide 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 E220 Sulphur dioxide ([EFSA-Q-2011-00445](#)), E221 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](#))

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 <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/151208>

6.3 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](#))

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.

6.4 Safety of potassium polyaspartate (A-5D K/SD) for use as a stabiliser in wine ([EFSA-Q-2015-00222](#))

The main points for discussion were presented by the rapporteur to the members of the ANS Panel. The Panel held a discussion on the approach to be followed for deriving a health-based guidance value under these specific circumstances and agreed to bring this point to the attention of the EFSA Scientific Committee for advice. Discussion and adoption of the opinion are therefore deferred to an upcoming Plenary meeting.

6.5 Safety of organic silicon (monomethylsilanetriol, MMST) as a novel food ingredient for use as a source of silicon in food supplements ([EFSA-Q-2013-00874](#))

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.

6.6 Re-evaluation of E444 Sucrose acetate isobutyrate ([EFSA-Q-2011-00530](#))

This item was not discussed because of lack of time.

7. New Mandates

The Panel was informed that a new mandate on the safety of orthosilicic acid-vanillin complex as a novel food ingredient and as a source of silicon added for nutritional purposes to food supplements (EFSA-Q-2016-00004) was received, however registration was still on-going with APDESK.

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

8.1 Scientific Committee and Scientific Panel including their Working Groups

None.

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

The Chair of the Working Group updated the Panel members on the progress made and on the next steps.

8.1.2 ANS SWG on Applications

The Chair of the Working Group updated the Panel members on the progress made and on the next steps.

8.2 EFSA including its Working Groups /Task Forces

None.

8.3 European Commission

No specific topics were reported by the European Commission representative.

9. Other scientific topics for information and/or discussion

9.1 Re-evaluation of E416 Karaya gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00515](#))

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.

9.2 Re-evaluation of E160b Annatto, bixin, norbixin ([EFSA-Q-2011-00362](#)) ([EFSA-Q-2008-395](#))

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

9.3 Re-evaluation of E249 Potassium nitrite and E250 Sodium nitrite ([EFSA-Q-2011-00460/461](#))

The main points for discussion were presented by the rapporteur and working group experts to the members of the ANS Panel. Further discussion of the opinion is deferred to an upcoming Plenary meeting.

10. Any Other Business

EFSA staff reported about newly generated data referring to genotoxicity of a mono azo dye (Allura red E 129), which have been now included in a scientific opinion recently adopted by the [FEEDAP Panel](#). The ANS Panel was of the view that since no contradictory information was identified neither with respect to the [2013 EFSA ANS Panel statement](#) on sulphonated mono azo dyes, nor with the previous [ANS Panel opinion](#) 2009 on the re-evaluation of Allura Red AC as a food additive, no actions would be required.

In order to update the guidance for the assessment of nutrient sources as part of the remit of the ANS Panel (as anticipated in the [minutes](#) in the 58th ANS Panel meeting) it was proposed to establish a new Working Group tasked with drafting the guidance. David Gott was proposed to act as a chair of the SWG and he accepted the nomination.