

Scientific Panel on Food Contact Materials, Enzymes, Flavourings and Processing Aids (CEF)

Draft Minutes of the 60th Plenary meeting

Held on 9-11 February 2016, Parma (Italy)

(to be Agreed on 12 April 2016)

Participants

a) Panel Members

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b) Hearing Experts:²

- Gerard Mulder³

c) European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

- Bastiaan Schupp (DG SANTE)

d) EFSA:

- Food Ingredients and Packaging (FIP) Unit: Margarita Aguilera-Gomez, Maria Anastassiadou, Magdalena Andryszkiewicz, Eric Barthélémy, Mary Carfi, Anna Federica Castoldi, Cristina Croera, Diveki Zoltan, Marina Goumenou, Alexandros Lioupis, Yi Liu, Claudia Roncancio Peña, Annamaria Rossi, Kim Rygaard Nielsen, Anne Theobald, Ellen Van Haver, Katharina Volk

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Maria De Fátima Tavares Poças and Wim Mennes.

¹ Participated on 9-10 February 2016

² 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>

³ Participated on 11 February 2016

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without any changes.

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

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes⁴ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest,⁵ 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 59th Plenary meeting held on 1-3 December 2015, Parma (Italy)

The minutes of the 59th Plenary meeting held on 1-3 December were agreed.⁶

5. Report on the written procedures since 59th 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 FGE.208 Revision 2: [FL-no: 02.091] myrtenol ([EFSA-Q-2015-00843](#))

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the Flavouring Group Evaluation 208, Revision 2, was presented to the members of the CEF Panel together with the main points for discussion. Initial discussion took place and the opinion will be presented again to the CEF Panel once additional information on the other substances reported in the mandate from the Commission will be evaluated.

6.2 FGE.49 Revision 1: [FL-no: 16:032] theobromine ([EFSA-Q-2011-00049](#)) and [FL-no: 16:016] caffeine ([EFSA-Q-2011-01015](#))

The strategy on safety assessment of the Flavouring Group Evaluation 49, Revision 1, was presented to the members of the CEF Panel together with the main points for discussion. The CEF Panel discussed the different parts of the strategy on the risk assessment and agreed with the approach of the Flavouring Working Group.

The draft opinion will be presented to the CEF Panel for adoption in a future meeting.

6.3 Evaluation of α -Tocopherol acetate ([EFSA-Q-2015-00434](#))

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of α -tocopherol acetate for use in Food Contact Materials was presented to the members of the CEF Panel together with the main points for discussion. The CEF Panel discussed the different parts of the risk assessment and adopted the opinion, subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁶ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/event/151201a>

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

6.4 Evaluation of Coopbox recycling process (Starlinger deCON) ([EFSA-Q-2015-00480](#))

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of Coopbox recycling process (Starlinger deCON) was presented to the members of the CEF Panel together with the main points for discussion. The CEF Panel discussed the different parts of the risk assessment and adopted the opinion, subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

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

6.5 Evaluation of ANL recycling process (Starlinger deCON) ([EFSA-Q-2015-00569](#))

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of ANL recycling process (Starlinger deCON) was presented to the members of the CEF Panel together with the main points for discussion. The CEF Panel discussed the different parts of the risk assessment and adopted the opinion, subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

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

6.6 Evaluation of Ecoiberia recycling process (Starlinger deCON) ([EFSA-Q-2015-00568](#))

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of Ecoiberia recycling process (Starlinger deCON) was presented to the members of the CEF Panel together with the main points for discussion. The CEF Panel discussed the different parts of the risk assessment and adopted the opinion, subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

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

6.7 Evaluation of Pramia Plastic Oy recycling process (Starlinger IV+) ([EFSA-Q-2015-00516](#))

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of Pramia Plastic Oy recycling process (Starlinger IV+) was presented to the members of the CEF Panel together with the main points for discussion. The CEF Panel discussed the different parts of the risk assessment and adopted the opinion, subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

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

6.8 Evaluation of Sodium polyacrylate, cross linked ([EFSA-Q-2014-00449](#))

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of sodium polyacrylate, cross linked, for use in active packaging material was presented to the members of the CEF Panel together with the main points for discussion. The CEF Panel asked the WG Food Contact Materials for some additional clarifications. A revised draft opinion will be presented at a future plenary for discussion and possible adoption.

6.9 Evaluation of Zinc Oxide, nanoparticles ([EFSA-Q-2014-00529](#))

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of Zinc Oxide, nanoparticles for use in food Contact Material was presented to the members of the CEF Panel together with the main

points for discussion. The CEF Panel discussed the different parts of the risk assessment and adopted the opinion, subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

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

6.10 Opinion on a mandate from the European Commission to supplement the opinion on HDPE recycling processes ([EFSA-Q-2015-00238](#))

The draft opinion entitled "Identification of the substances from the carcinogenic Potency Database (CPDB) which are of particular concern even if ingested as doses below 0.0025 µg/kg body weight per day" was presented to the members of the CEF Panel together with the main points for discussion. The CEF Panel discussed the different parts of the text and adopted the opinion, subject to the incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

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

7. New Mandates

The Head of the FIP unit informed the members of the CEF Panel that 30 new mandates for the safety assessment of enzymes, five new mandates for the safety assessment of flavourings and seven new mandates for the safety assessment of food contact materials had been received since the last Plenary meeting.

7.1 New applications since the previous meeting

Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Reception date
FLAV	2015-00843	Request for re-evaluation of flavouring substances from FGE.208: Myrtenol: FL 02.091.	27/11/15
FLAV	2015-00820	Request for an evaluation of a new flavouring substance; 2-(4-Methylphenoxy)-N-(1H-pyrazol-3-yl)-N-(thiophen-2-ylmethyl) acetamide	9/12/15
FLAV	2015-00821	Request for an evaluation of a new 'other' flavouring; Grill flavour concentrate (vegetable)	9/12/15
ENZ	2015-00824	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Endothiapepsin from a genetically modified strain of <i>Cryphonectria parasitica</i> (strain DSM 29549)	9/12/15
ENZ	2015-00825	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: L-Ascorbate oxidase from <i>Cucurbita pepo</i> and <i>Cucurbita moschata</i>	9/12/15
ENZ	2015-00826	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Microbial collagenase from a genetically modified strain of <i>Streptomyces violaceoruber</i> (strain pCol)	9/12/15
ENZ	2015-00827	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Inulinase from <i>Aspergillus niger</i> (strain NZYM-KF)	9/12/15
ENZ	2015-00828	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Endo-1,3(4)-beta-glucanase from a genetically modified strain of <i>Bacillus subtilis</i> (DP-Emz28)	9/12/15
ENZ	2015-00756	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Alpha-L-rhamnosidase from <i>Penicillium decumbens</i> (strain AE-HP)	10/12/15

ENZ	2015-00758	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Chymosin from a genetically modified strain of <i>Aspergillus niger</i> var. <i>awamori</i> (strain DSM 29544)	10/12/15
FCM	2015-00832	Request for safety evaluation of dimethyl carbonate for use as monomer in plastics	15/12/15
FCM	2015-00833	Request for safety evaluation of Poly(oxy-1,2-ethanediyl), alpha-sulfo-omega-[1-(hydroxyl-methyl)-2-(2-propenylloxy)ethoxy]-, C11-rich C10-14 branched alkyl ethers, ammonium salt for use as additive in plastics - Trade name: ADEKA REASOAP SR-10	15/12/15
FCM	2015-00848	Request for safety evaluation of CO2 emitter for poultry meat	22/12/15
FLAV	2016-00002	Request for an evaluation of a new other flavouring; GRILLIN' 5078	22/12/15
FLAV	2016-00003	Request for an evaluation of a new other flavouring: GRILLIN' CB-200SF	23/12/15
ENZ	2015-00836	Request to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Alpha-amylase from a genetically modified strain of <i>Bacillus licheniformis</i> (DP-Dzb44)	04/01/16
ENZ	2015-00837	Request to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Bacillolysin from <i>Bacillus amyloliquefaciens</i>	04/01/16
ENZ	2015-00838	Request to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Beta-galactosidase from a genetically modified strain of <i>Bacillus subtilis</i> (DP-Ezg29)	04/01/16
ENZ	2015-00839	Request to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Endo-1,4-beta-xylanase from a genetically modified strain of <i>Bacillus subtilis</i> (DP-Ezd31)	04/01/16
ENZ	2015-00840	Request to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Beta-Fructofuranosidase from <i>Aspergillus fijiensis</i> (strain ATCC® 20611™)	04/01/16
ENZ	2015-00845	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Aspergillus nuclease S1 from <i>Penicillium citrinum</i> (strain NP-11-15)	04/01/16
ENZ	2015-00846	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Alpha-amylase from <i>Bacillus amyloliquefaciens</i>	04/01/16
ENZ	2015-00847	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzymes: AMP deaminase from <i>Aspergillus oryzae</i> (strain DEA 262)	04/01/16
FCM	2016-00001	Request for safety evaluation of [3-(2,3-Epoxypropoxy)propyl]trimethoxysilane (Glymo) for use as monomer (or additive) in plastics	04/01/16
FCM	2016-00006	Request for re-evaluation of Phosphorous acid, mixed 2,4-bis(1,1-dimethylpropyl)phenyl triesters (Ref. No. 74050; Trade name: Weston 705) with regards to revising the existing specific migration limit	04/01/16
FCM	2016-00007	Request for the safety evaluation of Freshness indicator for poultry meat	04/01/16

FCM	2016-00016	Request for safety evaluation of Polyoctenamer (Vestenamer) for use as monomer (or additive) in plastics	08/01/16
ENZ	2016-00030	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Mucorpepsin from <i>Rhizomucor miehei</i>	12/01/16
ENZ	2016-00031	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Acetolactate decarboxylase from a genetically modified strain of <i>Bacillus licheniformis</i> (strain NZYM-JB)	12/01/16
ENZ	2016-00032	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Glucose isomerase from <i>Streptomyces murinus</i> (strain NZYM-GA)	12/01/16
ENZ	2016-00033	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: 4- alpha-glucanotransferase from <i>geobacillus pallidus</i> (strain AE-SAS)	12/01/16
ENZ	2016-00034	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Tannase from <i>Aspergillus niger</i> (strain AE-TAN)	12/01/16
ENZ	2016-00081	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Cyclomaltodextrin glucanotransferase from <i>Geobacillus stearothermophilus</i> (strain AE-KCGT)	28/01/16
ENZ	2016-00082	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzymes: Cyclomaltodextrin glucanotransferase from <i>Paenibacillus macerans</i> (strain AE-CGT)	28/01/16
ENZ	2016-00083	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Thermolysin from <i>Geobacillus stearothermophilus</i> (strain AE-TP)	28/01/16
ENZ	2016-00084	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Phospholipase A2 from porcine pancreas	28/01/16
ENZ	2016-00085	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Beta amylase from soybean (<i>Glycine max</i>)	28/01/16
ENZ	2016-00098	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzymes: Cellulase from <i>Penicillium funiculosum</i> (DP-Lzc35)	4/02/16
ENZ	2016-00099	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Tricylglycerol lipase from a genetically modified strain of <i>Aspergillus niger agg.</i> (strain FL108SC)	4/02/16
ENZ	2016-00100	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: 1,4-alpha-glucan branching enzyme from <i>Geobacillus stearothermophilus</i> (TRBE14)	4/02/16
ENZ	2016-00101	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Catalase from porcine livers	4/02/16
ENZ	2016-00102	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Urease from <i>Lactobacillus fermentum</i> (strain 48/72)	4/02/16

7.2 Valid applications since the previous meeting

Twenty-nine mandates for the safety assessment of enzymes, three mandates for the safety assessment of flavourings and one mandate for the safety assessment of food contact materials had been considered valid for the start of the assessment since the last Plenary meeting.

Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Valid on
ENZ	2015-00620	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Isomaltulose synthase from <i>Protaminobacter rubrum</i> (Z12A)	3/12/15
ENZ	2015-00623	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Aspergillopepsin I and II from <i>Aspergillus niger</i> var. <i>macrosporus</i> (DBD-0406)	3/12/15
ENZ	2015-00230	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Cyclomaltodextrin glucanotransferase derived from <i>G. stearothermophilus</i>	4/12/15
FCM	2015-00516	Request for the evaluation of Pramia Plastic Oy recycling process (Starlinger iV+) for direct food contact application	17/12/15
ENZ	2015-00231	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Dextranase from <i>C. gracile</i>	18/12/15
ENZ	2015-00663	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Endo-1,3(4)-beta-glucanase from <i>Talaromyces versatilis</i> (strain PF8)	18/12/15
ENZ	2015-00664	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Lipase from a genetically modified strain of <i>Aspergillus oryzae</i> (NZYM-PH)	18/12/15
ENZ	2015-00410	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme Lysophospholipase from a genetically modified strain of <i>Trichoderma reesei</i> (RF7206)	04/01/16
ENZ	2015-00683	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: AMP deamilase from <i>Streptomyces murinus</i> (AE-DNTS)	04/01/16
ENZ	2015-00684	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Beta-galactosidase from <i>Aspergillus oryzae</i> (AE-LA)	04/01/16
ENZ	2015-00685	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Dextranase from <i>Chaetomium erraticum</i> (AE-DX)	04/01/16
ENZ	2015-00691	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Beta-amylase from <i>Bacillus flexus</i> (AE-BAF)	04/01/16
ENZ	2015-00692	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Triacylglycerol lipase from <i>Mucor javanicus</i> (AE-LM)	04/01/16

ENZ	2015-00693	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Beta-glucanase from <i>Cellulosimicrobium cellulans</i> (AE-TN)	04/01/16
ENZ	2015-00695	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Protein-glutaminase from <i>Chryseobacterium proteolyticum</i> (AE-PG)	04/01/16
FLAV	2015-00843	FL 02.091 Myrtenol	04/01/16
ENZ	2015-00292	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Glucoamylase from <i>Aspergillus niger</i>	18/01/16
ENZ	2015-00406	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme Hexose oxidase from a genetically modified strain of <i>Hansenula polymorpha</i> (strain DP-Jza21)	18/01/16
ENZ	2015-00452	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Rhizopuspepsin from <i>R.niveus</i> (AE-N)	18/01/16
ENZ	2015-00694	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Laccase from <i>Trametes hirusta</i> (AE-OR)	20/01/16
ENZ	2015-00370	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Cellulase from <i>Talaromyces cellulolyticus/Talaromyces pinophilus</i> (strain Acremonium cellulolyticus)	25/01/16
ENZ	2015-00449	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Catalase from <i>A. niger</i> (AE-CN)	25/01/16
ENZ	2015-00450	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzymes: Pullulanase from <i>K. pneumoniae</i> (AE-PUL)	25/01/16
FLAV	2015-00820	Request for an evaluation of a new flavouring substance; 2-(4-Methylphenoxy)-N-(1H-pyrazol-3-yl)-N-(thiophen-2-ylmethyl) acetamide	28/01/16
FLAV	2015-00821	Request for an evaluation of a new 'other' flavouring; Grill flavour concentrate (vegetable)	28/01/16
ENZ	2015-00825	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: L-Ascorbate oxidase from <i>Cucurbita pepo</i> and <i>Cucurbita moschata</i>	29/01/16
ENZ	2015-00827	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Inulinase from <i>Aspergillus niger</i> (strain NZYM-KF)	29/01/16
ENZ	2015-00756	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Alpha-L-rhamnosidase from <i>Penicillium decumbens</i> (strain AE-HP)	1/02/16
ENZ	2015-00761	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Mucorpepsin from <i>Rhizomucor miehei</i> (strain 29547)	1/02/16

ENZ	2014-00804	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Cellulase from <i>T. reesei</i>	2/02/16
ENZ	2014-00805	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Endo-1,3(4)-beta-glucanase from <i>T. reesei</i>	2/02/16
ENZ	2015-00233	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Mucorpepsin from <i>R. miehei</i>	2/02/16
ENZ	2015-00237	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Animal rennet consisting of chymosin and pepsin from the abomasum of <i>Bos primigenius</i> (cattle), <i>Bubalus bubalis</i> (buffalo), <i>Capra aegagrus hircus</i> (goat) and <i>Ovis aries</i> (sheep)	2/02/16

These applications were assigned to the respective working groups.

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. Scientific Committee and its Working Groups

The Scientific Committee Plenary will be held on 17-18 February 2016.

8.1.2. CEF SWG Food Enzymes

The Chair of the Panel nominated Dr. Sirpa Kärenlampi as new Vice-Chair for the working group on Enzyme

8.1.3. CEF SWG Genotoxicity

Discussion was held on the approach to be taken to provide evidence of bone marrow exposure in negative *in vivo* micronucleus assay.

8.1.6. CEF SWG Flavourings

Discussion was held on the approach to be taken to provide evidence of bone marrow exposure in negative *in vivo* micronucleus assay.

9. Any Other Business

9.1 Withdrawal of the adoption of the Scientific Opinion on Flavouring Group Evaluation 400 (FGE.400): 3-(1-((3,5-dimethylisoxazol-4-yl)methyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-1-(3-hydroxybenzyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione from chemical group 30 ([EFSA-Q-2012-00871](#))

The CEF Panel withdrew the adoption of the Scientific Opinion on Flavouring Group Evaluation 400 (FGE.400): 3-(1-((3,5-dimethylisoxazol-4-yl)methyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-1-

(3-hydroxybenzyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione from chemical group 30 ([EFSA-Q-2012-00871](#), adopted on 2 December 2015). During the pre-publication revision it was identified the need for additional reflections in a dedicated WG meeting. The assessment process will thus be re-opened and an amended version will be re-submitted for discussion and possible adoption in a future plenary meeting.

Annex

Interests and actions resulting from the screening of Annual Declarations of Interest (ADoI) or Specific Declarations of Interest (SDoI)

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

a) In the SDoI submitted for this meeting, Dr Roland Franz declared the following interests for the following items: 6.4 Coopbox recycling process (EFSA-Q-2015-00480), 6.5 ANL recycling process (EFSA-Q-2015-00569), 6.6 Ecoiberia recycling process (EFSA-Q-2015-00568) and 6.10 HDPE recycling processes (EFSA-Q-2015-00238). His lab was not directly involved in the preparation of dossiers for these processes, however, his laboratory has prepared dossiers for PET recycling processes and therefore be in competition with the processes discussed during the CEF Panel.

For agenda point 6.7 Pramia plastic Oy recycling process (EFSA-Q-2015-00516) his laboratory has prepared the dossier and contributed with technical-experimental work in support of this dossier.

For agenda point 6.8 Sodium polyacrylate, cross linked (EFSA-Q-2014-00449) his laboratory has done some migration tests on products of the petitioner submitted in this dossier.

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was deemed to represent a Conflict of Interest. This results in exclusion of the expert from any discussion, voting or other processing of these items by the concerned scientific group.

b) Dr. Rainer Görtler declared that he had evaluated in November 2015 in the context of his work at the BfR a bacterial reverse mutation assay and an in vitro micronucleus assay performed with myrtenol [FL-no: 02.091] (EFSA-Q-2015-00843) (agenda item 6.1) and prepared a scientific statement on these studies for his employer. As this is a past activity and the scientific statement prepared by the expert is not subject to discussion in the Panel, the interest declared was not deemed to represent a conflict of interest.