

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

Minutes of the 64th Plenary meeting

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

(Agreed on 27 June 2016)

Participants

a) Panel Members

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b) Hearing experts⁴

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c) European Commission:

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d) EFSA:

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1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all participants.

Apologies were received from Fernando Aguilar and Oliver Lindtner.

¹ Participated on 26 April 2016 PM, 27 and 28 April 2016

² Participated on the 27 April PM and 28 April 2016 AM

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⁴ 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>

⁵ Participated via teleconference on 27 and 28 April 2016 AM (agenda item 6.4 and 9.2)

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 Processes⁶ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest,⁷ 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 63rd Plenary meeting held on 8-10 March 2016, Parma (Italy)

The minutes of the 63rd Plenary meeting held on 8-10 March 2016 were agreed.⁸

5. Report on the written procedures since 63rd 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 opinion regarding a proposed extension of use of E 162 beetroot red in dietary foods for young children for special medical purposes ([EFSA-Q-2015-00137](#))

The rapporteur introduced the draft opinion on the safety of the proposed extension of use of beetroot red (E 162) 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](#).

6.2 Safety of Calcium Phosphoryl Oligosaccharide (POs-Ca®) added for nutritional purposes to foods, food supplements and foods for special medical purposes ([EFSA-Q-2015-00413](#))

The rapporteur introduced the draft opinion on the safety of the proposed use of Calcium Phosphoryl Oligosaccharide (POs-Ca®) as source of calcium 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 <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

⁷ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁸ <https://dms.efsa.europa.eu/otcs/cs.exe/properties/15857705>

6.3 Re-evaluation of E 444 Sucrose acetate isobutyrate ([EFSA-Q-2011-00530](#))

The rapporteur introduced the draft opinion on the safety assessment of sucrose acetate isobutyrate (E 444) 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 Safety of the proposed amendment of the specifications for basic methacrylate copolymer (E 1205) as a food additive ([EFSA-Q-2015-00223](#))

The rapporteur introduced the draft opinion on the safety of the proposed amendment of specifications for basic methacrylate copolymer (E 1205) 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](#).

6.5 Re-evaluation of E 160b Annatto, bixin, norbixin ([EFSA-Q-2011-00362](#)) ([EFSA-Q-2008-395](#))

The rapporteur introduced topics for discussion to the members of the ANS Panel. The Panel agreed about the approach to be taken. Final discussion on the opinion and adoption are deferred to an upcoming plenary meeting.

6.6 Re-evaluation of E 416 Karaya gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00515](#))

The rapporteur introduced topics for discussion to the members of the ANS Panel. The Panel agreed about the approach to be taken. The ANS Panel discussed the different parts of the opinion and the need for further clarification was noted. Final discussion on the opinion and adoption are deferred to an upcoming plenary meeting.

6.7 Re-evaluation of E 410 Locust bean gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00510](#))

This item was not discussed because of lack of time.

6.8 Safety of Trimagnesium dicitrate anhydrous (TMDC) as a food additive ([EFSA-Q-2015-00460](#))

The rapporteur introduced topics for discussion to the members of the ANS Panel. The need for further clarification was noted. Further discussion on the opinion is deferred to an upcoming meeting of the Working Group on Applications.

6.9 Re-evaluation of E 442 ammonium phosphatides ([EFSA-Q-2011-00529](#))

This item was not discussed because of lack of time.

7. New Mandates

This item was not discussed because of lack of time.

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

The European Commission reported about the roadmap concerning the actions to be taken as a result of the recent adoption of opinions where the Panel made recommendations. A meeting with the interested business operators to clarify expectations is planned for the 29 April.

8.1 Scientific Committee and Scientific Panel including their Working Groups

None.

8.1.1. ANS SWG of Nitrates and Nitrites

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

8.1.3 ANS SWG Re-evaluation of Starches, Celluloses and Pectins

8.1.4 ANS SWG Re-evaluation of Gums and Food Additives from natural sources

8.1.5 ANS SWG on Applications

8.1.6 ANS SWG on Exposure Assessment

The agenda items 8.1.1-8.1.6 were not discussed because of lack of time.

8.1.7 ANS WG Nutrient Sources guidance

The Chair informed the Panel about the status of the work further to the first meeting. A draft concept paper is available for comments from the Panel members. A formal public consultation is envisaged.

8.2 EFSA including its Working Groups /Task Forces

None.

8.3 European Commission

The European Commission representative reported on the strategy for follow-up on scientific opinions resulted to be inconclusive or with concerns. Requested activities for selected food additives with related timelines will be published in the EC webpage at the end of May. A meeting with interested business operators and Member States is planned for the 29 April.

9. Other scientific topics for information and/or discussion

9.1 Endorsement of the protocol for the systematic review of nitrosamines and nitrosamides (Sodium and potassium nitrite E 249-250)

The ANS Panel discussed the protocol and endorsed it subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

9.2 Titanium dioxide (E 171): new information

An update on the new data submitted from the Netherlands and on the outcome of the discussion held with the members of the FEEDAP WG on colourings was presented. Discussion and adoption of the opinion are deferred to an upcoming Plenary meeting.

9.3 Quillaia (E 999): new information

The rapporteur introduced topics for discussion to the members of the ANS Panel. The Panel agreed about the approach to be taken. Final discussion on the opinion and adoption are deferred to an upcoming plenary meeting.

10. Any Other Business

EFSA staff informed that a complete technical report on the long term study performed by Ramazzini Institute on sucralose (EFSA-Q-2016-00251) will be made available to the Panel by the end of May.