



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 8TH PLENARY MEETING

Held on 26-27 June 2019, Parma

(Agreed by written procedure on 15 July 2019)

Participants

■ Panel Members:

Gabriele Aquilina, Laurence Castle, Karl-Heinz Engel, Paul Fowler, Maria José Frutos Fernandez, Peter Fürst¹, Rainer Gürtler, Ursula Gundert-Remy, Wim Mennes, Peter Moldeus, Agneta Oskarsson, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Wölflé and Maged Younes

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

DG SANTE (Health and Food Safety), E2 Food processing technologies and novel foods: Jiri Sochor

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Claudia Roncancio Peña, Stefania Barmaz, Maria Carfi, Consuelo Civitella, Esraa Elewa, Brian Flynn, Alessandra Giarola, Federica Lodi, Carla Martino, Ana Maria Rincon, Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard and Giorgia Vianello

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants in the meeting. Apologies were received from Trine Husøy and Romina Shah for the whole length of the meeting.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

¹ Apologies on 27 June 2019



3. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Panel members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Panel members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process.

Certain interests were declared orally by the members before the beginning of the meeting. For further details on the outcome of the screening of the Oral Declarations of Interest made at the beginning of the meeting, please refer to the Annex I.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 7th Plenary meeting held on 4-6 June 2019, Parma

The minutes of the 7th Plenary meeting held on 4-6 June 2019 were agreed on 26 June 2019⁴.

5. Report on written procedures since 7th Plenary meeting

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

6. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

FOOD ADDITIVES

6.1. Scientific opinion on the proposed amendment of the specification of the food additive titanium dioxide (E171) ([EFSA-Q-2018-00625](#))

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

The full opinion will be available on the Authority's webpage.

6.2. Proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive steviol glycosides (E 960) ([EFSA-Q-2019-00063](#))

A steering from the Panel was sought with respect to the approach to be followed by the Working Group in further elaborating its conclusions in the draft opinion.

The draft opinion will be further elaborated by the WG following the recommendations from the Panel.

FLAVOURINGS

6.3. FGE.05 Rev3 ([EFSA-Q-2018-00649](#); [EFSA-Q-2018-00650](#); [EFSA-Q-2018-00651](#); [EFSA-Q-2018-00667](#); [EFSA-Q-2018-00850](#); [EFSA-Q-2018-00851](#); [EFSA-Q-2018-00852](#); [EFSA-Q-2018-00853](#); [EFSA-Q-2018-00854](#); [EFSA-Q-2018-00855](#); [EFSA-Q-2018-00856](#); [EFSA-Q-2018-00857](#); [EFSA-Q-](#)

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/event/190604-m.pdf>



[2018-00858](#); [EFSA-Q-2018-00859](#); [EFSA-Q-2018-00860](#); [EFSA-Q-2018-00861](#); [EFSA-Q-2018-00862](#))

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

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

7.1. Scientific Committee and Scientific Panel(s) including their Working Groups

7.1.1.FAF WG Food Additives Applications

No additional issues were brought to the attention of the FAF Panel further to what is already recorded in the [minutes of the WG](#).

7.1.2.FAF WG on the re-evaluation of miscellaneous food additives

No additional issues were brought to the attention of the FAF Panel further to what is already recorded in the [minutes of the WG](#).

7.1.3.FAF WG on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

No additional issues were brought to the attention of the FAF Panel further to what is already recorded in the [minutes of the WG](#).

7.1.4.FAF WG on the re-evaluation of remaining food additives other than colours and sweeteners

No additional issues were brought to the attention of the FAF Panel further to what is already recorded in the [minutes of the WG](#).

7.1.5.FAF WG on Sweeteners

No additional issues were brought to the attention of the FAF Panel further to what is already recorded in the [minutes of the WG](#).

7.1.6.FAF WG on Flavourings

No additional issues were brought to the attention of the FAF Panel further to what is already recorded in the [minutes of the WG](#).

7.1.7.FAF WG on Specifications of Food Additives

No additional issues were brought to the attention of the FAF Panel further to what is already recorded in the [minutes of the WG](#)

7.2. EFSA including its Working Groups/Task Forces

An ad-hoc meeting with industry representatives on smoke flavourings and flavourings other than flavouring substances for use in food and feed was organised by EFSA on 24th June 2019. Awareness was raised among the participants on the current data requirement in the



area of genotoxicity assessment of chemical mixtures, as recommended by the EFSA Scientific Committee.

A post-event summary will be available on the Authority's webpage.

7.3. European Commission

No feedback provided.

8. New and withdrawn mandates

8.1. Flavourings

8.1.1. Request for EFSA's scientific opinion on the new smoke flavouring primary product RS1003 (M-2015-0127)

The Panel was informed about the withdrawal of this mandate from the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries of Denmark for the assessment of an application for a proposed new smoke flavouring primary product, RS1003, according to Regulation (EC) 2065/2003.

9. Other scientific topics for information and/or discussion

No other scientific topics were presented for information and/or discussion.

10. Any Other Business

None.



Annex I

Interests and actions resulting from the Oral Declaration of Interest done at the beginning of the meeting

With regard to this meeting, Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez and Rainer Gürtler declared the following interest: "Attendance to 87th JECFA meeting held on 4th-13th June 2019, during which the establishment of framework for safety assessment of steviol glycosides produced by different technologies was discussed ". In addition, Rainer Gürtler declared that he has participated in the preparation of "frequently asked questions" for the BfR in relation to titanium dioxide (E171). In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence⁵ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁶, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was not deemed to represent a Conflict of Interest for the experts concerned.

⁵ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

⁶ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf