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**MINUTES OF THE 9TH PLENARY MEETING OF THE
SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON DIETETIC PRODUCTS, NUTRITION AND ALLERGIES
HELD ON 20-21 APRIL 2005**

PARTICIPANTS

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1. WELCOME TO MEMBERS, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Alan Jackson and Daniel Brasseur.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made in relation to the items on the agenda.

The secretariat reminded the Panel members to renew their annual written declaration of interest in accordance with the EFSA Guidance on Declarations of interests.

4. CO-ORDINATION WITH EFSA SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND OTHER EFSA PANELS

The Panel discussed the nutrition aspects of a draft opinion of the CONTAM Panel on the safety assessment of wild and farmed fish. The draft opinion is being prepared by an EFSA Inter-panel working group consisting of members of the CONTAM Panel, AHAW Panel and the NDA Panel following a request from the European Parliament to conduct a scientific assessment of the health risks related to human consumption of wild and farmed fish. The Panel comments and contribution will be submitted to the working group for consideration.

5. GENERAL INFORMATION BY EFSA ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE PANEL

The Panel was informed about the Scientific Committee draft opinion on a harmonised approach for risk assessment of compounds which are both genotoxic and carcinogenic. The draft opinion was released for public consultation until 30 May 2005. Panel members were invited to send comments via the Secretariat.

The Panel was also updated on the NDA Secretariat move to Parma around September 2005. It is expected that the EFSA move to Parma would be completed around autumn 2005.

6. NEW REQUESTS FOR SCIENTIFIC OPINION

Two new requests were received from the European Commission.

6.1 Population Reference Intakes

The European Commission has requested EFSA to review the existing advice of the Scientific Committee on Food (SCF*) on Population Reference Intakes (PRI) for nutrients.

In the first instance EFSA is asked to provide advice on energy, macronutrients and dietary fibre. Specifically advice is requested on the following dietary components: carbohydrates, including sugars; fats, including saturated fatty acids, polyunsaturated fatty acids and monounsaturated fatty acids, *trans* fatty acids; protein; dietary fibre.

Following on from the first part of the task, EFSA is asked to advise on Population Reference Intakes of micronutrients in the diet and, if considered appropriate, other essential substances with a nutritional or physiological effect in the context of a balanced diet which, when part of an overall healthy lifestyle, contribute to good health through optimal nutrition.

Finally, EFSA is asked to provide guidance on the translation of nutrient-based dietary advice into guidance, intended for the European population as a whole, on the contribution of different foods or categories of foods to an overall diet that would help to maintain good health through optimal nutrition (food-based dietary guidelines).

The Panel decided to set up a new working group to deal with all the preparatory work required for this question.

6.2 Low protein infant formulae and follow-on formulae based on whey protein partial hydrolysates

EFSA is requested to provide a scientific opinion on the suitability of infant formulae and of follow-on formulae based on whey protein partial hydrolysates with a protein content of at least 1.9 g protein/100 kcal for the particular nutritional requirements of infants and young children. This request has been allocated to the Working Group on Infant Formulae. The expected date of completion of this request is December 2005.

7. NOVEL FOODS

7.1 Draft opinion on lycopene

The draft opinion prepared by the Working Group on Novel Foods was introduced and discussed. The opinion was adopted subject to the incorporation of modifications agreed upon by the Panel.

The text of the full opinion appears on the EFSA web site, available at: http://www.efsa.eu.int/science/nda/nda_opinions/catindex_en.html.

* <http://europa.eu.int/comm/food/fs/sc/scf/out89.pdf>

7.2 Draft opinion on phyosterols concerning two scientific reports

The draft opinion prepared by the Working Group on Novel Foods was introduced and discussed. The opinion was adopted subject to the incorporation of modifications agreed upon by the Panel.

The text of the full opinion appears on the EFSA web site, available at: http://www.efsa.eu.int/science/nda/nda_opinions/catindex_en.html.

8. UPPER LEVELS FOR VITAMINS AND MINERALS

8.1 Draft opinion on the tolerable upper intake level of sodium

The draft opinion prepared by the Working Group on Upper Levels for Vitamins and Minerals was introduced and discussed. The opinion was adopted subject to the incorporation of modifications agreed upon by the Panel.

The text of the full opinion appears on the EFSA web site, available at: http://www.efsa.eu.int/science/nda/nda_opinions/catindex_en.html.

8.2 Draft opinion on the tolerable upper intake level of chloride

The draft opinion prepared by the Working Group on Upper Levels for Vitamins and Minerals was introduced and discussed. The opinion was adopted subject to the incorporation of modifications agreed upon by the Panel.

The text of the full opinion appears on the EFSA web site, available at: http://www.efsa.eu.int/science/nda/nda_opinions/catindex_en.html.

8.3 Draft opinion on the tolerable upper intake level of phosphorus

Given that the time was insufficient to discuss the draft opinion, the Panel agreed to circulate the draft opinion with a view to be adopted by written procedure.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

10. ADOPTION OF THESE MINUTES

These minutes were adopted by written procedure on 15 June 2005.