
FIP UNIT

EFSA/FIP/137

**Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)
Minutes of the 9th meeting of the Working Group on Botanicals in Food
Parma, 9-10 September 2013
(Agreed on 16 09 2013)**

Participants

- **Working Group Experts¹:**
 - Leon Brimer, Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Pierre Galtier, Ursula Gundert-Remy, Ivan Stankovic, Jaroslav Toth, Rudolf Antonius Woutersen
 - Ulla Beckman-Sund and Jacqueline Wiesner have participated via teleconference
- **EFSA:**
 - DCM Unit: Davide Arcella
 - FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes

3. Declarations of interests

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests 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.

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 8th Working Group meeting held on 26-27 08 2013, as an audio/webconference

The minutes were agreed by the Working Group on 27 08 2013 and published on the EFSA website on 3 September 2013.

5. Scientific topic for discussion

5.1 Scientific opinion on the safety of *Ephedra* species ([EFSA-Q-2012-00106](#))

The Working Group discussed the newly drafted parts of the opinion. Comments and suggestions were made and tasks were allocated to the WG members for further development of the opinion prior to its transmission to the ANS Panel for discussion and possible adoption at the 45th Plenary Meeting in October 2013.

6. Next meeting(s)

No other meetings of this Working Group are currently scheduled.

**Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)
Minutes of the 8th meeting of the Working Group on Botanicals in Food
WEB/TELE-conference, 26-27 08 2013
(Agreed on 27 08 2013)**

Participants

- **Working Group Experts¹:**
 - Ulla Beckman-Sund, Leon Brimer, Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Pierre Galtier, Ursula Gundert-Remy, Ivan Stankovic, Jaroslav Toth, Rudolf Antonius Woutersen
- **EFSA:**
 - DCM Unit: Davide Arcella
 - FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Jacqueline Wiesner.

Ruud Woutersen did not participate in agenda points 1-2 and 4

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes

3. Declarations of interests

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 7th Working Group meeting held on 25-26 06 2013, Brussels

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 04 07 2013 and published on the EFSA website on 10 07 2013

5. Scientific topic for discussion

5.1 Scientific opinion on the safety of *Ephedra* species ([EFSA-Q-2012-00106](#))

The Working Group discussed the newly drafted parts. Comments and suggestions were made and tasks were allocated to the WG members for further development of the opinion.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting of the WG will take place as a physical meeting on 9-10 September 2013.

Parma, 4th July 2013

EFSA/FIP/105

**Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)
Minutes of the 7th meeting of the Working Group on Botanicals in Food
Held on 25-26 06 2013, Brussels
(Agreed on 04 07 2013)**

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Ulla Beckman-Sund, Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Pierre Galtier, Ivan Stankovic, Jaroslav Toth, Jaqueline Wiesner and Rudolf Antonius Woutersen.
 - Ursula Gundert-Remy has participated via teleconference
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 - EC: Olga Goulaki has partially participated in agenda point 5.2
- **EFSA:**
 - FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Davide Arcella and Leon Brimer.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 6th Working Group meeting held on 21 05 2013, Amsterdam

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 31 05 2013 and published on the EFSA website 06 06 2013.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Scientific opinion on the safety of Ephedra species ([EFSA-Q-2012-00106](#))

The Working Group discussed the newly drafted parts. Comments and suggestions were made and tasks were allocated to the WG members for further development of the opinion.

5.2 Scientific opinion on the safety of Yohimbe ([EFSA-Q-2012-00228](#))

The Working Group revised the final comments and the minor outstanding points to be clarified in the draft opinion and agreed to distribute an updated revised draft opinion to the ANS Panel for possible adoption at the July 2013 Plenary meeting.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting of the WG will take place as a two-day audio webconference on 26-27 August 2013.

Parma, 31st May 2013

EFSA/FIP/92

**Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)
Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Working Group on Botanicals in Food
Held on 21 05 2013, Audio/web conference
(Agreed on 31 May 2013)**

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Ulla Beckman-Sund, Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Pierre Galtier, Ursula Gundert-Remy, Ivan Stankovic, Jaroslav Toth and Rudolf Antonius Woutersen.
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
- **EFSA:**
 - DCM Unit: Davide Arcella
 - FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Leon Brimer and Jaqueline Wiesner.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 5th Working Group meeting held on 6-7 05 2013, Amsterdam

The minutes were agreed at the current meeting and will be published on the EFSA website.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Scientific opinion on the safety of Yohimbe ([EFSA-Q-2012-00228](#))

The Working Group discussed the steer received from the ANS Panel following the second discussion at the 42nd Plenary Meeting of the ANS Panel. Progress was made with the drafting of the opinion.

The WG agreed to transmit the revised draft opinion to the ANS Panel for possible adoption at the July 2013 Plenary meeting.

5.2 Scientific opinion on the safety of Ephedra species ([EFSA-Q-2012-00106](#))

The Working Group discussed the newly drafted parts. Comments and suggestions were made and tasks were allocated to the WG members for further development of the opinion.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting of the WG will take place as a physical meeting on 25-26 June 2013, place still to be confirmed.

Parma, 21st May 2013

EFSA/FIP/89

**Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)
Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Working Group on Botanicals in Food
Held on 06-07 05 2013, Amsterdam
(Agreed on 21 05 2013)**

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Ulla Beckman-Sund, Leon Brimer, Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Pierre Galtier, Ursula Gundert-Remy, Ivan Stankovic, Jaroslav Toth, Jaqueline Wiesner and Rudolf Antonius Woutersen.
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
- **EFSA:**
 - DCM Unit: Davide Arcella
 - FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 4th Working Group meeting held on 26-27 03 2013, Amsterdam

The minutes were agreed at the current meeting and will be published on the EFSA website.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Scientific opinion on the safety of Yohimbe ([EFSA-Q-2012-00228](#))

The Working Group discussed the steer received from the ANS Panel following the initial discussion at the 41st Plenary Meeting of the ANS Panel. Progress was made with the drafting of the opinion.

The WG agreed to transmit the revised draft opinion to the ANS Panel for a second round of discussion at the upcoming 42nd Plenary meeting.

5.2 Scientific opinion on the safety of Ephedra species ([EFSA-Q-2012-00106](#))

The Working Group discussed the steer received from the ANS Panel following the initial discussion at the 41st Plenary Meeting of the ANS Panel.

Comments and suggestions were made and tasks were allocated to the WG members for further development of the opinion.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting of the WG will take place as an audio webconference on Tuesday, 21 May 2013.

Amsterdam, 6th May 2013

EFSA/FIP/73

**Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)
Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Working Group on Botanicals in Food
Held on 15 04 2013, as an audio/webconference
(Agreed on 06 05 2013)**

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Ulla Beckman-Sundh, Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Pierre Galtier, Ursula Gundert-Remy, Ivan Stankovic, Jaroslav Toth and Jaqueline Wiesner.
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
- **EFSA:**
 - FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from the experts Leon Brimer and Rudolf Antonius Woutersen and from Davide Arcella.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting held on 26-27 03 2013, Amsterdam

The minutes were agreed at the current meeting and will be published on the EFSA website.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Scientific opinion on the safety of Ephedra species ([EFSA-Q-2012-00106](#))

The WG discussed the revised draft opinion, encompassing the contributions received from the experts after the previous meeting. The information received from the European Medicines Agency was noted and a discussion took place on how to summarise it in the opinion.

Comments and suggestions were made and tasks were allocated to the WG members for further development of the opinion.

5.2 Scientific opinion on the safety of Yohimbe ([EFSA-Q-2012-00228](#))

The WG discussed the revised draft opinion, encompassing the contributions received from the experts after the previous meeting. The information received from the European Medicines Agency was noted and a discussion took place on how to summarise it in the opinion.

Comments and suggestions were made and tasks were allocated to the WG members for further development of the opinion.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting of the WG will take place in Amsterdam on 6-7 May 2013.

Parma, 15th April 2013

EFSA/FIP/63

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

Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group on Botanicals in Food

Held on 26-27 03 2013, Amsterdam

(Agreed on 15 04 2013)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Ulla Beckman-Sundh, Leon Brimer, Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Pierre Galtier, Ursula Gundert-Remy, Ivan Stankovic, Jaroslav Toth, Jaqueline Wiesner and Rudolf Antonius Woutersen.
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
- **EFSA:**
 - FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi.
 - DCM Unit: Davide Arcella.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting held on 18-19 02 2013, Parma

The minutes were agreed at the current meeting and will be published on the EFSA website.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Scientific opinion on the safety of Ephedra species ([EFSA-Q-2012-00106](#))

The WG discussed the revised draft opinion, encompassing the contributions received from the experts after the previous meeting. It was noted that none of the interested parties contacted has so far provided information in advance to the current meeting. It is anticipated that some data should be made available prior to the next WG meeting and will be further discussed in that occasion.

Comments and suggestions were made and tasks were allocated to the WG members for further development of the opinion.

5.2 Scientific opinion on the safety of Yohimbe ([EFSA-Q-2012-00228](#))

The WG discussed the revised draft opinion, encompassing the contributions received from the experts after the previous meeting. It was noted that none of the interested parties contacted has so far provided information in advance to the current meeting. It is anticipated that some data should be made available prior to the next WG meeting.

Comments and suggestions were made and tasks were allocated to the WG members for further development of the opinion.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting of the WG will take place on 15 April 2013 as an audio/webconference.

**Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)
Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group on Botanicals in Food
Held on 18-19 02 2013, Parma
(Agreed on 26 03 2013)**

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Ulla Beckman-Sundh, Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Pierre Galtier, Ursula Gundert-Remy, Ivan Stankovic, Jaroslav Toth, Jaqueline Wiesner and Rudolf Antonius Woutersen.
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 - Yvette Azzopardi (DG SANCO) has participated via teleconference in agenda point 5.
- **EFSA:**
 - FIP Unit: Anastasia Kesisoglou and Camilla Smeraldi.
 - DCM Unit: Davide Arcella.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Leon Brimer.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 18 12 2012, Amsterdam

The minutes were agreed at the current meeting and will be published on the EFSA website.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Scientific opinion on the safety of Ephedra species ([EFSA-Q-2012-00106](#))

The WG discussed the first draft opinion with the aim to take stock on the available data and to identify any substantial gap of information. To this end The WG was informed that contact has been made by EFSA with interested parties requesting provision of any available data considered relevant for this risk assessment. Responses are awaited before the next Working Group meeting.

Comments and suggestions were made and tasks were allocated to the WG members for further development of the opinion.

5.2 Scientific opinion on the safety of Yohimbe ([EFSA-Q-2012-00228](#))

The WG discussed the first draft opinion with the aim to take stock on the available data and to identify any substantial gap of information. To this end The WG was informed that contact has been made by EFSA with interested parties requesting provision of any available data considered relevant for this risk assessment. Responses are awaited before the next Working Group meeting.

Comments and suggestions were made and tasks were allocated to the WG members for further development of the opinion.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting of the WG will take place on 26-27 March 2013 in Amsterdam.

Food Ingredients and Packaging UNIT

**Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)
Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on Botanicals in Food
Held on 18 12 2012, Amsterdam
(Agreed on 18 02 2013)**

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Pierre Galtier, Ursula Gundert-Remy, Ivan Stankovic, Jaroslav Toth, Jacqueline Wiesner and Rudolf Antonius Woutersen.
 - Leon Brimer and Ulla Beckman Sundh has participated via teleconference, in agenda point 5.1 and 5.2.

- **Hearing Experts:**
 - None

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 - None

- **EFSA:**
 - Anastasia Kesisoglou

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from following members of the WG: Leon Brimer and Ulla Beckman Sundh for the morning session of the meeting and from EFSA staff Davide Arcella (DCM unit).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1 Discussion on Ephedra Species ([EFSA-Q-2012-00106](#))

A general discussion was held following the presentation on the mandate and the introduction to the botanical.

4.2 Discussion on Yohimbe ([EFSA-Q-2012-00228](#))

A general discussion was held following the presentation on the mandate and the introduction to the botanical.

5. Any Other Business

No AOB were noted.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting of the WG is on 18 February (starting at 13h30 and finishing at 13h00 the following day) in Parma.

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