



Food Ingredients and Packaging UNIT

# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURING (FAF)

## MINUTES OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

**Held on 06<sup>th</sup> May 2019, web conference**

**(Agreed by written procedure on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019)**

### Participants

- Working Group Members: Gabriele Aquilina, Laurence Castle (Chair), Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, Lieve Hermann, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Detlef Woelfle.
- EFSA:  
FIP Unit: Jaime Aguilera, Alessandra Giarola, Ana Maria Rincon, Camilla Smeraldi

### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies for absence were received from, David Gott and Ine Waalkens-Berendsen

### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management,<sup>2</sup> EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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.

1 [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

2 [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



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. Scientific topic for discussion**

**4.1. Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety of a proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive Steviol glycosides (E 960) (EFSA-Q-2018-00242)**

The WG discussed the data received and work on the draft opinion. The WG agreed to request additional information.

#### **5. Any Other Business**

- 5.1. The status of on-going applications has been presented to the WG**
- 5.2. Next meeting to be decided**



## 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 Jean-Charles Leblanc declared the following interest: “Planned attendance to 87<sup>th</sup> meeting of the JECFA to be held in June 2019 during which Steviol Glycosides (Rebaudioside M) will be discussed”. In accordance with EFSA’s Policy on Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, 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.

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<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURING (FAF)

### MINUTES OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

**Held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019, web conference**

**(Agreed on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members: Laurence Castle (Chair), Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, David Gott, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Detlef Woelfle.
- EFSA:  
FIP Unit: Alessandra Giarola, Ana Maria Rincon, Camilla Smeraldi

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies for absence were received from Gabriele Aquilina, Lieve Hermann and Ine Waalkens-Berendsen

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

#### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

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<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



#### **4. Scientific topic for discussion**

- 4.1. Request for the EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety of a proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive Lecithins (E 322) and a proposed use in Cocoa and Chocolate products (EFSA-Q-2018-00415)**

**The dossier has been presented to the WG for the first time together with main points for discussion and the WG agreed to request additional information.**

#### **5. Any Other Business**

- 5.1. The status of on-going applications has been presented to the WG**
- 5.2. Next meeting to be decided**
- 5.3. Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on food additives applications held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019 were agreed.**

## Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Flavourings

### Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Working Group on Food Additives Applications

Held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed by written procedure on 30.01.2019)

#### Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Gabriele Aquilina, Laurence Castle (Chair), Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, David Gott, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Woelfle.

- **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Alessandra Giarola, Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies for absence were received from Lieve Hermann.

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

#### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

#### **4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

##### **4.1. Request for an opinion as regards the safety of ethyl lauroyl arginate (E 243) as a food additive in the light of the new information provided and the proposed extension of use ([EFSA-Q-2018-00119](#))**

The WG finalised the draft scientific opinion that will be presented at the forthcoming Plenary meeting in January.

#### **5. Any Other Business**

5.1 Status of applications was reviewed

#### **6. Next meeting**

Next meeting via web-conference will be held in March. Date to be defined.

## Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Flavourings

### Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Working Group on Food Additives Applications

**Held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018, Parma (Italy)**

**(Agreed with written procedure on 19.12.2018)**

#### **Participants**

- **Working Group Members:**

Gabriele Aquilina, Laurence Castle (Chair), Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, Detlef Woelfle.

Lieve Hermann participated via teleconference

Jean-Charles Leblanc participated via teleconference

Peter Moldeus participated via teleconference

- **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou, Dimitrios Chrysafidis, Alessandra Giarola, Ana Rincon, Camilla Smeraldi

#### **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies for absence were received from David Gott and Ine Waalkens-Berendsen.

#### **2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

#### **3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**



In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

##### **4.1. Request for an opinion as regards the safety of ethyl lauroyl arginate (E 243) as a food additive in the light of the new information provided and the proposed extension of use ([EFSA-Q-2018-00119](#))**

The WG revised the draft scientific opinion that will be finalised at the forthcoming working group meeting possibly be presented at the forthcoming Plenary meeting in January.

##### **4.2. Request for EFSA's scientific opinion as regards a proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive Steviol glycosides (E 960) ([EFSA-Q-2016-00689](#))**

A revised draft scientific opinion was distributed in advance to the meeting, incorporating the additional information received upon request from EFSA. The WG requires additional information to complete the risk assessment. The scientific evaluation is currently suspended, awaiting submission of the additional information requested.

#### **5. Any Other Business**

None

#### **6. Next meeting**

M04: 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019 via webconference

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

## Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Flavourings

### Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> the Working Group on Food Additives Applications

Held on 06 November 2018, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 29.11.2018)

#### Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Laurence Castle (Chair), Gabriele Aquilina, Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Woelfle.

David Gott participated via teleconference

Jean-Charles Leblanc participated via teleconference

Peter Moldeus participated via teleconference

- **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou, Dimitrios Chrysafidis, Alessandra Giarola, Camilla Smeraldi, Ana Rincon

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies for absence were received from Lieve Hermann.

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

#### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on

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Declarations of Interest<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

##### **4.1. Request to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of Monk fruit extract/Luo han guo (LHG) extract as a food additive ([EFSA-Q-2017-00527](#))**

The Working Group discussed the revised draft scientific opinion and considered that further additional information should be requested to the applicant in order to clarify some aspects of the assessment. EFSA will send a request to the applicant to seek further clarification.

The scientific evaluation is currently suspended, awaiting submission of the additional information requested.

##### **4.2. Request for an opinion as regards the safety of ethyl lauroyl arginate (E 243) as a food additive in the light of the new information provided and the proposed extension of use ([EFSA-Q-2018-00119](#))**

The additional information provided by the applicant in response to the request from the Working Group was discussed. The opinion will be revised to take into account the new information and will be placed on the agenda of a forthcoming meeting for further discussion.

#### **5. Any Other Business**

None

#### **6. Next meeting**

M03: 10 December 2018

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

## Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Flavourings

### Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Food Additives Applications

Held on 11 September 2018, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 22.10.2018)

#### Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Laurence Castle (Chair), Gabriele Aquilina, Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, Peter Moldeus, Detlef Woelfle.

Jean-Charles Leblanc participated via teleconference.

Ine Waalkens-Berendsen attended the meeting partially.

- **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Fabiola Pizzo

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. This was the inaugural meeting of the Working Group on Food Additives Applications.

Apologies for absence were received from David Gott and Lieve Hermann.

A general presentation on the remit of the Working Group was given.

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

#### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on

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Declarations of Interest<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

##### **4.1. Status of applications**

A presentation on the mandates currently ongoing was given.

##### **4.2. Request for an opinion as regards the safety of ethyl lauroyl arginate (E 243) as a food additive in the light of the new information provided and the proposed extension of use (EFSA-Q-2018-00119)<sup>3</sup>**

The new mandate received was considered by the Working Group. The draft opinion will be scheduled for further discussion in a forthcoming meeting.

##### **4.3. Request to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety of a proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive Steviol glycosides (E 960) (EFSA-Q-2018-00242)<sup>4</sup>**

The new mandate received was considered by the Working Group. It was considered that additional information was required in order to clarify some aspects of the assessment and should be requested from the applicant. EFSA will send a request to the applicant to seek further clarification.

#### **5. Any Other Business**

None

#### **6. Next meeting**

M02: 6 November 2018 (AM).

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00119>

<sup>4</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00242>