

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

Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the Working Group on Food Additives used in Foods for Infants below 16 weeks of age

Held on 19- 20/06/2018, Teleconference

(Agreed on 20 June 2018)

Participants

• Working Group Members	Agenda points	Teleconference	
Mortensen Alicja	all	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Dusemund Birgit	all	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Gundert-Remy Ursula	all	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Waalkens-Berendsen Ine	all	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Woutersen Ruud	all	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Lambré Claude	all	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Turck Dominique	all	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 nd day
Scotter Michael	all	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
• European Commission representatives:	and/or	Member	States
None			
• EFSA:			
FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou			

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Apologies for absence

No apologies were received.

3. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

4. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests², 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.

5. Feedback from ANS Panel, EFSA and European Commission

Feedback on the closed call for expression of interest to use certain food additives in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age was provided by EFSA.

6. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

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

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

- 6.1 E 471 Mono- and diglycerides of fatty acids ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00100](#)).**
The data requirements have been agreed by the WG
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- 6.2 E 306-E 309 Tocopherols (Question [N° EFSA-Q-2018-00090-EFSA-Q-2018-00093](#))**
The data requirements for E 306 have been agreed by the WG
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- 6.3 E 1450 Starch sodium octenyl succinate ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00102](#))**
The data requirements have been agreed by the WG
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- 6.4 E 304i Ascorbyl palmitate (Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00089)**
The data requirements have been agreed by the WG
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- 6.5 E 407 Carrageenan (Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00270)**
The data requirements were not discussed due to lack of time
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- 6.6 E 412 Guar gum (Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00096)**
The data requirements have been agreed by the WG
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- 6.7 E 415 Xanthan gum (Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00097)**
The data requirements have been agreed by the WG
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- 6.8 E 440 Pectins (Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00098)**
The data requirements have been agreed by the WG
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- 6.9 E 466 Sodium carboxy methyl cellulose (Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00099)**
The data requirements have been agreed by the WG
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- 6.10 E 473 Sucrose esters of fatty acids ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00101](#))**
The data requirements were discussed however more discussion is needed.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 Adoption of the minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting on Food Additives used in Foods for Infants below 16 weeks of age held on 19- 20 June 2018, Parma.

The minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting were adopted on 20 June 2018.

7.2 Next meetings in 2018

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

10-11 September (tbc)

17-18 October (tbc)

12-13 November (tbc)

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

Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Working Group on Food Additives used in Foods for Infants below 16 weeks of age

Held on 17- 18/05/2018, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 7 June 2018)

Participants

• Working Group Members	Agenda points	Teleconference
Mortensen Alicja	all	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dusemund Birgit	all	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gundert-Remy Ursula	all	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 nd day
Waalkens-Berendsen Ine	all	<input type="checkbox"/>
Woutersen Ruud	all	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 nd day
Lambré Claude	all	<input type="checkbox"/>
Turck Dominique	all	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scotter Michael	all	<input type="checkbox"/>

• European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Guillermo Gardon

• EFSA:
FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou, Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard and Claudia Roncancio

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Apologies for absence

No apologies for absence were received.

3. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

4. Declarations of interest

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5. Feedback from ANS Panel, EFSA and European Commission

EFSA informed on the launch of an EFSA call for expression of interest to use certain food additives in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age. As a second step, EFSA will communicate the information needed for each additive and the deadline to provide the data through specific calls for data for the individual additives.

6. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

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

- 6.1 E 471 Mono- and diglycerides of fatty acids ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00100](#)).**
The data requirements were not discussed due to lack of time
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- 6.2 E 410 Locust bean gum ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00095](#))**
The data requirements have been agreed by the WG
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- 6.3 E 306-E 309 Tocopherols ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00090-EFSA-Q-2018-00093](#))**
The data requirements were not discussed due to lack of time
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- 6.4 E 322 Lecithins ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00094](#))**
The data requirements have been agreed by the WG
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- 6.5 E 1450 Starch sodium octenyl succinate ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00102](#))**
The data requirements were not discussed due to lack of time
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- 6.6 E 170 Calcium carbonate ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00088](#))**
The data requirements have been agreed by the WG
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- 6.7 E 473 Sucrose esters of fatty acids ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00101](#))**
The data requirements were not discussed due to lack of time
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- 6.8 E 304i Ascorbyl palmitate ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00089](#))**
The data requirements were not discussed due to lack of time

7 Any Other Business

7.1 Adoption of the minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting on Food Additives used in Foods for Infants below 16 weeks of age held on 17- 18 May 2018, Parma.

The minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting were adopted on 7 June 2018 via written procedure.

7.2 Next meetings in 2018

19-20 June, TC.

10-11 September

17-18 October

12-13 November

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

Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Working Group on Food Additives used in Foods for Infants below 16 weeks of age

Held on 15- 16/03/2018 ,Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 26/03/2018)

Participants

Working Group Members	Agenda points	Teleconference
Mortensen Alicja	all	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dusemund Birgit	all	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gundert-Remy	Item 1-6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Waalkens-Berendsen	all	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 nd day
Woutersen Ruud	all	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lambré Claude	all	<input type="checkbox"/>
Turck Dominique	all	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scotter Michael	all	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hearing Experts		
Not Applicable		
European Commission and/or Member States representatives:		
Andreia Alvarez-Porto, Guillermo Gardon (1 st day)		
EFSA:		
FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou, Yi Liu, Eric Barteletmy		
DATA Unit: Davide Arcella, Doreen Russel		
SCER: George Kass		

1. Welcome

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2. Apologies for absence

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3. Adoption of agenda

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4. Declarations of interest

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5. Feedback from ANS Panel, EFSA and European Commission

The Chair of the Working Group (WG) reported on the adoption of the opinion on the re-evaluation of carrageenan (E 407) as a food additive at the ANS Panel Plenary meeting of 13-15 March. The conclusions and recommendations of this opinion will be followed up by this WG.

6. General issues

The remit of this working group has been discussed in detail. The WG will re-evaluate certain food additives for their use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 257/2010³ and will address the data gaps as specified in the recommendations made in

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

³ OJ L 80, 26.03.2010, p. 19.

the scientific opinions of the Panel on the re-evaluation of the safety of these food additives.⁴

The food additives permitted in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 under the remit of this WG include:

E-number	Name of the food additive	EFSA Opinions
E 170	Calcium carbonate	http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.2903/j.efsa.2011.2318/epdf
E 304i	Ascorbyl palmitate;	http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.2903/j.efsa.2015.4289/epdf
E 306	Tocopherol-rich extract	http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.2903/j.efsa.2015.4247/epdf
E 307	α-Tocopherol	http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.2903/j.efsa.2015.4247/epdf
E 308	γ-Tocopherol	http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.2903/j.efsa.2015.4247/epdf
E 309	δ-Tocopherol	http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.2903/j.efsa.2015.4247/epdf
E 322	Lecithins	http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.2903/j.efsa.2017.4742/epdf
E 407	Carrageenan	opinion adopted at the ANS Plenary meeting of 13-15 March 2018. To be published soon.
E 410	Locust bean gum	http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.2903/j.efsa.2017.4646/epdf
E 412	Guar gum	http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.2903/j.efsa.2017.4669/epdf
E 415	Xanthan gum	http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.2903/j.efsa.2017.4909/epdf
E 440	Pectins	http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.2903/j.efsa.2017.4866/epdf
E 466	Sodium carboxy methyl cellulose	http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.2903/j.efsa.2018.5047/epdf
E 471	Mono- and diglycerides of fatty acids	http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.2903/j.efsa.2017.5045/epdf
E 473	Sucrose esters of fatty acids	http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/

⁴ Request for EFSA to address all the data gaps specified in the recommendations made in its scientific opinions on the re-evaluation of the safety of food additives permitted in food category 13.1 (food for infants and young children) of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008

E-number	Name of the food additive	EFSA Opinions
		10.2903/j.efsa.2010.1512/epdf
E 1450	Starch sodium octenyl succinate	http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.2903/j.efsa.2017.4911/epdf

The EFSA Guidance of the Scientific Committee on the risk assessment of substances present in food intended for infants below 16 weeks of age⁵ has been presented. In addition, conclusions and recommendations of the published EFSA opinions indicated above have been discussed.

The proposed approach on the re-evaluation of phosphates in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age, which is under the remit of the WG of the ANS Panel on phosphates, has been presented by the Chair of the Working Group on phosphates for discussion.

EFSA will launch calls for data to offer interested parties the opportunity to submit documented information (published, unpublished and/or newly generated) relevant to the re-evaluation of certain food additives to be used in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age, as well as to address the data gaps that have been identified for all the population groups, as recommended in the already published EFSA opinions on these food additives.

7. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

7.1 **E 410 Locust bean gum** ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00095](https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2018.00095))

The WG discussed data gaps that have been identified for all the population groups in the published EFSA opinion on locust bean gum E 410.

7.2 **E 471 Mono- and diglycerides of fatty acids** ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00100](https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2018.00100))

The opinion was not discussed due to lack of time.

7.3 **E 306-E 309 Tocopherols** ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00090-EFSA-Q-2018-00093](https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2018.00090))

⁵ EFSA Scientific Committee. Guidance on the risk assessment of substances present in food intended for infants below 16 weeks of age. EFSA Journal 2017;15(5):4849, 58 pp.

The WG discussed data gaps that have been identified for all the population groups, in the published EFSA opinion on tocopherols E 306- E 309.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Feedback from other areas in EFSA in relation to substances in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

Feedback was provided in relation to substances in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age in areas other than food additives.

8.2 Adoption of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting on Food Additives used in Foods for Infants below 16 weeks of age held on 15- 16 March 2018, Parma.

The minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting were adopted on 26 March 2018 via written procedure.

8.3 Opinions to be discussed at the next meeting

The opinions to be discussed at the next meeting were agreed.

8.4 Next meeting in 2018

17pm-18 May 2018