

Parma, 18 November 2010

**PANEL ON DIETETIC PRODUCTS, NUTRITION AND ALLERGIES**

**Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Claims Sub-Working Group 2 on cardiovascular health\_oxidative stress**

**Amsterdam, 27-28 September 2010**

**(agreed by the WG on 18 November 2010)**

**Participants**

WG Experts: Antti Aro, Marianne Geleijnse, Marina Heinonen, Ambroise Martin (chair), Wilhelm Stahl, Henk van den Berg.

EFSA: Silvia Valtueña Martínez

**1. Welcome and apologies**

The Chair welcomed the participants. All members were present.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. At the beginning of the meeting, experts were also asked by the chair to declare any interests in relation to the agenda items.

No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of the meeting.

**4. Discussions**

The secretariat updated the participants on the status of the evaluation of the list of article 13 claims. All draft opinions in the agenda were discussed and amended as appropriate. The work plan was discussed and some workload will be distributed in the following weeks in agreement with the chair.

**5. Next meeting date**

The date and modality of the next meeting of this sub-WG will be decided depending on the progress made in the evaluation of the article 13 list.

Parma, 12 March 2010

**PANEL ON DIETETIC PRODUCTS, NUTRITION AND ALLERGIES**

**Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Claims Sub-Working Group 2 on cardiovascular health\_oxidative stress**

**Barcelona, 11-12 March 2010**

**(adopted by the WG on 12 March 2010)**

**Participants**

WG Experts: Antti Aro, Marianne Geleijnse, Marina Heinonen, Ambroise Martin (chair), Wilhelm Stahl, Henk van den Berg.

EFSA: Silvia Valtueña Martínez

**1. Welcome and apologies**

The Chair welcomed the participants. All members were present.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. At the beginning of the meeting, experts were also asked by the chair to declare any interests in relation to the agenda items.

No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of the meeting.

**4. Discussions**

The secretariat updated the participants on the status of the evaluation of the list of article 13 claims. All draft opinions in the agenda were discussed and amended as appropriate. The work plan was discussed and some workload will be distributed in the following weeks in agreement with the chair.

**5. Next meeting date**

The next meeting of this sub-WG will be held in Amsterdam on 27-28 September 2010.

Parma, 6 November 2009

**PANEL ON DIETETIC PRODUCTS, NUTRITION AND ALLERGIES**

**Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Claims Sub-Working Group 2 on cardiovascular health\_oxidative stress**

**Helsinki, 29-30 October 2009**

**(adopted by the WG on 6 November 2009)**

**Participants**

WG Experts: Antti Aro, Marianne Geleijnse, Marina Heinonen (chair, second day), Ambroise Martin (chair, first day), Wilhelm Stahl, Henk van den Berg.

EFSA: Silvia Valtueña Martínez

**1. Welcome and apologies**

The Chair welcomed the participants. All members were present the first day. Apologies were received from Ambroise Martin on 30 October 2009.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. At the beginning of the meeting, experts were also asked by the chair to declare any interests in relation to the agenda items. Marianne Geleijnse declared to be a co-author for a recently published meta-analysis funded by Unilever on the effects of plant sterols and plant stanols on blood cholesterol concentrations. This was considered as a conflict of interest and she refrained from discussions in relation to this draft opinion. No other conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

**4. Discussions**

The secretariat updated the participants on the status of the evaluation of the list of article 13 claims. All draft opinions in the agenda were discussed and amended as appropriate. The work plan was discussed and some workload distributed.

**5. Next meeting date**

The next meeting of this sub-WG will be held in Barcelona on 11-12 March 2010.

Parma, 8 July 2009

**PANEL ON DIETETIC PRODUCTS, NUTRITION AND ALLERGIES**

**Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Claims Sub-Working Group 2 on cardiovascular health\_oxidative stress**

**Helsinki, 17-18 June 2009**

**(adopted by the WG on 8 July 2009)**

**Participants**

WG Experts: **Antti Aro, Marianne Geleijnse, Marina Heinonen, Ambroise Martin (chair), Wilhelm Stahl, Henk van den Berg.**

European Commission: -

EFSA: **Silvia Valtueña Martínez**

**1. Welcome and apologies**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes

**3. Declarations of interest**

EFSA secretariat screened the ADoI and SDoI filled in by the scientific experts invited at this meeting in accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests.

With regard to the ADoI, SDoI and this meeting no other interest than those already declared in the ADoI or in a previous SDoI and screened by EFSA in accordance with its Policy on Declarations of Interests and implementing documents thereof was declared by the experts.

**4. Discussions**

The secretariat updated the participants on the status of the evaluation of the list of article 13 claims. All draft opinions in the agenda were discussed and amended as appropriate. The work plan was discussed and some workload distributed.

Parma, 27 April 2009

**PANEL ON DIETETIC PRODUCTS, NUTRITION AND ALLERGIES**

**Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Claims Sub-Working Group 2 on cardiovascular health\_oxidative stress**

**Amsterdam, 7 April 2009**

**(adopted by the WG on 27 April 2009)**

**Participants**

WG Experts: **Antti Aro, Marianne Geleijnse, Marina Heinonen, Ambroise Martin (chair), Wilhelm Stahl, Henk van den Berg.**

European Commission: -

EFSA: **Silvia Valtueña Martínez**

**1. Welcome and apologies**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes

**3. Declarations of interest**

EFSA secretariat screened the ADoI and SDoI filled in by the scientific experts invited at this meeting in accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests. For further details on the outcome of the screening please refer to Annex I, annex to the present minutes.

**4. Discussions**

The secretariat updated the participants on the status of the evaluation of the list of article 13 claim received. All draft opinions in the agenda were discussed and amended as appropriate. The work plan was discussed and some workload distributed.

## Annex I

### **INTERESTS AND ACTIONS RESULTING FROM THE SCREENING OF ADOI OR SDOIS**

- a) **CONFLICT LEVEL B:** In her ADOI, Dr. Mariane Geleijnse declared the following interest: research funding as senior scientist for a project entitled “Effect of protein, peptides, and amino acids on blood pressure”. In accordance with EFSA’s Policy on Declarations of Interests and Implementing documents thereof, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was deemed to represent a conflict of Interest (level B). Pursuant to EFSA’s Procedure on Identifying and Handling Declarations of Interest, the said expert incurs in the limitations identified under point C.III.b<sup>1</sup> that is: she was not appointed as rapporteur and did not participate in the drafting of an opinion on lactotripeptides and blood pressure, but addressed orally some questions during the discussion raised by other participants.
- b) **CONFLICT LEVEL B:** In her ADOI, Dr. Mariane Geleijnse declared the following interest: research funding (margarine production and sponsoring of margarine distribution) for a human intervention study. In accordance with EFSA’s Policy on Declarations of Interests and Implementing documents thereof, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was deemed to represent a conflict of Interest (level B). Pursuant to EFSA’s Procedure on Identifying and Handling Declarations of Interest, the said expert incurs in the limitations identified under point C.III.b<sup>1</sup> that is: she was not appointed as rapporteur and did not participate in the drafting or discussion regarding of an opinion on EPA, DHA intake and blood lipids, but addressed orally some questions during the discussion raised by other participants.

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<sup>1</sup> Implementing act to the policy on declaration of interests procedure for identifying and handling potential conflicts of interest. [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/cs/BlobServer/General/mb\\_annex\\_procedure\\_doi\\_en%20221008,0.pdf?ssbinary=true](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/cs/BlobServer/General/mb_annex_procedure_doi_en%20221008,0.pdf?ssbinary=true)

Parma, 12 January 2009

**PANEL ON DIETETIC PRODUCTS, NUTRITION AND ALLERGIES**

**Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Claims Sub-Working Group 2 on cardiovascular health\_oxidative stress**

**Parma, 7 January 2009**

**(adopted by the WG on 12 January 2009)**

**Participants**

WG Experts: **Antti Aro, Marianne Geleijnse, Marina Heinonen, Ambroise Martin (chair), Wilhelm Stahl, Henk van den Berg.**

Apologies : -

European Commission: -

EFSA: **Silvia Valtueña Martínez**

**1. Welcome and apologies**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of interest**

Marianne Geleijnse declared a new interest. She is now supervising a post-doctoral student conducting a research project (re-evaluation of published scientific literature) funded by the Dutch Dairy Association. She will update her annual DoI accordingly. There were no other additional interests raised to those already declared in the annual DoI in relation to this meeting.

**4. Discussions**

All draft opinions in the agenda were discussed and amended as appropriate, including the general principles for the evaluation of health claims related to cardiovascular health, antioxidants and oxidative stress. The work plan was discussed and some workload distributed.

Parma, 10 September 2008

**PANEL ON DIETETIC PRODUCTS, NUTRITION AND ALLERGIES**

**Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Claims Sub-Working Group 2 on cardiovascular health\_oxidative stress**

**DG SANCO, Brussels, 10 September 2008**

**Participants**

WG Experts: **Ambroise Martin (chair), Henk van der Berg, Marina Heinonen, Marianne Geleijnse, Anti Aro.**

Apologies : **Wilhelm Stahl**

European Commission: -

EFSA: **Silvia Valtueña Martínez**

**1. Welcome and apologies**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of interest**

Marianne Geleijnse declared a new interest. She is now supervising a PhD student conducting a research project funded by Unilever. She will update her annual DoI accordingly. There were no other additional interests raised to those already declared in the annual DoI in relation to this meeting.

**4. Discussions**

The role of EFSA in the implementation of Regulation (EC) No. 1924/2006 and the particular tasks assigned to this Claims Sub-Working Group 2 related to cardiovascular health, antioxidants and oxidative stress were explained and discussed. The work plan was discussed and some workload distributed.