

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 13th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON Sulphur dioxide-sulphites (E220-228)

**Held on 21 and 23 September 2022 (Webconference)
(Agreed on 23 September 2022)**

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Gabriele Aquilina, Polly Boon, Rex FitzGerald, Ursula Gundert-Remy, Rainer Gürtler, Sabina Passamonti, Beate Ulbrich, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen, Peter Moldeus, Matthew Wright (Chair).

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Ana Maria Rincon, Christina Kyrkou, Marcello Laganaro, Alexandra Tard, Agnieszka Mech, Camilla Smeraldi.

MESE Unit: Zsuzsanna Horvath.

■ European Commission:

DG Santé: Katleen Baert

■ Hearing experts:

Peter Fürst, Wim Mennes, Maged Younes

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 of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², 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.

4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. Assessment of the safety of sulphur dioxide-sulphites (E 220-228) (EFSA-Q- 2021-00110)

The draft opinion and the appendixes were discussed. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted. According to the discussion, new draft documents will be prepared and presented for adoption to the forthcoming FAF Panel Plenary.

5. Any Other Business

None.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 13th Working Group meeting held on 21 and 23 September 2022

The minutes were agreed at the end of the meeting.

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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 12th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON Sulphur dioxide-sulphites (E220-228)

**Held on 22 August 2022 (Webconference)
(Agreed on 22 August 2022)**

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Gabriele Aquilina, Polly Boon, Riccardo Crebelli, Rex FitzGerald, Ursula Gundert-Remy, Rainer Gürtler, Claude Lambré, Sabina Passamonti, Beate Ulbrich, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen, Peter Moldeus, Matthew Wright (Chair).

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Ana Maria Rincon, Christina Kyrkou, Marcello Laganaro, Alexandra Tard.

MESE Unit: Zsuzsanna Horvath.

■ ECHA:

Paschalina Papadaki

■ European Commission:

DG Santé: Katleen Baert

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Christiane Vleminckx.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.



3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. Assessment of the safety of sulphur dioxide-sulphites (E 220-228) (EFSA-Q- 2021-00110)

The draft opinion and the appendix describing toxicity studies identified in the literature search were discussed. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted. The working group also addressed the comments received from the FAF Panel. The approach to the exposure assessment was discussed and agreed. According to the discussion, new draft documents will be prepared.

5. Any Other Business

None.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 12th Working Group meeting held on 22.08.2022

The minutes were agreed at the end of the meeting.

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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 11th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON Sulphur dioxide-sulphites (E220-228)

**Held on 01 July 2022 (Webconference)
(Agreed on 01 July 2022)**

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Gabriele Aquilina, Polly Boon, Riccardo Crebelli, Rex FitzGerald, Ursula Gundert-Remy, Rainer Gürtler, Claude Lambré, Sabina Passamonti, Beate Ulbrich, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen, Peter Moldeus, Christiane Vleminckx, Matthew Wright (Chair).

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Ana Maria Rincon, Christina Kyrkou, Marcello Laganaro, Alexandra Tard, Agnieszka Mech, Laura Ruggeri.

MESE Unit: Zsuzsanna Horvath.

■ ECHA:

Paschalina Papadaki

■ European Commission:

DG Santé: Katleen Baert

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 of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. Assessment of the safety of sulphur dioxide-sulphites (E 220-228) (EFSA-Q- 2021-00110)

The approach to the exposure assessment was discussed and agreed. The draft opinion and the appendix describing toxicity studies identified in the literature search were discussed. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted. According to the discussion, the exposure assessment will be performed, and new draft documents will be prepared.

5. Any Other Business

The Working Group was updated on the advice provided by the FAF panel on the risk assessment.

The Working Group was informed on the possible dates to organize the forthcoming meetings.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 11th Working Group meeting held on 01.07.2022

The minutes were agreed at the end of the meeting.
The next meetings will take place on the 22nd of August 2022.

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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 10th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON Sulphur dioxide-sulphites (E220-228)

**Held on 29 June 2022, Hybrid (Parma - Webconference)
(Agreed on 29 June 2022)**

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Rex FitzGerald, Ursula Gundert-Remy, Claude Lambré, Sabina Passamonti, Beate Ulbrich, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen, Peter Moldeus, Matthew Wright (Chair).

■ EFSA:

Ana Maria Rincon, Christina Kyrkou, Marcello Laganaro.

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 of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. **Assessment of the safety of sulphur dioxide-sulphites (E 220-228) (EFSA-Q- 2021-00110)**

The appendix of the draft opinion describing toxicity studies identified in the literature search was discussed. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted. Subject to these revisions, a new draft document will be prepared for discussion at the next working group meeting.

5. Any Other Business

A presentation on the status of the assessment for the FAF Panel was revised.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 10th Working Group meeting held on 29 June 2022

The minutes were agreed at the end of the meeting.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 9th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON Sulphur dioxide-sulphites (E220-228)

**Held on 16-17 May 2022, Hybrid (Parma - webconference)
(Agreed on 17 May 2022)**

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Gabriele Aquilina, Polly Boon, Riccardo Crebelli, Rex FitzGerald, Ursula Gundert-Remy, Rainer Gürtler, Claude Lambré, Sabina Passamonti, Beate Ulbrich, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen, Peter Moldeus, Matthew Wright (Chair).

■ EFSA:

Ana Maria Rincon, Christina Kyrkou, Marcello Laganaro, Alkiviadis Stagkos, Alexandra Tard.

■ European Commission:

DG SANTE: Katleen Baert

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 of Working Groups members

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screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. Assessment of the safety of sulphur dioxide-sulphites (E 220-228) (EFSA-Q-2021-00110)

The draft opinion was discussed. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted. Subject to these revisions, a new draft document will be prepared for discussion at the next meeting.

5. Any Other Business

The Working Group was informed on the possible dates to organize the forthcoming meetings.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 9th Working Group meeting held on 16-17.05.2022

The minutes were agreed at the end of the meeting.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 8th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON Sulphur dioxide-sulphites (E220-228)

**Held on 12 April 2022 (Webconference)
(Agreed on 12 April 2022)**

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Gabriele Aquilina, Riccardo Crebelli, Rex FitzGerald, Ursula Gundert-Remy, Rainer Gürtler, Claude Lambré, Sabina Passamonti, Beate Ulbrich, Christiane Vleminckx, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen, Peter Moldeus, Matthew Wright (Chair).

■ EFSA:

Ana Maria Rincon, Christina Kyrkou, Marcello Laganaro, Agnieszka Mech, Valeriu Curtui.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received by Polly Boon.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. **Assessment of the safety of sulphur dioxide-sulphites (E 220-228) (EFSA-Q- 2021-00110)**

The Working Group discussed the studies identified in the literature search to support the safety assessment of sulphur dioxide-sulphites (E 220-228).
The Working Group agreed on a plan to proceed with the assessment.

5. Any Other Business

No other business was discussed.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 8th Working Group meeting held on 12.04.2022

The minutes were agreed at the end of the meeting.

The next meetings will take place on the 16th-17th of May and 1st of July 2022.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 7th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON Sulphur dioxide-sulphites (E220-228)

**Held on 3 March 2022 (Webconference)
(Agreed on 3 March 2022)**

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Gabriele Aquilina, Riccardo Crebelli, Rex FitzGerald, Ursula Gundert-Remy, Rainer Gürtler, Claude Lambré, Sabina Passamonti, Beate Ulbrich, Christiane Vleminckx, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen, Matthew Wright (Chair).

■ EFSA:

Ana Maria Rincon, Christina Kyrkou, Marcello Laganaro, Agnieszka Mech, Alkiviadis Stagkos-Georgiadis, Laura Ruggeri.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Peter Moldeus.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. **Assessment of the safety of sulphur dioxide-sulphites (E 220-228) (EFSA-Q- 2021-00110)**

The Working Group discussed the studies identified in the literature search and considered reliable to support the safety assessment of sulphur dioxide-sulphites (E 220-228). The Working Group agreed on a plan to proceed with the assessment.

5. Any Other Business

No other business was discussed.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 7th Working Group meeting held on 03.03.2022

The minutes were agreed at the end of the meeting.

The next meeting will take place on the 12th of April 2022.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 6th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON Sulphur dioxide-sulphites (E220-228)

**Held on 17 February 2022 (Webconference)
(Agreed on 17 February 2022)**

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Gabriele Aquilina, Riccardo Crebelli, Rex FitzGerald, Ursula Gundert-Remy, Rainer Gürtler, Claude Lambré, Peter Moldeus, Sabina Passamonti, Beate Ulbrich, Christiane Vleminckx, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen, Matthew Wright (Chair).

■ EFSA:

Ana Maria Rincon, Christina Kyrkou, Marcello Laganaro, Agnieszka Mech, Valeriu Curtui.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Polly Boon.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. **Assessment of the safety of sulphur dioxide-sulphites (E 220-228) (EFSA-Q- 2021-00110)**

The Working Group discussed and agreed on the appraisal approach for the available studies considered in the context of the literature search requested by the European Commission under the current mandate.

The Working Group agreed on the studies to be considered in the context of the safety assessment of sulphur dioxide-sulphites (E 220-228).

The Working Group agreed on a plan to proceed with the assessment.

5. Any Other Business

The Working Group was informed about the ongoing assessment done within the Specifications Working Group.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 6th Working Group meeting held on 17.02.2022

The minutes were agreed at the end of the meeting.

The next meetings will take place on the 3rd of March and 12th of April 2022.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 5th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON Sulphur dioxide-sulphites (E220-228)

**Held on 18 January 2022 (Webconference)
(Agreed on 18 January 2022)**

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Gabriele Aquilina, Polly Boon, Riccardo Crebelli, Rex FitzGerald, Ursula Gundert-Remy, Rainer Gürtler, Claude Lambré, Peter Moldeus, Sabina Passamonti, Beate Ulbrich, Christiane Vleminckx, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen, Matthew Wright (Chair).

■ EFSA:

Ana Maria Rincon, Christina Kyrkou, Marcello Laganaro, Agnieszka Mech, Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard.

■ Hearing experts (ECHA):

Pashalina Papadaki, Eva Valkovicova

■ European Commission:

DG SANTE (Health and Food Safety), E2 Food processing technologies and novel foods:
Jiri Sochor

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 of Working Groups members



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4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. **Assessment of the safety of sulphur dioxide-sulphites (E 220-228) (EFSA-Q- 2021-00110)**

The outcome of the literature search requested by the European Commission under the current mandate was presented to the Working Group.

The Working Group discussed study relevance according to e.g. the type of study, route of administration, measured endpoints.

The Working Group agreed on a plan to assess the study database.

The Working Group discussed the current mandate. The recommendations and conclusions of the EFSA ANS Panel during their re-evaluation of sulphur dioxide-sulphites (E 220-228) were also presented. The different approaches to the risk assessment were discussed.

The outcome of the discussion will be presented to the next FAF Panel meeting.

5. Any Other Business

None

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 5th Working Group meeting held on 18.01.2022

The minutes were agreed at the end of the meeting.

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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 4th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON Sulphur dioxide-sulphites (E220-228)

**Held on 29 November 2021 (Webconference)
(Agreed on 29 November 2021)**

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Gabriele Aquilina, Polly Boon, Riccardo Crebelli, Rex FitzGerald, Ursula Gundert-Remy, Rainer Gürtler, Claude Lambré, Peter Moldeus, Sabina Passamonti, Beate Ulbrich, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen, Matthew Wright (Chair).

■ EFSA:

Ana Maria Rincon, Camilla Smeraldi, Claudia Roncancio-Pena

■ Hearing experts (ECHA):

Pashalina Papadaki, Ricardo Simoes, Eva Valkovicova

■ Hearing experts (Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung (BfR)):

Kristin Herrmann, Carsten Kneuer, Vera Ritz

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management, EFSA invited Kristin Herrmann, Carsten Kneuer and Vera Ritz to submit an ADoI. Their participation was limited to providing testimony, without the possibility to take on any role undertaken by members of the Working Group, in accordance with the applicable legal framework.

■ European Commission:

DG SANTE (Health and Food Safety), E2 Food processing technologies and novel foods: Jiri Sochor

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 of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1 Assessment of the safety of sulphur dioxide-sulphites (E 220-228) (EFSA-Q- 2021-00110)

A technical discussion took place with experts responsible for the ECHA assessment of sulphur dioxide, generated from sulphur by either combustion or from sodium metabisulphite, when used as a biocidal product.

The Working Group clarified scientific aspects related to the re-evaluation of sulphur dioxide and sulphites in 2016.³

The Working Group discussed the current mandate and the uncertainties identified by the EFSA ANS Panel during their re-evaluation of sulphur dioxide-sulphites (E 220-228). Given the limitations in the database at that time, the EFSA ANS Panel concluded on a temporary group ADI of 0.7 mg SO₂ equivalent/kg bw per day for sulphur dioxide-sulphites (E 220-228).

5. Any Other Business

None

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 4th Working Group meeting held on 29.11.2021

The minutes were agreed at the end of the meeting.

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³ <https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/pdf/10.2903/j.efsa.2016.4438>

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 3rd MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON Sulphur dioxide-sulphites (E220-228)

**Held on 09 November 2021 (Webconference)
(Agreed on 09 November 2021)**

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Rex FitzGerald, Ursula Gundert-Remy, Beate Ulbrich, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen, Matthew Wright (Chair).
- EFSA:
Marcello Laganaro, Ana Maria Rincon, 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 of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1 Assessment of the safety of sulphur dioxide-sulphites (E 220-228) (EFSA-Q- 2021-00110)

The WG discussed the resulting reports of the benchmark dose modelling (BMD) performed on the developmental toxicity studies with sulphites on rats and mice.

5. Any Other Business

None

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting held on 09.11.2021

The minutes were agreed.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 2nd MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON Sulphur dioxide-sulphites (E220-228)

**Held on 05 October 2021 (Webconference)
(Agreed on 05 October 2021)**

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Gabriele Aquilina, Polly Boon, Riccardo Crebelli, Rex FitzGerald, Ursula Gundert-Remy, Rainer Gürtler, Peter Moldeus, Sabina Passamonti, Beate Ulbrich, Christiane Vleminckx, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen, Matthew Wright (Chair).

■ EFSA:

Esraa Elewa, Marcello Laganaro, Ana Maria Rincon, Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Claude Lambré.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1 Assessment of the safety of sulphur dioxide-sulphites (E 220-228) (EFSA-Q- 2021-00110)

Information and data available on genotoxicity and developmental toxicity were discussed by the Working Group.

The WG was also consulted on the approach for the exposure assessment.

5. Any Other Business

The organisation of the following working group meetings was discussed.

The next WG meeting will be held on the 29th of November.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting held on 05.10.2021

The minutes were agreed at the end of the meeting.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 1st MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON Sulphur dioxide-sulphites (E220-228)

Held on 19 August 2021 (Webconference)

(Agreed on 19 August 2021)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Gabriele Aquilina, Polly Boon, Riccardo Crebelli, Rex FitzGerald, Ursula Gundert-Remy, Rainer Gürtler, Claude Lambré, Peter Moldeus, Sabina Passamonti, Beate Ulbrich, Christiane Vleminckx, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen, Matthew Wright (Chair).

■ EFSA:

Esraa Elewa, Marcello Laganaro, Ana Maria Rincon, Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard.

■ Observers:

ECHA: Antero Airaksinen, Ari Karjalainen, Ricardo Simoes

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 of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest

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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.

4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1 Assessment of the safety of sulphur dioxide-sulphites (E 220-228) (EFSA-Q-2021-00110)

The mandate from the European Commission, the data submitted by interested parties and the ongoing assessments of sulphur dioxide in ECHA were presented to the Working Group. Further, the Working Group discussed the approach to be followed to address the mandate, and tasks were distributed to the experts.

5. Any Other Business

The organisation of the following working group meetings was discussed.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 19.08.2021

The minutes were agreed.