

1st December 2025

09:30-16:30

MINUTES – Agreed on 01/12/2025

Location: EFSA - Web-conference

Attendees:

○ Working Group Members:

José Barat, Laurence Castle, Gisela Degen, Maria-José Frutos Fernandez, David Gott, Bettina Grasl-Kraupp, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Woelfle.

○ Applicants participating in a technical hearing¹:

Not Applicable

○ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not applicable

○ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Simona Aprile, Consuelo Civitella, Samuele Di Ciano, Agnieszka Mech, Laura Ruggeri (Chair), Camilla Smeraldi, Alessandra Tosato.

MESE Unit: Alexandra Tard.

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Gabriele Aquilina, Marcin Kurek, Lieve Herman.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, 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.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 67th Working Group meeting held on 29-30 October 2025 via web-conference

The minutes of [the 67th Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 30th of October 2025.

¹ As defined in the "EFSA's Catalogue of support initiatives during the life cycle of applications for regulated products": <https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.2903/sp.efsa.2021.EN-6472>

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



V. Feedback from the 61st FAF Panel plenary meeting

The Working Group was informed that one opinion was adopted at the last FAF Panel plenary meeting (62nd meeting), and one opinion was discussed and scheduled for possible adoption at the FAF Panel plenary in December.

VI. Update on applications, new mandates

The EFSA staff provided a brief update on food additive applications received under the agenda item AoB.

VII. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Draft opinion on amendment of specifications low-substituted hydroxypropyl cellulose (E 463a) (link to Open EFSA [Q-2023-00672](#))

The technical part was discussed.

The draft opinion will be further elaborated by the WG members and will be discussed at the next meeting.

b. Draft opinion on Blue Galdieria extract (link to Open EFSA [Q-2021-00347](#))

The exposure and biological toxicological parts were discussed. In addition, the WG discussed the approach to be followed in the assessment.

The draft opinion will be further elaborated by the WG members and will be discussed at the next meeting.

VIII. Any Other Business

None.

IX. Preparatory Meeting

Since the last 67th Working Group meeting, one preparatory meeting was held on "Draft opinion on Application for the modification of the food additive rebaudioside M E960c(ii) [EFSA-Q-2024-00293](#)". The attendees were: Lieve Herman, Simone Lunardi (EFSA), Agnieszka Mech (EFSA), Laura Ruggeri (EFSA).

X. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 27th (PM), 28th (PM) and 29th (AM) January 2026, via web conference.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS (FAF) 67th Working Group meeting on FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS



29-30 October 2025
14:00-18:00 / 09:30-18:00
MINUTES - Agreed on 30 October 2025

Location: EFSA - Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Gabriele Aquilina, José Barat, Laurence Castle, Gisela Degen, Maria-José Frutos Fernandez, Bettina Grasl-Kraupp, Marcin Kurek, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Woelfle
- Hearing Experts¹:
Rex FitzGerald
Beate Ulbrich
- Applicants participating in a technical hearing²:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not applicable
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Consuelo Civitella, Samuele Di Ciano, Borana Dino, Agnieszka Mech, Laura Ruggeri (Chair), Camilla Smeraldi
MESE Unit: Alexandra Tard
FEEDCO Unit: Joana Revez
- Others:
Gabriele Gagliardi participated as ISA (Individual Scientific Advisor) contractor (ref. EOI/EFSA/2022/01 - CT 22 FIP) for agenda item "VIII Scientific topic(s) for discussion" via web conference
Ana Maria Troncoso, Maria del Carmen Garcia Parrilla and Alfredo Palop Gómez, as contractor (Framework Partnership Agreement (GP/EFSA/FIP/2022/01)) for agenda "VIII Scientific topic(s) for discussion" via web conference.

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.
Apologies were received from Lieve Herman and David Gott.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

¹ As defined in Article 34 of the document "Implementing Rule of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority laying down the rules on the selection, appointment and operations of the Scientific Committee, Scientific Panels and of their Working Groups": <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/paneloperation.pdf>

² As defined in the "EFSA's Catalogue of support initiatives during the life cycle of applications for regulated products": <https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.2903/sp.efsa.2021.EN-6472>



III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁴, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting and the preparatory meetings listed under agenda item "Preparatory meeting/s with Risk Assessment". No conflicts of interest related to the issues discussed in these meetings have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the Working Group members at the beginning of these meetings.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 66th Working Group meeting held on 29-30 September 2025, via web-conference

The minutes of the 66th Working Group meeting were agreed on 6th of October 2025.

V. Feedback from the 61st FAF Panel plenary meeting

The Working Group was informed that one opinion was adopted at the last FAF Panel plenary meeting (61st meeting).

VI. Update on applications, new mandates

The EFSA staff provided a brief update on food additive applications received. An introduction to EFSA's new platform applicable only to new applications, Dossier Overview for Risk Assessment (DORA), was given to the Working Group.

VII. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

- a. Draft opinion on monk fruit extract. Applicant: Guilin Layn Natural Ingredients Corp. Saraya Co., Ltd, Tate & Lyle Ingredients France (EFSA-Q-2025-00007)**

The Working Group discussed the approach to be followed in the assessment. The need for additional information was identified.

- b. Draft opinion on Application for the modification of the food additive rebaudioside M E960c(ii). Applicant: Manus Bio Inc (EFSA-Q-2024-00293)**

The Working Group discussed the data received from the applicant and approach to be followed in the assessment. The need for additional information was identified.

- c. Draft opinion on pectin rich extract from Coffea arabica. Applicant: PectCof BV (EFSA-Q-2022-00486)**

The Working Group discussed the draft scientific opinion. After amendments, the draft opinion will be presented at the next FAF plenary meeting for further discussion and possible adoption.

VIII. Any Other Business

None.

³ https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/independence-policy-2024.pdf

⁴ https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/decision-ed-on-competing-interest-management-2024.pdf



IX. Preparatory Meeting/s

Since the last 66th Working Group meeting, no preparatory meetings took place.

X. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 28th of November and 1st of December 2025 via web conference.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS (FAF) 66th Working Group meeting on FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS



29 & 30 09 2025 / 06 10 2025
09:30-13:30
MINUTES - Agreed on 06 10 2025

Location: EFSA - Parma (Meeting Room 00/M06b) /Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:

Gabriele Aquilina, José Barat, Laurence Castle, Gisela Degen*, Maria-José Frutos Fernandez, David Gott, Bettina Grasl-Kraupp, Marcin Kurek, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Woelfle.

*attended on the 29th and 30th September

- Hearing Experts¹:

Romualdo Benigni attended on the 6th October for point d) under "VIII Scientific topic(s) for discussion"

- Applicants participating in a technical hearing²:

Not Applicable

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not applicable

- EFSA:

FIP Unit: Consuelo Civitella, Borana Dino, Salma Kaouity, Agnieszka Mech, Concepción Medrano, Laura Ruggeri (Chair), Camilla Smeraldi, Panagiota Zakidou

MESE Unit: Alexandra Tard

- Others:

Gabriele Gagliardi participated as ISA (Individual Scientific Advisor) contractor (ref. EOI/EFSA/2022/01 - CT 22 FIP) for agenda item "VIII Scientific topic(s) for discussion", via web conference

Ana Fernández-Agudo and José Vicente Tarazona participated as contractor (Framework Partnership Agreement (GP/EFSA/FIP/2022/01)) for agenda item "VIII Scientific topic(s) for discussion", via web conference.

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Lieve Herman.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

¹ As defined in Article 34 of the document "Implementing Rule of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority laying down the rules on the selection, appointment and operations of the Scientific Committee, Scientific Panels and of their Working Groups": <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/paneloperation.pdf>

² As defined in the "EFSA's Catalogue of support initiatives during the life cycle of applications for regulated products": <https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.2903/sp.efsa.2021.EN-6472>



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IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 65th Working Group meeting held on 8 & 9 July 2025, in Parma

The minutes of the 65th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 9 July 2025.

V. Update on applications, new mandates

The EFSA staff provided a brief update on new food additive applications received.

VI. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Draft opinion on jagua (genipin-glycine) blue. Applicant: Ecoflora Cares (EFSA-Q-2021-00231)

The WG discussed the draft scientific opinion. After amendments, the draft opinion will be presented at the next 61st plenary meeting on 22nd October 2025 for further discussion and possible adoption.

b. Draft opinion on modification of the food additive enzymatically produced steviol glycosides (E 960c). Applicant: Tate & Lyle Ingredients France (EFSA-Q-2023-00749)

The WG discussed the draft scientific opinion. After amendments, the draft opinion will be presented at the next 61st plenary meeting on 22nd October 2025 for further discussion and possible adoption.

c. Draft opinion on monk fruit extract. Applicant: Guilin Layn Natural Ingredients Corp., Saraya Co., Ltd, Tate & Lyle Ingredients France (EFSA-Q-2025-00007)

The WG discussed the draft scientific opinion. After amendments, the draft opinion will be presented at the next WG meeting for further discussion.

d. Draft opinion on pectin rich extract from *Coffea arabica*. Applicant: PectCof BV (EFSA-Q-2022-00486)

The WG discussed the draft scientific opinion. After amendments, the draft opinion will be presented at the next WG meeting for further discussion.

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 29th and 30th October 2025, via web conference.

³ https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/independence-policy-2024.pdf

⁴ https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/decision-ed-on-competing-interest-management-2024.pdf

08 & 09 07 2025

14:00-18:00 / 09:00-13:00

MINUTES – Agreed on 09/07/2025

Location: EFSA - Parma and Web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Gabriele Aquilina*, José Barat, Laurence Castle, Gisela Degen**, David Gott, Bettina Grasl-Kraupp, Marcin Kurek, Jean-Charles Leblanc***, Peter Moldeus, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen.
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Zainab Al Harraq, Consuelo Civitella, Samuele Di Ciano, Salma Kaouity, Agnieszka Mech, Concepción Medrano, Laura Ruggeri (Chair), Camilla Smeraldi, Panagiota Zakidou.
MESE Unit: Alexandra Tard.
iDATA Unit: Alain Ducheyne, Saba Giovannacci
- Gabriele Gagliardi participated as ISA (Individual Scientific Advisor) contractor (ref. EOI/EFSA/2022/01 - CT 22 FIP).

* attended on the 9th July

** attended on the 8th July and 9th AM July

*** attended on the 8th July

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received by Maria-José Frutos Fernandez, Lieve Herman and Detlef Woelfle.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without change.

III. 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.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 64th Working Group meeting held on 19 06 2025 via web-conference

The minutes of the 64th Working Group meeting were agreed on 19 June 2025.

¹ 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



V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Draft opinion on Polyphenol rich extract ([EFSA-Q-2020-00358](#))

The Working Group discussed the approach to be followed in the assessment. The need for additional information was identified.

b. Draft opinion on fibre extracted from white button mushrooms (*Agaricus bisporus*) ([EFSA-Q-2023-00904](#))

The Working Group discussed the technical section of the draft opinion, and the additional data provided by the applicant in response to an earlier request from EFSA was discussed. The need for additional information was identified and the assessment will be placed on hold while this is sought from the applicant.

c. Draft opinion on Blue galdieria extract ([EFSA-Q-2021-00347](#))

The revised draft opinion was discussed by the Working Group. The draft opinion will be further revised by the Working Group members and will be discussed at a forthcoming meeting.

VI. Any Other Business

EFSA provided an update on the planning.

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 29th (AM) and 30th (AM) September, via web conference.

16 & 17 & 19 06 2025

09:30-13:30, 09:30-13:30, 14:30-16:45

MINUTES – Agreed on 19/06/2025

Location: Web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Gabriele Aquilina, José Barat, Laurence Castle*, Gisela Degen**, Maria-José Frutos Fernandez, David Gott, Bettina Grasl-Kraupp**, Marcin Kurek***, Jean-Charles Leblanc**, Peter Moldeus, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen.
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Consuelo Civitella, Samuele Di Ciano, Borana Dino, Salma Kaouity, Agnieszka Mech, Concepción Medrano, Laura Ruggeri (Chair), Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard, Panagiota Zakidou.
FDP Unit: Laura Paltrinieri
- Gabriele Gagliardi participated as ISA (Individual Scientific Advisor) contractor (ref. EOI/EFSA/2022/01 - CT 22 FIP)
- Hearing experts#: Veronika Karnel, Oliver Lindtner, Ulrike Mayerhofer, Sebastian Ptok, Markus Spolders.

* attended on the 16th and 19th June.

** attended on the 17th and 19th June

*** attended on the 16th and 17th June.

attended only for agenda item 1).

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were sent by Lieve Herman and Detlef Woelfle.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without change.

III. 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.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 63rd Working Group meeting held on 26 & 27 05 2025 via web-conference

The minutes of the 63rd Working Group meeting were agreed on 27 June 2025.

¹ 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



V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

1. Draft opinion on tamarind seed polysaccharide ([EFSA-Q-2024-00325](#))

The application was presented for the first time to the Working Group. The Working Group discussed on technical part, dietary exposure assessment, biological and toxicological data of the draft opinion.

The need for additional information was identified and this will be sought from the applicant.

2. Draft opinion Gardenia (genipin) blue ([EFSA-Q-2021-00347](#))

The revised draft opinion was discussed by the Working Group. The need for additional information on the technical part of the draft opinion was identified and this will be sought from the applicant.

3. Amendment of specs rebaudioside M E960c(ii) ([EFSA-Q-2024-00293](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion, and the additional data provided by the applicant in response to an earlier request from EFSA was discussed. The Working Group will further work on the draft opinion.

4. Draft opinion on α -tocopheryl polyethylene glycol-1000 succinate as a food additive ([EFSA-Q-2020-00360](#))

The draft opinion was finalised by the Working Group and will be transmitted to the Panel for discussion and possible adoption.

VI. Any Other Business

EFSA provided an update on the planning.

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 8th (PM) and 9th (AM) July 2025, in Parma.
The following meetings will be on the 29th (AM) and 30th (AM) September; 6th October (AM); 29th (PM) and 30th (AM) October.

26 & 27 05 2025

09:30-13:30 / 09:30-13:30

MINUTES – Agreed on 27/05/2025

Location: Web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Gabriele Aquilina*, José Barat, Laurence Castle, Gisela Degen, Maria-José Frutos Fernandez, David Gott, Bettina Grasl-Kraupp, Marcin Kurek**, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen.
 - EFSA:
FIP Unit: Consuelo Civitella, Samuele Di Ciano, Borana Dino, Salma Kaouity, Carla Martino, Agnieszka Mech, Concepción Medrano, Laura Ruggeri (Chair), Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard, Panagiota Zakidou.
 - Gabriele Gagliardi participated as ISA (Individual Scientific Advisor) contractor (ref. EOI/EFSA/2022/01 - CT 22 FIP)
 - EC: Stilianos Koulouris*** – DG SANTE E2
- *attended only on the 26th May.
** attended only on the 27th May.
*** attended only agenda item c).

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were sent by Lieve Herman and Detlef Woelfle.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without change.

III. 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.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 62nd Working Group meeting held on 6 & 7 May 2025 in EFSA-Parma

The minutes of the 62nd Working Group meeting were agreed on 07 May 2025.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

¹ 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



a. Draft opinion on α -tocopheryl polyethylene glycol-1000 succinate as a food additive (EFSA-Q-2020-00360)

The draft opinion was discussed by the Working Group. The draft opinion will be further elaborated by the Working Group members and will be discussed at the next forthcoming meeting.

b. Draft opinion on Polyphenol rich extract (EFSA-Q-2020-00358)

The Working Group discussed the approach to be followed in the biological and toxicological section. The draft opinion will be further elaborated and discussed at a future meeting.

c. Technical hearing Amendment of specs low-substituted hydroxypropyl cellulose (E 463a) (EFSA-Q-2023-00672)

The Working Group requested the applicant to clarify some elements of the additional information provided during the risk assessment phase. A summary of the of the key points discussed will be sent to the applicant. The Working Group will request the applicant to provide the clarifications in written in reply to a new ADR letter.

VI. Any Other Business

EFSA provided an update on the planning. EFSA informed that the meeting on the 4th July via web conference will be cancelled. The meeting on the 8th July PM and 9th July AM is confirmed and it will be held in Parma.

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 16th AM, 17th AM and 19th PM June 2025, via web conference.

06 & 07 05 2025

14:00-18:00 & 09:00-18:00

MINUTES – Agreed on 07/05/2025

Location: EFSA – Parma

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Gabriele Aquilina, José Barat, Laurence Castle, Gisela Degen, Maria-José Frutos Fernandez, David Gott, Marcin Kurek, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen.
- Hearing experts:
Maria Bastos, Polly Boon, Biagio Fallico, Rex FitzGerald, Ursula Gundert-Remy, Rainer Gurtler, Maria Henriqueta Louro, Patricia Morales, Andrea Terron.
The hearing experts attended only on the 7th May.
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Maria Carfi, Consuelo Civitella, Samuele Di Ciano, Cristina Croera, Borana Dino, Blanca Halamoda, Salma Kaouity, Pauline Le Gall, Federica Lodi, Carla Martino, Elena Mazzoli, Agnieszka Mech, Concepción Medrano, Josef Daniel Rasinger, Ana Maria Rincon, Laura Ruggeri (Chair), Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard, Panagiota Zakidou.
- Gabriele Gagliardi participated as ISA (Individual Scientific Advisor) contractor (ref. EOI/EFSA/2022/01 - CT 22 FIP)

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were sent by Bettina Grasl-Kraupp, Lieve Herman and Detlef Woelfle.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without change.

III. 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.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 61st Working Group meeting held on 25 & 27 March 2025 via web-conference

The minutes of [the 61st Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 7 April 2025.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

- a. **Draft opinion on Amendment of the specifications of low-substituted hydroxypropyl cellulose (E 463a) ([EFSA-Q-202023-00672](#))**



The Working Group discussed the additional data provided in response to an earlier request from EFSA. The Working Group identified the need for an Applicant Technical Hearing (see EFSA's Catalogue of support initiatives during the life-cycle of applications for regulated products). The draft opinion will be further revised by the Working Group members and will be discussed at a forthcoming meeting.

b. Draft opinion D-α-tocopheryl polyethylene glycol-1000 succinate as a food additive (EFSA-Q-2020-00360)

The exposure and biological and toxicological sections of the draft opinion were revised by the Working Group. The draft opinion will be further discussed and revised at the next meeting.

c. Draft opinion Extension of use of sorbitan monostearate (E491) (EFSA-Q-2020-00360)

A preparatory meeting took place on the 28th of April to progress on the drafting of the opinion.

The draft opinion was finalised by the Working Group and will be transmitted to the Panel for discussion and possible adoption.

d. Draft guidance on the preparation of an application for authorisation of a food additive

The Working Group discussed the comments received from various stakeholders during the public consultation and addressed them section by section. The Working group agreed on the corresponding changes to be implemented in the draft guidance itself and progressed with the drafting. The draft guidance will be further revised and presented to the Panel for discussion.

VI. Any Other Business

EFSA presented to the Working Group members an update on the planning.

EFSA confirmed the dates of the forthcoming meetings:

- 26th May AM and 27th May AM via web
- 16th June AM, 17th June AM, 19th June PM via web
- 8th PM July and 9th AM July physical meeting in Parma

EFSA will confirm whether the meeting on the 4th of July (all day, via web) will take place.

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 26th May 2025 (AM) and 27th May 2025 (AM), via web conference.

25 & 27 03 2025

09:30-13:30 / 14:00-18:00

MINUTES – Agreed on 07/04/2025

Location: Web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
- Gabriele Aquilina, José Barat, Laurence Castle, Gisela Degen*, Maria-José Frutos Fernandez, David Gott, Bettina Grasl-Kraupp, Lieve Herman, Marcin Kurek, Jean-Charles Leblanc**, Peter Moldeus, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen.
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Consuelo Civitella, Borana Dino, Salma Kaouity, Agnieszka Mech, Concepción Medrano, Laura Ruggeri (Chair), Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard, Panagiota Zakidou.
* Attended only 25th March morning
** Attended only 25th March morning and 27th March afternoon
- Gabriele Gagliardi participated as ISA (Individual Scientific Advisor) contractor (ref. EOI/EFSA/2022/01 - CT 22 FIP)

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were sent by Lieve Herman and Detlef Woelfle.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without change.

III. 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.

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 Declaration(s) of Interest made at the beginning of the meeting, please refer to the Annex.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 60th Working Group meeting held on 25 & 27 February 2025 via web-conference

The minutes of the 60th Working Group meeting were agreed on 27 February 2025.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

- a. **Draft opinion on the safety in use of D- α -tocopheryl polyethylene glycol-1000 succinate ([EFSA Q-2020-00360](#))**
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The Working Group discussed the biological and toxicological data section of opinion. The draft opinion will be further elaborated by the WG members and will be discussed at the next forthcoming meeting.

b. Draft opinion on Amendment of specs Rebaudioside M from stevia leaves ([EFSA-Q-2023-00546](#))

A preparatory meeting with three WG members took place on the 19th of March 2025. The opinion was finalised by the WG and will be transmitted to the Panel for discussion and possible adoption.

c. Draft opinion on jagua (genipin-glycine) blue ([EFSA-Q-2021-00231](#))

The WG discussed the biological and toxicological and technical data of opinion. The WG identified the need for additional information on the identity section of the draft opinion.

VI. Any Other Business

EFSA presented an update of the planning.

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held physically the 6th (PM) and 7th (full day) May 2025.



Annex

With regard to this meeting, Dr. Maria Jose Frutos Fernandez declared the following interest: "Selected for participation as an expert at the 89th JECFA meeting which took place between 2 and 11 June 2020 and assigned to the safety evaluation of Jagua Blue (Genipin-Glycine)". The review of the expert's work was not on the agenda of the present meeting, and measures have been taken in the preparation of the draft output to avoid that the expert assesses, rates or reviews her own work.

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

25 & 27 02 2025

14:30-18:30 / 09:30-18:30

MINUTES – Agreed on 27/02/2023

Location: Web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Gabriele Aquilina, José Barat, Laurence Castle, Gisela Degen, Maria-José Frutos Fernandez, David Gott, Bettina Grasl-Kraupp, Lieve Herman*, Marcin Kurek, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Woelfle.
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Consuelo Civitella, Borana Dino, Gabriele Gagliardi, Salma Kaouity, Agnieszka Mech, Concepción Medrano, Laura Ruggeri (Chair), Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard, Panagiota Zakidou.

*attended only on the 27th February morning.

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Lieve Herman attended only agenda items c,d,e,and f.

Dina Waalkens-Berendsen did not attend agenda items d,e,and f.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without change.

III. 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.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 59th Working Group meeting held on 8, 13 & 17 January 2025 via web-conference

The minutes of the 59th Working Group meeting were agreed on 17 January 2025.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

- a. **Draft opinion on Pectin rich extract derived from coffea arabica ([EFSA-Q-2022-00486](#))**

¹ 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



The Working Group discussed the draft opinion, and the additional data provided by the applicant in response to an earlier request from EFSA was discussed. The WG will request clarifications to the applicant.

b. Draft opinion on the extension of use sorbitan monostearate (E491) ([EFSA-Q-2024-00303](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion, exposure section. The WG will request clarifications to the applicant.

c. Draft opinion on the modification of the food additive rebaudioside M from stevia leaves ([EFSA-Q-2023-00546](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion, and the additional data provided by the applicant in response to an earlier request from EFSA was discussed. The WG will request clarifications to the applicant.

d. Draft opinion on the modification of the food additive E960c(i) to add Rebaudioside D ([EFSA-Q-2024-00415](#))

The Working Group discussed for the first time the technical dossier and the draft opinion (identity, characterization, specifications, method of analysis in food, source and manufacturing process sections). The WG will request clarifications to the applicant.

e. Draft opinion on the modification of the food additive E960c(i) to add Rebaudioside E ([EFSA-Q-2024-00416](#))

The Working Group discussed for the first time the technical dossier and the draft opinion (identity, characterization, specifications, method of analysis in food, source and manufacturing process sections). The WG will request clarifications to the applicant.

f. Draft opinion on the modification of the food additive rebaudioside M E960c(ii) ([EFSA-Q-2024-00239](#))

The Working Group discussed for the first time the technical dossier and the draft opinion (identity, characterization, specifications, method of analysis in food, source and manufacturing process sections). The WG will request clarifications to the applicant.

g. Applicant technical hearing draft opinion on Pectin rich extract derived from coffea arabica ([EFSA-Q-2022-00486](#))

The Working Group requested the applicant to clarify some elements of the additional information provided during the risk assessment phase. A summary of the discussion will be sent to the applicant.

VI. Any Other Business

EFSA provided an update of the planning of the new food additive applications and on the revision of the guidance.

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 25th (full day), 26th (PM) and 27th (PM) March 2025, via web conference. The May 2025 meeting will be a physical meeting and it will take place on the 6th (PM) and 7th full day.

8, 13 and 17 January 2025

14:00-18:00, 09:30-18:30, 09:30-13:30

MINUTES – Agreed on 17 January 2025.

Location: Web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
- Gabriele Aquilina, José Barat, Laurence Castle, Gisela Degen, Maria-José Frutos Fernandez, David Gott*, Bettina Grasl-Kraupp*, Marcin Kurek, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Woelfle.
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Consuelo Civitella, Gabriele Gagliardi, Salma Kaouity, Agnieszka Mech, Concepción Medrano, Laura Ruggeri (Chair), Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard, Panagiota Zakidou.

*Attended the 13th and 17th January

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were sent by Lieve Herman.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without change.

III. 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.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 58th Working Group meeting held on 11 and 12 December 2024 via web-conference

The minutes of the 58th Working Group meeting were agreed on 12 December 2024.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Draft opinion on Pea Fibre concentrate (EFSA-Q-2022-00795)

The draft opinion was finalized by the Working Group and will be transmitted to the FAF Panel for possible adoption.

¹ 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



b. Draft opinion Extension of use of pullulan (E 1204) + re-evaluation (EFSA-Q-2020-00517;EFSA-Q-2021-00278)

The draft opinion was discussed by the Working Group and will be transmitted to the FAF Panel for possible adoption.

c. Draft opinion on Vitamin E TPGS (EFSA-Q-2020-00360)

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion. Additional data provided by the applicant in response to an earlier request from EFSA was discussed. The Working Group will request clarifications to the applicant.

d. Draft opinion on Jagua (genipin-glycine) blue (EFSA-Q-2021-00231)

The technical part and biological and toxicological data of the draft opinion were discussed by the Working Group pending submission of the awaited data. The draft opinion will be further revised.

e. Draft opinion on pectin rich extract from *Coffea arabica* (EFSA-Q-2022-00486)

The Working Group discussed one specific item related to the safety assessment. The draft opinion will be further revised.

VI. Any Other Business

EFSA provided an update of the planning of the new food additive applications.

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 25 and 27 February 2025, via web conference.

11 – 12 December 2024

14:00-18:00 / 09:30-13:30

MINUTES – Agreed on 12 December 2024

Location: EFSA - Parma Web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Gabriele Aquilina*, José Barat, Laurence Castle, Gisela Degen*, Maria-José Frutos Fernandez, David Gott*, Bettina Grasl-Kraupp*, Marcin Kurek, Jean-Charles Leblanc*, Peter Moldeus*, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen*, Detlef Woelfle*.
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Consuelo Civitella, Gabriele Gagliardi, Salma Kaouity, Agnieszka Mech, Concepcion Medrano, Laura Ruggeri (Chair), Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard, Emmaouil Tsochatzis, Panagiota Zakidou.
- Applicant representatives: Olivier Cagnac, Barry Foley, Hywel Griffiths, Marina Leterrier, Olivier Michelet.

*Attended the meeting only on 12 December 2024

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were sent by Lieve Herman.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without change.

III. 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.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 57th Working Group meeting held on 28 and 30 October 2024 via web-conference

The minutes of the [57th Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 13 November 2024.

V. Scientific topics for discussion

- a. Draft opinion on Natural propionate ferment as a new food additive ([EFSA-Q-2023-00903](#))**

¹ 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



The Working Group discussed the information submitted by the applicant in response to an earlier request from EFSA. The discussions focused on the technical section of the dossier. The need for additional information was identified. The draft opinion will be further revised by the Working Group members.

b. Draft opinion on Polyphenol rich extract ([EFSA-Q-2020-00358](#))

The Working Group discussed the information submitted by the applicant in response to an earlier request from EFSA. The discussions focused on the technical and toxicological sections of the dossier. The need for additional information was identified. The draft opinion will be further revised by the Working Group members.

c. Draft opinion on Application for the authorisation of fibre extracted from whitebutton mushrooms (*Agaricus bisporus*) as a new food additive ([EFSA-Q-2023-00904](#))

The Working Group discussed the information submitted by the applicant in response to an earlier request from EFSA. The discussions focused on the technical section of the dossier. The need for additional information was identified. The draft opinion will be further revised by the Working Group members.

d. Draft opinion on Pea Fibre concentrate ([EFSA-Q-2022-00795](#))

The Working Group discussed the information submitted by the applicant in response to an earlier request from EFSA. The draft opinion will be further revised by the Working Group members.

e. Applicant technical hearing draft opinion on Blue Galdieria extract ([EFSA-Q-2021-00347](#))

The Working Group requested the applicant to clarify some elements of the additional information provided during the risk assessment phase. A summary of the discussion will be sent to the applicant.

f. Draft opinion Extension of use of pullulan (E-1204) + re-evaluation ([EFSA-Q-2020-00517](#); [EFSA-Q-2021-00278](#))

The draft opinion was presented to the Working Group. The discussions focused on the exposure and biological/toxicological sections of the dossier. The draft opinion will be further revised by the Working Group members.

VI. Any Other Business

A preparatory meeting took place on 18 November 2024 to discuss the safety of the microorganism used in the manufacturing process of Natural propionate ferment as a new food additive ([EFSA-Q-2023-00903](#)).

Several preparatory meetings took place in view of the revision of the Guidance for submission for food additive evaluations (EFSA, 2012): 3rd May, 22nd May, 3rd June, 19th June, 3rd October 2024.

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 8, 13 and 17 January 2025, via web conference.

28 and 30 October 2024

14:30-18:30 / 14:00-18:00

MINUTES – Agreed on 13 November 2024

Location: Web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group members:
Gabriele Aquilina**, José Barat*, Laurence Castle*, Gisela Degen**, Maria-José Frutos Fernandez*, Bettina Grasl-Kraupp**, Marcin Kurek*, Jean-Charles Leblanc*, Peter Moldeus**, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen**, Detlef Wöelfle**.
- Hearing Expert: Romualdo Benigni**.
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Consuelo Civitella, Borana Dino, Gabriele Gagliardi, Agnieszka Mech, Laura Ruggeri (Chair), Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard, Sam Vermeiren, Panagiota Zakidou.

*participated on 28 of October; **participated on 30 of October

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without change. Apologies were sent by David Gott and Lieve Herman.

III. 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.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 56th Working Group meeting held on 16 and 17 September 2024 via web-conference

The minutes of the [56th Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 17 September 2024.

V. Scientific topics for discussion

a. Draft opinion on Extension of use of quillaia extract (E 999) ([EFSA Q-2023-00505](#))

The draft opinion was finalised by the Working Group and will be transmitted to the Panel for possible adoption.

¹ 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



b. Draft opinion on Extension of use and re-evaluation of Pullulan (E 1204) ([EFSA Q-2020-00517](#) and [EFSA Q-2021-00278](#))

The draft opinion was revised by the Working Group. The technical section was finalized, while the exposure assessment, and biological and toxicological section were discussed. The draft opinion will be further revised by the Working Group members.

c. Draft opinion on Extension of use of sorbitan monostearate (E 491) ([EFSA-Q-2024-00303](#))

The draft opinion was presented to the Working Group for the first time. The discussions focused on the exposure assessment of the dossier. The draft opinion will be further revised by the Working Group members.

d. Draft opinion on Polyphenol rich extract ([EFSA-Q-2020-00358](#))

The draft opinion was discussed by the Working Group. The discussion was focused on the toxicological section of the dossier. The Working Group discussed the approach to be followed in the assessment. The draft opinion will be further revised by the Working Group members.

VI. Any Other Business

EFSA presented an update on the food additive applications under assessment.

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 11 and 12 December 2024, via web conference.

16th and 17th September 2024
14:00-18:00/09:30-18:30
MINUTES – Agreed on 17/09/2024

Location: Web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle (Chair), Gabriele Aquilina**, José Barat*, Maria-Josè Frutos Fernandez, Lieve Herman**, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Woelfle.
- EFSA: FIP Unit: Consuelo Civitella, Borana Dino, Gabriele Gagliardi, Agnieszka Mech, Salvatore Multari, Laura Ruggeri, Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard, Emmanouil Tsochatzis, Panagiota Zakidou.
NIF Unit: Estefania Fernandez Noriega, Ruth Roldan Torres.

*participated only on the 16th of September

**participated only partially on the 17th of September

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were sent by Gisela Degen and David Gott for the whole duration of the meeting, by Gabriele Aquilina and Lieve Herman for being only partially available on the 17th of September, by José Barat for the 17th of September and Jean-Charles Leblanc for the afternoon of the 17th of September.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without change.

III. 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.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 55th Working Group meeting held on 8th and 11th July 2024 via web-conference

The minutes of the [55th Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 11th July 2024.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

¹ 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



a. Draft opinion on Pea fibre concentrate ([EFSA-Q-2022-00795](#))

The WG discussed the information submitted by the applicant in response to an earlier request from EFSA. The need for additional information was identified. The draft opinion will be further revised by the WG members.

b. Draft opinion on Rebaudioside M produced via enzyme modification of steviol glycosides from Stevia ([EFSA-Q-2023-0546](#))

The WG discussed the information submitted by the applicant in response to an earlier request from EFSA. The need for additional information was identified. The draft opinion will be further revised by the WG members.

c. Draft opinion on Blue Galdieria extract ([EFSA-Q-2021-00347](#))

The WG discussed the information submitted by the applicant in response to an earlier request from EFSA. The need for additional information was identified. The draft opinion will be further revised by the WG members.

VI. AoB

EFSA provided an update of the ongoing revision of food additive guidance and on the food additive applications under assessment.

VII. Next meeting

October 2024 (date to be defined).

8th and 11th May 2024

09:30-18:00/09:30-18:00

MINUTES – Agreed on 11/07/2024

Location: Web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle (Chair), Gabriele Aquilina, José Barat, Gisela Degen***, Maria-Josè Frutos Fernandez, Lieve Herman*, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus**, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Woelfle.
- EFSA: FIP Unit: Consuelo Civitella, Borana Dino, Gabriele Gagliardi, Agnieszka Mech, Salvatore Multari, Laura Ruggeri, Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard, Sam Vermeiren, Panagiota Zakidou.
- Hearing Expert: Jan Mast*

* Participated only on the 8th of July

** Participated only on the 8th of July afternoon and on the 11th of July

*** Participated only on the 11th of July

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were sent by David Gott for both days, Gisela Degen for the 8th of July, and Peter Moldeus for the morning of the 8th of July.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without change.

III. 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.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 54th Working Group meeting held on 13th and 17th May 2024 via web-conference

The minutes of the [54th Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 31st May 2024.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

¹ 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



a. Draft opinion on Increased in the maximum use levels and amendment of specification of the low-substituted hydroxypropyl cellulose (E 463a) ([Q-2023-00672](#))

The draft opinion was presented to the Working Group for the first time. The discussions focused on the technical section of the dossier. The need for additional information was identified. The draft opinion will be further revised by the WG members.

b. Draft opinion on Extension of use of pullulan (E 1204) and re-evaluation ([Q-2020-00517](#) and [Q-2021-00278](#))

The WG discussed the information submitted by the applicant in response to an earlier request from EFSA. The discussions focused on the technical section of the dossier. The draft opinion will be further revised by the WG members.

c. Draft opinion on Jagua (genipin-glycine) blue ([Q-2021-00231](#))

The WG discussed the information submitted by the applicant in response to an earlier request from EFSA. The draft opinion will be further revised by the WG members.

d. Draft opinion on Gardenia genipin blue ([Q-2023-00666](#))

The draft opinion was presented to the Working Group. The discussions focused on the biological and toxicological section of the dossier. The draft opinion will be further revised by the WG members.

e. Draft opinion on Modification of the food additive enzymatically produced steviol glycosides (E 960c) ([Q-2023-00749](#))

The draft opinion was presented to the Working Group for the first time. The discussions focused on the technical section of the dossier. The need for additional information was identified. The draft opinion will be further revised by the WG members.

f. Draft opinion on Fibre extracted from white button mushrooms (*Agaricus bisporus*) ([Q-2023-00904](#))

The draft opinion was presented to the Working Group for the first time. The need for additional information was identified. The draft opinion will be further revised by the WG members.

VI. AoB

EFSA provided an update of the ongoing revision of food additive guidance and on the food additive applications under assessment.

The composition of the WG will be updated according to the workload.

VII. Next meeting

September 2024, the dates will be the 16th and 17th September. Confirmation of the timing and official invitation will follow.

13th and 17th May 2024

09:30-13:30/09:30-18:30

MINUTES – Agreed on 31/05/2024

Location: Web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle (Chair), Gabriele Aquilina, José Barat, Gisela Degen, Maria-Josè Frutos Fernandez, David Gott*, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Woelfle.
- EFSA: FIP Unit: Consuelo Civitella, Borana Dino, Gabriele Gagliardi, Agnieszka Mech, Salvatore Multari, Laura Ruggeri, Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard, Sam Vermeiren, Panagiota Zakidou.

(* participated only on the 17th of May)

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. David Gott sent apologies for being absent on the 13th of May.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without change.

III. 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.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 53rd Working Group meeting held on 8th and 9th April 2024 via web-conference

The minutes of the [53rd Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 9th April 2024.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Draft opinion on Curdlan ([Q-2017-00024](#))

The draft opinion was finalized by the WG and will be transmitted to the FAF Panel for possible adoption in July.

¹ 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



b. Draft opinion on Steviol glycosides extension of uses and modification of the Acceptable Daily Intake (ADI) ([Q-2023-00594](#))

The draft opinion was finalized by the WG and will be transmitted to the FAF Panel for possible adoption in July.

c. Draft opinion on Jagua (genipin-glycine) blue ([Q-2021-00231](#))

The WG discussed the information on genotoxicity submitted by the applicant in response to an earlier request from EFSA. The need for additional information was identified.

d. Draft opinion on Gardenia genipin blue ([Q-2023-00666](#))

The draft opinion was discussed by the WG. The need for additional information was identified.

e. Draft opinion on Vit E TPGS ([Q-2020-00360](#))

The WG discussed the information submitted by the applicant in response to an earlier request from EFSA. The need for additional information was identified.

VI. Any Other Business

EFSA provided an update of the food additive guidance and on the food additive applications under assessment.

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 8th and 11th July 2024, via web-conference.

8th and 9th April 2024

09:30-18:30/09:00-18:00

MINUTES – Agreed on 09/04/2024

Location: Web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle (Chair), Gabriele Aquilina, José Barat, Gisela Degen, Maria-Josè Frutos Fernandez, David Gott, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Woelfle.
- EFSA: FIP Unit: Consuelo Civitella, Borana Dino, Gabriele Gagliardi, Simone Lunardi, Salvatore Multari, Laura Ruggeri, Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard, Sam Vermeiren, Panagiota Zakidou.

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were sent from Lieve Herman for the whole duration of the meeting, Jean-Charles Leblanc for the morning of the second day, from Gabriele Aquilina and David Gott for the afternoon of the second day.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without change.

III. 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.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 52nd Working Group meeting held on 11th and 15th March 2024 via web-conference

The minutes of the [52nd Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 15th March 2024.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Draft opinion on Polyphenol-rich extract (PRE) ([Q-2020-00358](#))

The WG discussed the information submitted by the applicant in response to an earlier request from EFSA. The need for additional information was identified.

¹ 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



b. Draft opinion on Curdlan ([Q-2017-00024](#))

The draft opinion was revised by the WG and will be finalized for possible future adoption.

c. Draft opinion on Steviol glycosides extension of uses and modification of the Acceptable Daily Intake (ADI) ([Q-2023-00594](#))

The draft opinion was discussed, mainly focusing on the modification of the ADI based on applicant's proposal to use chemical specific adjustment factors (CSAFs), and on the exposure assessment. The draft opinion will be further considered at a next WG meeting.

d. Draft opinion on Rebaudioside M produced via enzyme modification of steviol glycosides from Stevia ([Q-2023-0546](#))

The draft opinion was discussed by the WG. The need for additional information was identified.

e. Draft opinion on Acerola fruit powder ([Q-2022-00463](#))

The WG discussed the information submitted by the applicant in response to an earlier request from EFSA. The need for additional information was identified.

VI. Any Other Business

EFSA provided an update of the food additive guidance and on the food additive applications under assessment.

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 13th and 17th May 2024, via web-conference.

11th and 15th March 2024

14:30-18:30/09:30-18:30

MINUTES – Agreed on 15/03/2024

Location: Web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle (Chair), José Barat**, Gisela Degen, David Gott, Lieve Herman**, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Woelfle.
 - EFSA:
FIP Unit: Consuelo Civitella, Borana Dino, Jaime Aguilera Entrena, Gabriele Gagliardi, Salvatore Multari, Ana Maria Rincon, Laura Ruggeri, Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard, Sam Vermeiren, Panagiota Zakidou.
 - DG-SANTE: Jiri Sochor**
- (* participated only on the 11th of March; ** participated only on the 15th of March)

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were sent by Gabriele Aquilina and Maria-Josè Frutos Fernandez.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without change.

III. 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.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 51th Working Group meeting held on 5th and 7th February 2024 via web-conference

The minutes of the [51th Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 7th February 2024.

¹ 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



V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Draft opinion on Steviol glycosides extension of uses and modification of the Acceptable Daily Intake (ADI) ([Q-2023-00594](#))

The draft opinion was discussed, mainly focusing on the modification of the ADI based on applicant's proposal to use chemical specific adjustment factors (CSAFs). The draft opinion will be further considered at a next WG meeting.

b. Draft opinion on Quillaia extract ([Q-2023-00505](#))

A presentation on the new food additive application was provided. The need for additional information was identified.

c. Draft opinion on Natural propionate ferment ([Q-2023-00903](#))

A presentation of the new food additive application was provided. The need for additional information was identified.

d. Draft opinion on Soy leghemoglobin ([Q-2022-00031](#))

The draft opinion was further revised by the WG pending submission of the awaited data.

VI. Any Other Business

EFSA provided an update of the food additive guidance and on the food additive applications under assessment.

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 8th and 9th April 2024, physical meeting in Parma.

5th and 7th February 2024
09:30-18:30/14:30-18:30
MINUTES – Agreed on 07/02/2024

Location: Web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle (Chair), Gabriele Aquilina*, José Barat, Gisela Degen*, Maria-José Frutos Fernandez, David Gott, Lieve Herman**, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Woelfle.
 - EFSA:
FIP Unit: Consuelo Civitella, Valeriu Curtui, Borana Dino, Gabriele Gagliardi, Carla Martino, Agnieszka Mech, Salvatore Multari, Ana Maria Rincon, Laura Ruggeri, Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard, Sam Vermeiren, Panagiota Zakidou.
- (* participated only on the 5th of February; ** participated only on the 7th of February)

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Lieve Herman sent apologies for being absent on the 5th of February. Gabriele Aquilina and Gisela Degen sent their apologies for the 7th of February.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without change.

III. 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.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 50th Working Group meeting held on 15th-19th January 2024 via web-conference

The minutes of the [50th Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 19th January 2024.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Draft opinion on Curdlan ([Q-2017-000204](#))

¹ 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



The WG discussed the information submitted by the applicant in response to an earlier request from EFSA. The WG will request a clarification on the provided information. The WG will finalise the draft opinion for possible future adoption.

b. Draft opinion on Soy leghemoglobin ([Q-2022-00031](#))

The draft opinion was revised by the WG, and it will be further considered at the next WG meeting.

c. Draft opinion on Steviol glycosides extension of uses and modification of the ADI ([Q-2023-00594](#))

A presentation of the new food additive application was provided. The WG discussed the modification of the ADI based on applicant proposal and the approach for the assessment of the exposure. An ADR letter will be sent to the applicant to allow fixing a technical issue with the electronic submission of the dossier.

d. Update of the food additive guidance

First discussion on the update of the food additive guidance document took place, with a main focus on the technical part.

VI. Any Other Business

EFSA presented an update on the food additive applications under assessment.

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 11th and 15th March 2024, via web conference.

15th and 19th January 2024

09:30-18:30

MINUTES – Agreed on 19/01/2024

Location: Web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle (Chair), Gabriele Aquilina*, José Barat, Gisela Degen, Maria-José Frutos Fernandez, David Gott, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Woelfle.
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Consuelo Civitella, Valeriu Curtui, Borana Dino, Gabriele Gagliardi, Agnieszka Mech, Laura Ruggeri, Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard, Sam Vermeiren, Panagiota Zakidou.

(* participated only on the 19th of January)

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Gabriele Aquilina sent apologies for being absent on the 15th of January. Apologies were sent by Lieve Herman.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without change.

III. 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.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 49th Working Group meeting held on 16th-17th November 2023 via web-conference

The minutes of the [49th Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 17th November 2023.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Draft opinion on Ground Rice Hull ([EFSA-Q-2022-00379](#))

A presentation of the new food additive application was provided to the WG. The need for additional information was identified.

¹ 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



b. Draft opinion on Rice Bran Extract ([EFSA-Q-2022-00378](#))

A presentation of the new food additive application was provided to the WG. The need for additional information was identified.

c. Draft opinion on Pea fibre concentrate ([EFSA-Q-2022-00795](#))

The WG discussed the additional information that was provided by the applicant in response to an earlier request from EFSA. The need for additional information was identified. The draft opinion will be further revised in a future meeting.

d. Draft opinion on Soy leghemoglobin ([EFSA-Q-2022-00031](#))

Based on the FAF Panel steering, the WG discussed the approach to the risk assessment. The draft opinion will be further revised in a future meeting.

VI. Any Other Business

EFSA presented an update on the food additive applications under assessment and on the on-going update of the food additive guidance (Q-2023-00713).

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 5th and 7th February 2024, via web conference.

16 – 17 November 2023

09:30-18:30 / 09:30-13:30

MINUTES – Agreed on 17/11/2023

Location: Web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle (Chair), Gabriele Aquilina, José Barat, Gisela Degen, Maria-José Frutos Fernandez, David Gott, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Woelfle.
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Consuelo Civitella, Valeriu Curtui, Agnieszka Mech, Salvatore Multari, Laura Ruggeri, Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard, Panagiota Zakidou, Josef Daniel Rasinger, Gabriele Gagliardi, Borana Dino, Elena Mazzoli, Sam Vermeiren.

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies sent by Lieve Herman.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without change.

III. 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.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 48th Working Group meeting held on 10th November 2023 via web-conference

The minutes of the 48th Working Group meeting were agreed on 16th November 2023.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Draft opinion on Jagua (genipin-glycine) blue ([EFSA-Q-2021-00231](#))

The biological and toxicological section of the application was discussed by the Working Group. The need for additional information was identified.

b. Draft opinion on Acerola fruit powder ([EFSA-Q-2022-00463](#))

¹ 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



The technical part of the application was presented to the WG. The need for additional information was identified.

c. Draft opinion on Pectin from *Coffea arabica* ([EFSA-Q-2022-00486](#))

Additional information provided by the applicant in response to an earlier request from EFSA were discussed. The technical, exposure, and biological and toxicological sections were addressed. The need for additional information was identified.

d. Draft opinion Soy leghemoglobin ([EFSA-Q-2022-00031](#))

Additional information provided by the applicant in response to an earlier request from EFSA were discussed by the WG. The exposure and the biological and toxicological sections of the application were addressed. The need for additional information was identified. The WG will provide feedback to the FAF Panel on the progress of this application at the next plenary meeting.

VI. Any Other Business

EFSA presented an update on the food additive applications under assessment and on the on-going update of the food additive guidance (Q-2023-00713).

EFSA requested feedback from the WG on any issues identified in the food additive applications regarding the implementation of the EFSA Guidance-TR and the Guidance on risk assessment of nanomaterials.

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 15th and 19th January 2024, via web conference.

10th November 2023

14:00-16:00

MINUTES – Agreed on 16/11/2023

Location: EFSA - Web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle (Chair), Gabriele Aquilina, Gisela Degen, Peter Moldeus, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Woelfle.
- Hearing expert: Rainer Gürtler
- EFSA: FIP Unit: Consuelo Civitella, Vasantha Palaniappan, Josef Daniel Rasinger, Laura Ruggeri

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies sent by David Gott.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without change.

III. 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.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 47th Working Group meeting

The minutes of the 47th Working Group meeting were agreed on 5th October 2023.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Draft opinion on Jagua (genipin-glycine) blue (EFSA-Q-2021-00231)

The draft opinion was presented to the Working Group. The need for additional information was identified. The WG will provide feedback to the forthcoming FAF Panel meeting regarding the biological and toxicological section of the opinion.

VI. Any Other Business

None.

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 16th - 17th November 2023, via web conference.

3rd & 5th October 2023

09:30-18:30 / 09:30-13:30

MINUTES – Agreed on 05/10/2023

Location: EFSA - Web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle (Chair), Gabriele Aquilina*, José Barat**, Gisela Degen, Maria-José Frutos Fernandez**, David Gott, Jean-Charles Leblanc**, Peter Moldeus, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Woelfle.
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Consuelo Civitella, Salvatore Multari, Vasantha Palaniappan, Ana Maria Rincon, Laura Ruggeri, Camilla Smeraldi, Gabriele Gagliardi.

(* participated only on 5th October; ** participated only on the 3rd October)

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Lieve Herman sent apologies for absence. Gabriele Aquilina sent apologies for being absent on the 3rd October.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without change.

III. 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.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 46th Working Group meeting held on 7th - 8th September 2023

The minutes of the 46th Working Group meeting were agreed on 8th September 2023.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Draft opinion on DNA oligonucleotides ([EFSA-Q-2020-00518](https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf))

The scientific draft opinion was finalized by the WG and will be transmitted to the FAF Panel for possible adoption at a forthcoming meeting.

¹ 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



b. Draft opinion on Steviol glycosides from Yarrowia lipolytica ([EFSA Q-2021-00356](#))

The scientific draft opinion was finalized by the WG and will be transmitted to the October FAF Panel for possible adoption.

c. Draft opinion on Soy Leghemoglobin ([EFSA-Q-2022-00031](#))

The draft opinion was presented to the Working group. The draft opinion will be further revised by the members.

VI. Any Other Business

EFSA provided an update on the status of the food additive applications.

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 16th - 17th November 2023, via web conference.

7th – 8th September 2023

09:30-18:30 / 09:30-12:30

MINUTES – Agreed on 08/09/2023

Location: EFSA - Parma Web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle (Chair), Gabriele Aquilina, José Barat, Gisela Degen, Maria-José Frutos Fernandez, David Gott, Lieve Herman*, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Woelfle.
- ISA: Alfieri Fabio
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Consuelo Civitella, Agnieszka Mech, Salvatore Multari, Vasantha Palaniappan, Ana Maria Rincon, Laura Ruggeri, Camilla Smeraldi, Gabriele Gagliardi, Alexandra Tard, Panagiota Zakidou, Simone Lunardi*.
NIF Unit: Antonio Fernandez Dumont**
(* participated only on 7th September, ** participated only on 8th September)

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without change.

III. 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.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 45th Working Group meeting held on 30th June 2023 via web-conference

The minutes of [the 45th Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 30th June 2023.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Draft opinion on Pullulan (E 1204) ([EFSA Q-2020-00517](#), [EFSA-Q-2021-00278](#))

The draft opinion was presented to the Working Group. The need for additional information was identified. The draft opinion will be further revised by the WG members.

¹ 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



b. Draft opinion on Steviol glycosides from Yarrowia lipolytica ([EFSA Q-2021-00356](#))

The scientific draft opinion was finalized by the WG and will be transmitted to the October FAF Panel for possible adoption.

c. Draft opinion on DNA oligonucleotides ([EFSA-Q-2020-00518](#))

The draft opinion was presented to the Working group. The draft opinion will be further revised at the forthcoming meeting for possible finalisation.

d. Draft opinion on Jagua (genipin-glycine) blue ([EFSA-Q-2021-00231](#))

The Working Group discussed the outcome of a preparatory meeting held on the 29th of August. The need for additional information was identified by the WG. The draft opinion will be further revised by the WG members.

e. Draft Opinion on Soy Leghemoglobin ([EFSA-Q-2022-00031](#))

The draft text of the allergenicity section, in consultation with GMO Panel, was presented to the Working group. The draft opinion will be further revised by the members.

VI. Any Other Business

The WG was informed that a preparatory meeting was held on the 29th August on EFSA-Q-2021-00231 and that a preparatory meeting will be held on the 12th September on EFSA-Q-2022-00031.

EFSA provided an update on the status of the food additive applications.

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 3rd and 5th October 2023, via web conference.

30th June 2023

09:30-18:30

MINUTES – Agreed on 30/06/2023

Location: EFSA - Parma Web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle (Chair), Gabriele Aquilina, José Barat, Gisela Degen, David Gott, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Woelfle.
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Consuelo Civitella, Jaime Aguilera Entrena, Agnieszka Mech, Salvatore Multari, Vasantha Palaniappan, Laura Ruggeri, Gabriele Gagliardi, Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard, Panagiota Zakidou.

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies received from Maria-José Frutos Fernandez and Lieve Herman.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without change.

III. 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.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 44th Working Group meeting held on 6th & 7th June 2023 via web-conference

The minutes of the 44th Working Group meeting were agreed on 8th June 2023.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Draft opinion on Steviol glycoside from *Yarrowia lipolytica* (EFSA Q-2021-00356)

The draft opinion was presented to the Working Group. The additional data received in response to EFSA request were discussed. The draft opinion will be further revised by the WG members at the forthcoming WG meeting.

b. Draft opinion on Jagua (genipin-glycine) blue (EFSA-Q-2021-00231)

¹ 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



On 22 June, a preparatory meeting was held among the experts in toxicology. The revised draft opinion was discussed by the Working Group. The need for additional information was identified and the assessment will be placed on hold while this is sought from the applicant.

VI. Any Other Business

EFSA provided an update of the status of the food additive applications.

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 7-8 September 2023, Parma.

6th & 8th June 2023

09:30-18:30 / 09:30-13:30

MINUTES – Agreed on 08/06/2023

Location: EFSA - Parma Web-conference.

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle (Chair), Gabriele Aquilina*, José Barat*, Gisela Degen**, Maria-José Frutos Fernandez, David Gott*, Lieve Herman*, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Woelfle,
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Jaime Aguilera Entrena, Consuelo Civitella, Gabriele Gagliardi, Vasantha Palaniappan, Ana Maria Rincon, Laura Ruggeri, Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard, Panagiota Zakidou.

NIF: Reinhilde Schoonjans

(*Participated only on 6th June 2023; ** Participated only on 8th June 2023)

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without change.

III. 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.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 43rd Working Group meeting held on 21st & 28th April 2023 via web-conference

The minutes of the 43rd Working Group meeting were agreed on 28th April 2023.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

- a. **Draft opinion on the safety Soy leghemoglobin from genetically modified *Pichia pastoris* as a food additive (EFSA-Q-2022-00031).**

¹ 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



The draft opinion encompassing the additional information provided by the applicant in response to the request from EFSA was presented to the Working Group. The need for additional information was identified and the assessment will be placed on hold while this is sought from the applicant.

b. Draft scientific opinion on the safety in use of Blue Galdieria extract as a food additive (EFSA-Q-2021-00347)

The revised draft opinion was discussed by the Working Group. The need for additional information was identified and the assessment will be placed on hold while this is sought from the applicant.

VI. Any Other Business

EFSA presented the status of the food additive applications currently under assessment.

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 30th June 2023, via web conference.

21 & 28 April 2023

09:30-13:30 & 09:30-16:30

MINUTES – Agreed on 28/04/2023

Location: EFSA - Parma Web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle (Chair), Gabriele Aquilina*, José Barat, Gisela Degen, Maria-José Frutos Fernandez, David Gott*, Lieve Herman*, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Woelfle.
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Consuelo Civitella, Agnieszka Mech*, Salvatore Multari*, Vasantha Palaniappan, Laura Ruggeri, Camilla Smeraldi, Gabriele Gagliardi, Panagiota Zakidou.
(*participated only the 21st April 2023)

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without change.

III. 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.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 42nd Working Group meeting held on 29th March 2023 via web-conference

The minutes of the [42nd Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 3rd April 2023.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

- a. Draft opinion on Steviol glycoside from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* ([EFSA Q-2021-00357](#))**

The scientific draft opinion was finalised by the WG and will be transmitted to the May FAF Panel for possible adoption.

¹ 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



b. Draft opinion on Pea Fibre concentrate (FIPEA) ([EFSA-Q-2022-00795](#))

The draft opinion was presented to the Working Group. The need for additional information was identified in all sections of the technical dossier. The draft opinion will be further revised by the WG members.

VI. Any Other Business

EFSA provided an update of the status of the food additive applications.

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 6th and 8th June 2023, via web conference.

29 –March 2023

14:00-16:00

MINUTES – Agreed on 03/04/2023

Location: EFSA - Parma Web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle (Chair), Gabriele Aquilina, José Barat, Gisela Degen, Maria-José Frutos Fernandez, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Woelfle.
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Consuelo Civitella, Agnieszka Mech, Vasantha Palaniappan, Laura Ruggeri, Camilla Smeraldi, Panagiota Zakidou.
- Applicant representatives:
Isidro Guillén López, Pascuali Vizcaíno Milla, Carlos de Torre Minguela, Simon Claessens, María José Sainz, Àngel Menargues Baños.

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Lieve Herman and David Gott sent apologies for absence.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without change.

III. 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.

IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Draft opinion on polyphenol-rich extract (PRE) ([EFSA-Q-2020-00358](#))

The WG requested the applicant to clarify some elements of the additional information provided during the risk assessment phase. The WG identified the need for additional information on the technical, biological and toxicological parts of the technical dossier. The assessment will be placed on hold while this is sought from the applicant.

V. AoB

None.

¹ 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

2nd & 3rd March 2023

09:30-18:30 / 09:30-13:30

MINUTES – Agreed on 03/03/2023

Location: EFSA - Parma Web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle (Chair), Gabriele Aquilina, José Barat, Gisela Degen, Maria-José Frutos Fernandez, David Gott*, Lieve Herman*, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Woelfle.
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Consuelo Civitella, Agnieszka Mech, Salvatore Multari, Vasantha Palaniappan, Ana Maria Rincon, Laura Ruggeri, Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard, Panagiota Zakidou, Gagliardi Gabriele, Lunardi simone.

(*participated only the 2nd March 2023)

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.
Apologies was received from David Gott.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without change.

III. 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.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 40th Working Group meeting held on 16th-17th January 2023 via web-conference

The minutes of [the 40th Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 9th February 2023.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

- a. Draft opinion on Steviol glycoside from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* ([Q-2021-00357](#))**

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The draft opinion was presented to the Working Group. The need for additional information was identified. The draft opinion will be further revised by the WG members and will be discussed at the next WG meeting.

b. Draft opinion on Polyphenol rich extract ([Q-2020-00358](#))

The additional data received in response to EFSA request were discussed by the Working Group and will require clarifications from the applicant.

c. Draft opinion on Pectin rich extract derived from Coffee Arabica ([Q-2022-00486](#))

The biological and toxicological section of the draft opinion was discussed by the Working Group. The need for additional information was identified.

VI. Any Other Business

An update on the status of the application was given and tasks were allocated.

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 21st and 26th April 2023, via web conference.

16 – 17 January 2023

09:30-18:30 / 09:30-13:30

MINUTES – Agreed on 09/02/2023

Location: EFSA - Parma Web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle (Chair), Gabriele Aquilina*, José Barat*, Gisela Degen, Maria-José Frutos Fernandez*, David Gott, Jean-Charles Leblanc*, Peter Moldeus, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Woelfle.
(*attended only on the 16th of January)
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Consuelo Civitella, Agnieszka Mech, Vasantha Palaniappan, Ana Maria Rincon, Laura Ruggeri, Camilla Smeraldi, Alkiviadis Stagkos-Georgiadis, Alexandra Tard, Panagiota Zakidou.

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

II. Adoption of agenda

EFSA was informed that MESE unit requested a feedback on experience in applying Guidance on Particles - TR. This item was added to the agenda under AoB.

The agenda was adopted with this change.

III. 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.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 39th Working Group meeting held on 29th November 5th and 12nd December 2022, via web-conference

The minutes of [the 39th Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 16th January 2023.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

- a. **Draft opinion on Pectin rich extract derived from *Coffee arabica* ([EFSA-Q-2022-00486](#))**

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The application was presented to the Working Group. The need for additional information on the technical part of the dossier was identified and the assessment will be placed on hold while this is sought from the applicant.

b. Draft opinion on Jagua Genipin Glycine Blue ([EFSA-Q-2021-00231](#))

The revised draft opinion was discussed by the Working Group. The need for additional information was identified and the assessment will be placed on hold while this is sought from the applicant.

VI. Any Other Business

The WG received an update on the applications.

EFSA informed that MESE unit has been seeking feedback on Guidance on Particles – TR. The WG members have been invited to send written input to EFSA.

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 2nd and 3rd March 2023, via web conference.

**MINUTES OF THE 39TH MEETING OF THE WORKING
GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS**

29th November (09:30–13:30), 5th December (09:30–13:30) and
12th (14:00–18:00) December 2022

MINUTES – Agreed on 16/01/2023

Location: EFSA - Parma Web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle (Chair), Gabriele Aquilina (participated on the 2nd day) José Barat (participated on the 1st and 3rd day), Gisela Degen (participated on the 1st and 2nd day), Maria-José Frutos Fernandez (participated on the 1st and 3rd day), David Gott (participated on the 1st and 2nd day), Lieve Herman (participated on the 1st and 2nd day), Jean-Charles Leblanc (participated on the 1st and 3rd day), Peter Moldeus (participated on the 1st and 2nd day), Dina Waalkens-Berendsen (participated on the 1st and 2nd day), Detlef Woelfle (participated on the 1st and 2nd day).
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Jaime Aguilera, Consuelo Civitella, Agnieszka Mech, Salvatore Multari, Vasantha Palaniappan, Ana Maria Rincon, Laura Ruggeri, Camilla Smeraldi, Alkiviadis Stagkos-Georgiadis, Alexandra Tard, Panagiota Zakidou.
- Others:
NIF Unit: Reinhilde Schoonjans, Tilemachos Goumperis
MESE Unit: José Ángel Gómez Ruiz

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

II. Adoption of agenda

EFSA informed that the applicant of Jagua (Genipin-Glycine) blue (Q-2021-00231) did not submit the expected information, hence the application could not be discussed. Instead, the application Soy leghemoglobin Q-2022-00031 will be discussed.

The agenda was adopted with the above mentioned changes.

III. 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.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 38th Working Group meeting held on 24,25 & 28 October 2022, via web-conference

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MEETING MINUTES – 39TH Working Group meeting on Food Additive Applications

29th November (09:30–13:30), 5th December (09:30–13:30) and 12th (14:00–18:00) December 2022



The [minutes of the 38th Working Group meeting](#) were agreed by written procedure on 15th November 2022.

V. Update on applications, new mandates

The EFSA staff provided a brief update on the status of current applications as of 12.12.2022.

VI. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

- a. **Draft opinion on the safety Soy leghemoglobin from genetically modified *Pichia pastoris* as a food additive. Soy leghemoglobin ([EFSA-Q-2022-00031](#)).**

The draft opinion encompassing the additional information provided by the applicant in response to the request from EFSA was presented to the Working Group. The need for additional information was identified and the assessment will be placed on hold while this is sought from the applicant.

VII. Any Other Business

- a. **Update on the safety of a proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive steviol glycosides (E 960): new production process using genetically modified *Yarrowia lipolytica*. Yarrow lipolytica([EFSA-Q-2021-00356](#))**

The draft opinion was presented to the Working Group. The draft opinion will be further revised at a forthcoming meeting.

VIII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 16th & 17th January 2023, via web conference.



FOOD INGREDIENTS AND PACKAGING UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 38TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Web-conference, 24th (14:00-18:00), 25th (14:00-18:00) and 28th (09:00-13:00) October 2022

(Agreed on 15/11/2022)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Laurence Castle (Chair), Gabriele Aquilina, José Barat, Gisela Degen, Maria-José Frutos Fernandez, Lieve Herman (participated on the 1st and 2nd day), Jean-Charles Leblanc (participated on the 1st and 3rd day), Peter Moldeus, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen (participated on the 1st and 2nd day), Detlef Woelfle.

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Consuelo Civitella, Agnieszka Mech, Salvatore Multari, Laura Ruggeri, Camilla Smeraldi, Alkiviadis Stagkos-Georgiadis, Alexandra Tard.

NIF Unit: Aleksandra Lewandowska, Reinhilde Schoonjans.

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

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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. Agreement of the minutes of the 37th Working Group meeting held on 5-6 September 2022 as a web-conference.

The [minutes of the 37th Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 26 September 2022.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Request for EFSA to provide a scientific opinion on the safety of a proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive steviol glycosides (E 960): new production process using genetically modified *Yarrowia lipolytica* ([EFSA-Q-2021-00356](#))

The draft opinion encompassing the additional information provided by the applicant in response to the request from EFSA was presented to the Working Group. The need for additional information was identified and the assessment will be placed on hold while this is sought from the applicant.

5.2. Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of Blue Galdieria extract as a food additive ([EFSA-Q-2021-00347](#))

The draft opinion encompassing the additional information provided by the applicant in response to the request from EFSA was presented to the Working Group. The need for additional information was identified and the assessment will be placed on hold while this is sought from the applicant.

6. Any Other Business

The status of current applications as of 28.10.2022 was discussed for planning purposes.

6.1. Request for EFSA to provide a scientific opinion on the safety Soy leghemoglobin from genetically modified *Pichia pastoris* as a food additive ([EFSA-Q-2022-00031](#))

Further to the initial discussion held at the 36th WG meeting, the WG identified the need for sending an addendum to the request of additional information previously sent to the applicant.

Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held on 29 November, 5 & 12 December 2022.



FOOD INGREDIENTS AND PACKAGING UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 37TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

web-conference, 5th (09:00-14:00) and 6th (14:00-18:00) September 2022

(Agreed on 26 September 2022)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Laurence Castle (Chair), Gabriele Aquilina (participated on the 1st day), José Barat, Gisela Degen, Maria-José Frutos Fernandez, David Gott (participated on the 1st day), Lieve Herman (participated on the 1st day), Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Woelfle.

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Consuelo Civitella, Agnieszka Mech, Salvatore Multari, Laura Ruggeri, Camilla Smeraldi, Alkiviadis Stagkos-Georgiadis, Alexandra Tard.

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

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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. Agreement of the minutes of the 36th Working Group meeting held on 11 July 2022 as a web-conference.

The [minutes of the 36th Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 21 July 2022.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of jagua (genipin-glycine) blue as a food additive ([EFSA-Q-2021-00231](#))

The draft opinion encompassing the additional information provided by the applicant was presented to the Working Group. The need for additional information was identified and the assessment will be placed on hold while this is sought from the applicant.

6. Any Other Business

The status of current applications as of 06.09.2022 was discussed for planning purposes.

6.1. Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of Curdlan ([EFSA-Q-2017-00024](#))

The production organism will be notified to the Panel on Biological Hazards (BIOHAZ) WG on the update of the list of QPS recommended biological agents intentionally added to food or feed as notified to EFSA (2020-22).

Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held on 24 & 25 October 2022.



FOOD INGREDIENTS AND PACKAGING UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 36TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

web-conference, 11 July 2022 (14:00-18:30)

(Agreed on 21 July 2022)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Laurence Castle (Chair), Gabriele Aquilina, José Barat, Gisela Degen, Maria-José Frutos Fernandez, David Gott, Lieve Herman, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen.

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Ana Maria Rincon, Laura Ruggeri, Camilla Smeraldi.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Detlef Woelfle.

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.

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 35th Working Group meeting held on 30 May 2022 as a web-conference.

The [minutes of the 35th Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 30 May 2022.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Request for EFSA to provide a scientific opinion on the safety Soy leghemoglobin from genetically modified *Pichia pastoris* as a food additive (EFSA-Q-2022-00031)

The application was presented to the Working Group. The need for additional information was identified and the assessment will be placed on hold while this is sought from the applicant.

6. Any Other Business

The WG received an update on the applications.

7. Next meeting(s)

The dates of the next meeting will be 5th September (AM) and 6th September (PM).



FOOD INGREDIENTS AND PACKAGING UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 35TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

web-conference, 30 May 2022 (09:00-13:00)

(Agreed on 30 May 2022)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Laurence Castle (Chair), José Barat, Maria-José Frutos Fernandez, Lieve Herman, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus.

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Consuelo Civitella, Jaime Aguilera Entrena, Salvatore Multari, Ana Maria Rincon, Laura Ruggeri, Camilla Smeraldi, Alkiviadis Stagkos-Georgiadis.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies received.

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.

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 34th Working Group meeting held on 20 April 2022 as a web-conference.

The [minutes of the 34th Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 20 April 2022.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Request for EFSA to provide a scientific opinion on the safety of a proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive steviol glycosides (E 960): new production process using genetically modified *Yarrowia lipolytica* (EFSA-Q-2021-00356)

The draft opinion encompassing the additional information provided by the applicant was presented to the Working Group. The need for additional information was identified and the assessment will be placed on hold while this is sought from the applicant.

5.2. Request for EFSA to provide a scientific opinion on the safety of a proposed amendment to the specifications of the food additive steviol glycosides (E 960): new production process using genetically modified *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (EFSA-Q-2021-00357)

The draft opinion encompassing the additional information provided by the applicant was presented to the Working Group. The need for additional information was identified and the assessment will be placed on hold while this is sought from the applicant.

6. Any Other Business

The WG received an update on the applications.

7. Next meeting(s)

The dates of the next meeting will be agreed by the WG members depending on the availability of the data.



FOOD INGREDIENTS AND PACKAGING UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 34TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

web-conference, 20 April 2022 (09:00-13:00)

(Agreed on 20 April 2022)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Laurence Castle (Chair), José Barat, Gisela Degen, Maria-José Frutos Fernandez, David Gott, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Ine Waalkens, Detlef Woelfle.

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Consuelo Civitella, Salvatore Multari, Laura Ruggeri, Camilla Smeraldi, Alkiviadis Stagkos-Georgiadis, Alexandra Tard.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies received.

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.

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 33rd Working Group meeting held on 4 March 2022 as a web-conference.

The [minutes of the 33rd Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 4 March 2022.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of buffered vinegar as a food additive (EFSA-Q-2021-00349)

The draft opinion was revised encompassing the new information received from the applicant. Subject to incorporation of changes as agreed during the meeting, the draft opinion will be finalised for transmission to the forthcoming Plenary meeting of the FAF Panel, for possible adoption.

6. Any Other Business

None.

7. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held on 30 May (AM) 2022.



FOOD INGREDIENTS AND PACKAGING UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 33rd MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

web-conference, 4 March 2022 (09:00-17:30)

(Agreed on 4 March 2022)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Laurence Castle (Chair), Gabriele Aquilina, José Barat, Gisela Degen, Maria-José Frutos Fernandez, David Gott, Lieve Herman (PM only), Jean-Charles Leblanc, Ine Waalkens, Detlef Woelfle.

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Consuelo Civitella, Agnieszka Mech, Salvatore Multari, Laura Ruggeri, Camilla Smeraldi, Alkiviadis Stagkos-Georgiadis, Alexandra Tard and Giorgia Vianello.

EC: Catherine Evrevin, Jiri Sochor

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

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

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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. Agreement of the minutes of the 32nd Working Group meeting held on 19 & 21 January 2022 as a web-conference.

The [minutes of the 32nd Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 21 January 2022.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of buffered vinegar as a food additive ([EFSA-Q-2021-00349](#))

The revised draft opinion was discussed by the Working Group. The need for additional information was identified and the assessment will be placed on hold while this is sought from the applicant.

5.2. Request for EFSA to provide a scientific opinion on the safety of a proposed amendment to the specifications of the food additive steviol glycosides (E 960) as regards rebaudioside D produced via enzyme-catalysed bioconversion of purified stevia leaf extract ([EFSA-Q-2020-00520](#))

The draft opinion was revised to take into account the new information and was finalised for transmission to the forthcoming Plenary meeting of the FAF Panel, for possible adoption.

6. Any Other Business

None.

7. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held on 20 April 2022.



FOOD INGREDIENTS AND PACKAGING UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 32nd MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

web-conference, 19 and 21 January 2022 (14:00-18:00)

(Agreed on 21 January 2022)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Laurence Castle (Chair), Gabriele Aquilina, José Barat, Gisela Degen, Maria-José Frutos Fernandez, David Gott, Lieve Herman, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Ine Waalkens, Detlef Woelfle.

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: , Consuelo Civitella, Agnieszka Mech, Ana Maria Rincon, Camilla Smeraldi, Alkiviadis Stagkos-Georgiadis, Alexandra Tard, Giorgia Vianello

EC: Catherine Evrevin

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from José Barat and Lieve Herman on 19th January 2022.

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

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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. Agreement of the minutes of the 31st Working Group meeting held on 3 December 2021 as a web-conference.

The [minutes of the 31st Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 10 December 2021.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of buffered vinegar as a food additive ([EFSA-Q-2021-00349](#))

The draft opinion encompassing the additional information provided by the applicant was presented to the Working Group. The draft will be further revised at a forthcoming meeting.

5.2. Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of jagua (genipin-glycine) blue as a food additive ([EFSA-Q-2021-00231](#))

The dossier was presented to the Working Group for an initial discussion. The need for additional information was identified and the assessment will be placed on hold while this is sought from the applicant.

5.3. Request for EFSA to provide a scientific opinion on the safety of a proposed amendment to the specifications of the food additive steviol glycosides (E 960): new production process using genetically modified *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* ([EFSA-Q-2021-00357](#))

The dossier was presented to the Working Group for an initial discussion. The need for additional information was identified and the assessment will be placed on hold while this is sought from the applicant.

6. Any Other Business

The status of current applications as of 21.01.2022 was discussed for planning purposes and some tasks were allocated.

6.1. Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of Blue Galdieria extract as a food additive ([EFSA-Q-2021-00347](#))

Further to the initial discussion held at the previous meeting, the WG identified the need for sending an addendum to the request of additional information previously sent to the applicant.

7. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held on 4 March 2022.



FOOD INGREDIENTS AND PACKAGING UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 31ST MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

web-conference, 3 December 2021 (09:00-17:30)

(agreed on 10 December 2021)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Laurence Castle (Chair), Gabriele Aquilina, José Barat, Gisela Degen, Maria-José Frutos Fernandez, Lieve Herman (agenda items 5.1 and 5.2), Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Ine Waalkens, Detlef Woelfle.

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Jaime Aguilera, Consuelo Civitella, Christina Kyrkou, Ana Maria Rincon, Camilla Smeraldi, Alkiviadis Stagos-Georgiadis, Alexandra Tard, Giorgia Vianello

NUTRI Unit: Fabio Alfieri, Tilemachos Goumperis (for agenda item 5.2)

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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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. Agreement of the minutes of the 30th Working Group meeting held on 19 and 22 October 2021 as a webconference.

The [minutes of the 30th Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 22 October 2021.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of glucosylated steviol glycosides as a food additive ([EFSA-Q-2019-00062](#))

Following on the discussion held at the previous meeting, the revised draft opinion was further elaborated by the Working Group and finalised for transmission to a forthcoming plenary meeting of the FAF Panel, for possible adoption.

5.2. Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of Blue Galdieria extract as a food additive ([EFSA-Q-2021-00347](#))

The dossier was presented to the Working Group for an initial discussion. The WG considered the available data and identified the need for additional information on the technical part of the dossier and on the safety evaluation strategy and corresponding testing strategy.

The assessment will continue on other sections of the scientific opinion while this information is sought from the applicant.

5.3. Request for the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of Curdlan ([EFSA-Q-2017-00024](#))

The assessment of this dossier had been put on hold awaiting additional information to be provided by the applicant in response to earlier requests from EFSA.

At the current meeting the WG considered the available data and identified the need for requesting additional information on the safety evaluation strategy and corresponding testing strategy to be applied to the evaluation of this proposed new food additive.

The assessment will continue on other sections of the scientific opinion while this additional information is sought from the applicant.

6. Any Other Business

The status of current applications as of 03.12.2021 was discussed for planning purposes and some tasks were allocated.

7. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held on 19 and 21 January 2022.



FOOD INGREDIENTS AND PACKAGING UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 30TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

web-conference, 19 and 22 October 2021 (09:00-13:00)

(Agreed on 22 October 2021)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Laurence Castle (Chair), Gabriele Aquilina, José Barat, Gisela Degen, Maria-José Frutos Fernandez, Lieve Herman (agenda items 5.2 and 5.3), Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Ine Waalkens, Detlef Woelfle.

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Jaime Aguilera, Consuelo Civitella, Christina Kyrkou, Ana Maria Rincon, Camilla Smeraldi, Alkiviadis Stagkos-Georgiadis, Alexandra Tard, Giorgia Vianello, Riccardo Vriz

NUTRI Unit: Tilemachos Goumperis, Leonard Matjevic, Anna Maria Rossi

EC: Jiri Sochor

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Detlef Woelfle for the first day of the meeting.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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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. Agreement of the minutes of the 29th Working Group meeting held on 17 September 2021 as a webconference.

The [minutes of the 29th Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 17 September 2021.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of D- α -tocopheryl polyethylene glycol-1000 succinate as a food additive ([EFSA-Q-2020-00360](#))

The additional information provided by the applicant in response to the request from EFSA was presented to the Working Group, together with the previously discussed dossier. The need for additional information was identified and the assessment will be placed on hold while this is sought from the applicant.

5.2. Request for EFSA to provide a scientific opinion on the safety of a proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive steviol glycosides (E 960): new production process using genetically modified *Yarrowia lipolytica* ([EFSA-Q-2021-00356](#))

The dossier was presented to the Working Group for an initial discussion. The need for additional information was identified and the assessment will be placed on hold while this is sought from the applicant.

5.3. Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of glucosylated steviol glycosides as a food additive ([EFSA-Q-2019-00062](#))

The revised draft opinion encompassing the additional information received in March 2021 was discussed by the Working Group. The draft will be further revised at a forthcoming meeting.

5.4. Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of polyphenol-rich extract as a food additive ([EFSA-Q-2020-00358](#))

The dossier was presented to the Working Group for an initial discussion. The need for additional information was identified and the assessment will be placed on hold while this is sought from the applicant.

6. Any Other Business

The status of current applications as of 22.10.2021 was discussed for planning purposes and some tasks were allocated.

7. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held on 3 December 2021.



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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 29TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

web-conference, 17 September 2021

(Agreed on 17 September 2021)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Laurence Castle (Chair), Gabriele Aquilina, José Barat, Gisela Degen, Maria-José Frutos Fernandez, Lieve Herman (PM only), Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Ine Waalkens, Detlef Woelfle.

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Jaime Aguilera, Consuelo Civitella, Camilla Smeraldi, Alkiviadis Stagkos, Alexandra Tard, Giorgia Vianello, Riccardo Vriz

EC:

Jiri Sochor for agenda item 4.1; Catherine Evrevin

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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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. Agreement of the minutes of the 28th Working Group meeting held on 15 June 2021 as a webconference.

The [minutes of the 28th Working Group meeting](#) were agreed by written procedure on 25 June 2021

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety of buffered vinegar as a food additive ([EFSA-Q-2021-00349](#))

The dossier was presented to the Working Group for an initial discussion. The need for additional information was identified and the assessment will be placed on hold while this is sought from the applicant.

5.2. Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of oligonucleotides as a food additive ([EFSA-Q-2020-00518](#))

The dossier was presented to the Working Group for an initial discussion. The need for additional information was identified and the assessment will be placed on hold while this is sought from the applicant.

5.3. Scientific opinion on the safety of a proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive steviol glycosides (E 960) as regards rebaudioside D produced via enzyme-catalysed bioconversion of purified stevia leaf extract ([EFSA-Q-2020-00520](#))

The revised draft opinion was discussed by the Working Group. The need for additional information was identified and the assessment will be placed on hold while this is sought from the applicant.

6. Any Other Business

The status of current applications as of 17.09.2021 was discussed for planning purposes and some tasks were allocated.

7. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held on 19 & 22 October 2021.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 28TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

web-conference, 15 June 2021

(Agreed on 25 June 2021)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:¹

Laurence Castle (Chair), Gabriele Aquilina, José Barat, Maria-José Frutos Fernandez, Lieve Herman, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus

José Barat and Lieve Herman have participated in agenda point 5.1. and 5.2

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Jaime Aguilera, Ana Campos Fernandes, Consuelo Civitella, Alessandra Giarola, Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard, Giorgia Vianello

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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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. Agreement of the minutes of the 27th Working Group meeting held on 27 May 2021 as a webconference.

The [minutes of the 27th Working Group meeting](#) were agreed by written procedure on 07 June 2021

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Scientific opinion on the proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive Steviol glycosides (E 960) - enzymatic conversion of highly purified rebaudioside A and/or stevioside from stevia leaf extract to minor glycosides that are present in the leaf, including rebaudioside AM ([EFSA-Q-2019-00499](#))

The additional information provided by the applicant in response to the request from the Working Group was discussed. The draft opinion was revised to take into account the new information and was finalised for transmission to the forthcoming Plenary meeting of the FAF Panel, for possible adoption.

5.2. Scientific opinion on the safety of a proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive steviol glycosides (E 960) as regards rebaudioside D produced via enzyme-catalysed bioconversion of purified stevia leaf extract ([EFSA-Q-2020-00520](#))

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

5.3. Scientific opinion on the safety in use of carbomer (cross-linked polyacrylic acid polymers) as a food additive ([EFSA-Q-2020-00514](#))

The draft opinion was revised to take into account the new information and was finalised for transmission to the forthcoming Plenary meeting of the FAF Panel, for possible adoption.

6. Any Other Business

The status of current applications as of 15.06.2021 was discussed for planning purposes and some tasks were allocated.

7. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held between end of August/first half of September 2021, precise date to be agreed between participants.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURING (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 27th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Held on 27th May 2021, web-conference

(Adopted by written procedure on 07/06/2021)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle (Chair), Gisela Degen, Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Woelfle, Gabriele Aquilina
- Hearing experts:
Ursula Gundert-Remy, Peter Fürst
- EFSA
FIP Unit: Ana Campos Fernandes, Consuelo Civitella, Galvin Eyong, Alessandra Giarola, Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard, Giorgia Vianello, Ana Rincon

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all the participants.

No apologies received.

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 Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of Carbomer (cross-linked polyacrylic acid polymers) (EFSA-Q-2020-00514)

The hearing experts and members of the FAF Panel, Peter Fürst and Ursula Gundert-Remy, joined the current WG meeting for this agenda point to address questions concerning the technical and toxicological data, respectively.

The WG discussed the draft opinion that will be finalised at a forthcoming WG meeting.

5. Any Other Business

5.1 Next WG meetings

The next meeting of the WG will be scheduled on 15 June 2021.

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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURING (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 26th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Held on 15th April 2021, web-conference

(Adopted 15/04/2021)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Jose' Barat, Laurence Castle (Chair), Gisela Degen, Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Woelfle
- EFSA
FIP Unit: Ana Campos Fernandes, Galvin Eyong, Alessandra Giarola, Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard and Giorgia Vianello

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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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 Long-chain glycolipids from *Dacryopinax spathularia* (EFSA-Q-2020-00433)

The WG revised and finalised the draft opinion which will be presented at the next forthcoming FAF Panel meeting.

5. Any Other Business

5.1 Update on status of current applications

The status of current applications as of 15.04.2021 was discussed for planning purposes and some tasks were allocated.

5.2 Next WG meeting: TBD



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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURING (FAF)

MINUTES OF APPLICANT'S HEARING AT THE 25th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Held on 06th April 2021, web-conference

(Adopted by written procedure on 14/04/2021)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Jose' Barat, Laurence Castle (Chair) and Lieve Herman
- EFSA
FIP Unit: Jaime Aguilera Entrena, Alessandra Giarola, Camilla Smeraldi and Giorgia Vianello
- Applicant representatives:
Birgit Brucher (c-LEcta, Head of Quality Control)
Mathias Bell (c-LEcta, VP Legal Affairs & IP)
Paula Pescador (c-LEcta, VP Regulatory Affairs)
Sidd Purkayastha (PureCircle/Ingredion Inc, VP Head of Global Scientific & Regulatory Affairs)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all the participants.

2. Scope of the applicants' hearing

The Applicant have been explained the scope of the meeting.

3. Issue for discussion

3.1 New application for modification of specification of Steviol glycosides (E 960) - enzymatic conversion of highly purified rebaudioside A and/or



stevioside from stevia leaf extract to minor glycosides that are present in the leaf, including rebaudioside AM (EFSA-Q-2019-00499)

The WG discussed the characterisation of the production organism with reference to Pure Circle answers to additional information request letter sent by EFSA. In particular, tests for viable cells and remaining DNA in the final product were discussed.

The applicant agreed to provide additional data considered by the WG necessary to progress with the assessment of the safety of the new food additive under consideration.

Closing of the applicant's hearing

The applicant will receive a follow-up communication summarising the main points discussed.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURING (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 24th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Held on 18th March 2021, web-conference

(Adopted by written procedure on 30/03/2021)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Gabriele Aquilina, Jose' Barat, Laurence Castle (Chair), Gisela Degen, Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Woelfle
Lieve Herman attended agenda item 4.1

■ EFSA

FIP Unit: Jaime Aguilera Entrena, Ana Campos Fernandes, Consuelo Civitella, Galvin Eyong, Alessandra Giarola, Camilla Smeraldi, Giorgia Vianello

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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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 Steviol glycosides (E 960) - enzymatic conversion including rebaudioside AM (EFSA-Q-2019-00499)

The WG discussed the additional information provided along with the draft opinion and decided to invite the applicant for a technical hearing before finalising the assessment.

4.2 Long-chain glycolipids from *Dacryopinax spathularia* (EFSA-Q-2020-00433)

The WG hold a general discussion on some aspects related the technical section.

4.3 Carbomer (cross-linked polyacrylic acid polymers) (EFSA-2020-00514)

The WG discussed data on particle size and decided to consult the WG Specifications of the FAF Panel.

4.4 Glucosylated steviol glycosides (EFSA-2019-00062)

The WG briefly discussed the additional data received. The discussion on the draft opinion will be held at a forthcoming WG meeting.

5. Any Other Business

5.1 Update on status of current applications

The status of current applications as of 18.03.2021 was discussed for planning purposes and some tasks were allocated.

5.2 Next WG meeting: TBD



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURING (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 23rd MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Held on 05th March 2021, web-conference

(Adopted by written procedure on 11/03/2021)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Jose' Barat, Laurence Castle (Chair), Gisela Degen, Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Woelfle

Apologies received from Gabriele Aquilina

■ EFSA

FIP Unit: Ana Campos Fernandes, Consuelo Civitella, Galvin Eyong, Alessandra Giarola, Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard, Giorgia Vianello

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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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 Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of Carbomer (cross-linked polyacrylic acid polymers) (EFSA-Q-2020-00514)

The WG discussed the additional information provided along with the draft opinion that will be presented at a forthcoming WG meeting.

5. Any Other Business

5.1 Update on status of current applications

The status of current applications as of 05.03.2021 was discussed for planning purposes and some tasks were allocated.

5.2 Next WG meeting: 18/03/2021



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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURING (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 22nd MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Held on 15th February 2021, web-conference

(Adopted by written procedure on 11/03/2021)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Gabriele Aquilina, Jose' Barat, Laurence Castle (Chair), Gisela Degen, Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, Lieve Herman, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Woelfle

Apologies received from David Gott.

■ EFSA

FIP Unit: Jaime Aguilera, Ana Campos Fernades, Consuelo Civitella, Galvin Eyong, Alessandra Giarola, Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard, Giorgia Vianello

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all 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 Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion Long-chain glycolipids from *Dacryopinax spathularia* (EFSA-Q-2020-00433)

The Working Group discussed the additional information along with the draft opinion that will be presented at a forthcoming WG meeting.

4.2 Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of steviol glycosides (E 960) as regards rebaudioside D produced via enzyme-catalysed bioconversion of purified stevia leaf extract ([EFSA-Q-2020-00520](#))

The WG discussed the additional information provided along with the draft opinion and agreed to request further information/clarification from the applicant in order to proceed with the assessment

5. Any Other Business

5.1 Update on status of current applications

The status of current applications as of 15.02.2021 was discussed for planning purposes and some tasks were allocated.

5.2 Next WG meeting: TBD

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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURING (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 21st MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Held on 22nd January 2021, web-conference

(Adopted by written procedure on 11/03/2021)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Gabriele Aquilina, Jose' Barat, Laurence Castle (Chair), Gisela Degen, Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, Lieve Herman, Peter Moldeus, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Woelfle
Apologies received from David Gott.
- Hearing expert: Pier Sandro Cocconcelli attended as hearing expert for the agenda item 4.1
- EFSA
FIP Unit: Jaime Aguilera, Galvin Eyong, Alessandra Giarola, Camilla Smeraldi, Giorgia Vianello

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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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 Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of Steviol glycosides (E 960) - enzymatic conversion including rebaudioside AM (EFSA-Q-2019-00499)

The WG discussed the information provided in the dossier and agreed to request further information/clarification from the applicant in order to proceed with the assessment.

4.2 Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of proposed extension of use of pullulan (E 1204) to several food categories (EFSA-Q-2020-00517) and re-evaluation

The WG held a general discussion on this application and on the proposal of progressing the application in the context of the re-evaluation of pullulan (E1204) as food additive. The application and re-evaluation will be discussed further at a future WG meeting.

5. Any Other Business

5.1 Update on status of current applications

The status of current applications as of 22.01.2021 was discussed for planning purposes and some tasks were allocated.

5.2 Next WG meeting: 15/02/2021



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURING (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 20TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Held on 7th December 2020, web-conference

(Adopted by written procedure on 23/12/2020)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Gabriele Aquilina, Jose' Barat, Laurence Castle (Chair), Gisela Degen, Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Woelfle
Apologies received from Lieve Herman and David Gott

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Galvin Eyong, Ana Campos Fernandes, Alessandra Giarola, Ana Maria Rincon, Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard, Giorgia Vianello

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all 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

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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 Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety of D- α -tocopheryl polyethylene glycol-1000 succinate as a food additive ([EFSA-Q-2020-00360](#))

The WG discussed the information provided in the dossier and agreed to request further information/clarification from the applicant in order to proceed with the assessment.

4.2 Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of proposed extension of use of pullulan (E 1204) to several food categories ([EFSA-Q-2020-00517](#)) and re-evaluation

The WG held a general discussion on this application and on the proposal of progressing the application in the context of the re-evaluation of pullulan (E1204) as food additive. The application and re-evaluation will be discussed further at a future WG meeting.

5. Any Other Business

5.1 Update on status of current applications

The status of current applications as of 01.12.2020 was discussed for planning purposes and some tasks were allocated.

5.2 Next WG meeting TBD



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURING (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 19TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Held on 8th-9th October 2020, web-conference

(Adopted by written procedure on 23/10/2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Gabriele Aquilina, Jose' Barat, Laurence Castle (Chair), Gisela Degen, Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, David Gott, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Woelfle
Lieve Herman participated in agenda point 4.1
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Jaime Aguilera Entrena, Galvin Eyong, Ana Campos Fernandes, Alessandra Giarola, Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard, Giorgia Vianello

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all 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 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) as regards rebaudioside D produced via enzyme-catalysed bioconversion of purified stevia leaf extract (EFSA-Q-2020-00520)

The WG discussed the information provided in the dossier and agreed to request further information/clarification from the applicant in order to proceed with the assessment.

4.2 Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of carbomer (cross-linked polyacrylic acid polymers) as a food additive (EFSA-Q-2020-00514)

The WG discussed the information provided in the dossier and agreed to request further information/clarification from the applicant in order to proceed with the assessment.

5. Any Other Business

5.1 Update on status of current applications

5.2 Next WG meeting TBD

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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURING (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 18TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Held on 11th September 2020, web-conference

(Adopted by written procedure on 29/09/2020)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Gabriele Aquilina, Jose' Barat, Laurence Castle (Chair), Gisela Degen, Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, David Gott, Lieve Herman, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Woelfle

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Galvin Eyong, Ana Campos Fernandes, Alessandra Giarola, Camilla Smeraldi
Alexandra Tard, Giorgia Vianello

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all 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

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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 Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of long-chain glycolipids from *Dacryopinax spathularia* as a food additive ([EFSA-Q-2020-00433](#))

The WG discussed the information provided in the dossier and agreed to request further information/clarification from the applicant in order to proceed with the assessment.

5 Any Other Business

5.1 Update on status of current applications

5.2 Next WG meeting TBD

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURING (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 17TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Held on 12th June 2020, web-conference

(Adopted by written procedure on 3rd July 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Jose' Barat, Laurence Castle (Chair), Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, Lieve Herman
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Jaime Aguilera, Galvin Eyong, Alessandra Giarola and Ana Maria Rincon

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all 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 Management,² 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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4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1 Request for EFSA's scientific opinion as regards a proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive Steviol glycosides (E 960) - enzymatic conversion of highly purified rebaudioside A and/or stevioside from stevia leaf extract to minor glycosides that are present in the leaf, including rebaudioside AM ([EFSA-Q-2019-00499](#))

The WG discussed the additional information received and agreed to request further information/clarification from the applicant in order to proceed with the assessment.

5 Any Other Business

5.1 Next WG meeting TBD



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURING (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 16TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Held on 16th March 2020, web-conference

(Adopted 16th March 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
 - Gabriele Aquilina, Laurence Castle (Chair), Gisela Degen, Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, Peter Moldeus, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen and Detlef Woelfle.
- EFSA:
 - FIP Unit: Ana Cristina Campos, Galvin Eyong, Alessandra Giarola, Camilla Smeraldi, Ana Maria Rincon and Giorgia Vianello

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all 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 Management,² EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled

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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 Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of Glucosylated steviol glycosides as a food additive ([EFSA-Q-2019-00062](#))

The WG further elaborated the opinion which has been finalised and will be presented at a forthcoming FAF Panel meeting.

5 Any Other Business

5.1 Next WG meeting TBD



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURING (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 15TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Held on 11th March 2020, web-conference

(Adopted 11th March 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
 - Laurence Castle (Chair), Gisela Degen, Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, Peter Moldeus, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen and Detlef Woelfle.
- EFSA:
 - FIP Unit: Galvin Eyong, Alessandra Giarola, Camilla Smeraldi, Ana Maria Rincon and Giorgia Vianello

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all the participants. Apologies for absence received by Gabriele Aquilina

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 Management,² EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled

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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 Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of Glucosylated steviol glycosides as a food additive ([EFSA-Q-2019-00062](#))

The WG discussed the additional information received and further elaborated the opinion which will be discussed at a forthcoming WG meeting.

5 Any Other Business

5.1 Next WG meeting 16th March 2020 via web-conference

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURING (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 14TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Held on 25th February 2020, web-conference

(Adopted by written procedure on 28th February 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
 - Gabriele Aquilina, Laurence Castle (Chair), Gisela Degen, Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, Peter Moldeus, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen and Detlef Woelfle.
- EFSA:
 - FIP Unit: Ana Campos Fernandes, Galvin Eyong, Alessandra Giarola and Ana Maria Rincon

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all 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 Management,² EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest

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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 Request for EFSA's scientific opinion as regards a proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive Steviol glycosides (E 960) ([EFSA-Q-2019-00063](#))

The WG discussed the additional information received from the FAF Panel and further elaborated the opinion which will be presented at a forthcoming FAF Plenary meeting.

4.2 Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of Glucosylated steviol glycosides as a food additive ([EFSA-Q-2019-00062](#))

Due to lack of time this agenda item was not discussed.

5 Any Other Business

5.1 Status of Applications was reviewed



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURING (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 13TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Held on 24th January 2020, web-conference

(Adopted by written procedure on 17th February 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
 - Gabriele Aquilina, Jose' Barat Baviera, Laurence Castle (Chair), Gisela Degen, Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen and Detlef Woelfle.
- EFSA:
 - FIP Unit: Alessandra Giarola, Ana Maria Rincon and Camilla Smeraldi

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all the participants. Apologies for absence were received from Lieve Herman

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 Management,² EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled

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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 Request for EFSA's scientific opinion as regards a proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive Steviol glycosides (E 960) ([EFSA-Q-2019-00063](#))

The WG finalised the opinion which will be presented at a forthcoming FAF Plenary meeting.

4.2 Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of Glucosylated steviol glycosides as a food additive ([EFSA-Q-2019-00062](#))

The WG discussed the additional information received and further elaborated the opinion. The opinion will be presented at a forthcoming WG Meeting.

4.3 Request for EFSA's scientific opinion as regards a proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive Steviol glycosides (E 960) - enzymatic conversion of highly purified rebaudioside A and/or stevioside from stevia leaf extract to minor glycosides that are present in the leaf, including rebaudioside AM ([EFSA-Q-2019-00499](#))

The WG started an initial discussion on the dossier. The WG agreed to request additional information from the applicant in order to proceed with the assessment.

5 Any Other Business

5.1 Next WG meeting TBD



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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURING (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 12TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Held on 17th January 2020, web-conference

(Adopted by written procedure on 22nd January)

Participants

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

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all the participants. Apologies for absence were received from Jose' Barat Baviera, Lieve Herman 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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management,² EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest

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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 Request for EFSA's scientific opinion as regards a proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive Steviol glycosides (E 960) (EFSA-Q-2019-00063)

The WG discussed the additional information received and further elaborated the opinion. The opinion will be presented at a forthcoming WG Meeting.

5. Any Other Business

5.1 Next WG meeting confirmed for 24th January 2020



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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURING (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 11TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Held on 26th November 2019, web-conference

(Agreed on 26th November)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
 - Laurence Castle (Chair), Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, Peter Moldeus, Detlef Woelfle and Ine Waalkens-Berendsen
- EFSA:
 - FIP Unit: Alessandra Giarola and Ana Maria Rincon

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all the participants. Apologies for absence were received from Gabriele Aquilina, Gisela Degen, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Lieve Herman.

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 Management,² EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest

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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 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 WG further elaborated the opinion based on the comments received from FAF Panel at the Panel meeting in November (12-14 November). The opinion will be presented at a forthcoming FAF Panel.

5 Any Other Business

- 5.1 The status of on-going applications has been presented to the WG**
- 5.2 Next WG meeting to be defined**
- 5.3 Minutes were adopted**



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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURING (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 10TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Held on 11th – 12th November 2019, Parma

(Agreed with written procedure on 25th November)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
 - Gabriele Aquilina, Laurence Castle (Chair), Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, Detlef Woelfle and Ine Waalkens-Berendsen
 - Gisela Degen, Jean-Charles Leblanc, attended via web-conference
- EFSA:
 - FIP Unit: Alessandra Giarola, Ana Maria Rincon, Alexandra Tard

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all the participants. Apologies for absence were received from Lieve Herman and Peter Moldeus.

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 Management,² EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled

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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 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 WG discussed the draft opinion and the data available in the dossier for its assessment. The general approach proposed by the WG will be presented for discussion at the November FAF Panel meeting.

4.2 Request for EFSA's scientific as regards a proposed amendment for specifications of the food additive steviol glycosides (E 960) (EFSA-Q-2019-00063)

The WG discussed the draft opinion and data available in the dossier for its assessment. The WG agreed to request additional information from the applicant in order to proceed with the assessment.

5 Any Other Business

5.1 The status of on-going applications was presented to the WG

5.2 Next WG meeting was proposed for 26 November as a teleconference.



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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURING (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 9TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Held on 17th – 18th October 2019, Parma

(Agreed on 18th October)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
 - Gabriele Aquilina, Laurence Castle (Chair), Detlef Woelfle and Ine Waalkens-Berendsen
 - Gisela Degen, Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus attended via web-conference
 - Lieve Herman participated only for agenda item 4.3 via web-conference
- EFSA:
 - FIP Unit: AGUILERA Jaime, Alessandra Giarola, Ana Maria Rincon, Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all the participants. Apologies for absence were received from David Gott.

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 Management,² 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 Request for EFSA 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)

FAF Panel discussed the draft opinion at the last Plenary meeting and asked the WG to further elaborate it. The WG re-discussed some sections and finalised the opinion that will be presented at the forthcoming FAF Panel meeting.

4.2 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 WG had a general discussion on the draft opinion that will be presented at the forthcoming WG meeting.

4.3 Request for the EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of glucosylated steviol glycosides as a food additive (EFSA-Q-2019-00062)

The WG discussed the draft opinion and data available in the dossier for its assessment. The WG agreed to request additional information.

4.4 Request for EFSA's scientific as regards a proposed amendment for specifications of the food additive steviol glycosides (E 960) (EFSA-Q-2019-00063)

The WG had a general discussion on the draft opinion that will be presented at the forthcoming WG meeting.

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5 Any Other Business

- 5.1 The WG discussed and agreed the need for an additional expert in the field of food technology for the food enzymes risk assessment.**
- 5.2 The status of on-going applications has been presented to the WG**
- 5.3 Next WG meeting 11th-12th November 2019**
- 5.4 Minutes of the WG Application held on 17th -18th October 2019 were adopted**



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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURING (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 8TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Held on 17th – 18th September 2019, web conference

(Agreed on 18th September)

Participants

Working Group Members:

Day 1: Gabriele Aquilina, Laurence Castle (Chair), Gisela Degen, Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Lieve Herman, Peter Moldeus, Detlef Woelfle and Ine Waalkens-Berendsen

Day 2: Gabriele Aquilina, Gisela Degen, Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, Peter Moldeus, Detlef Woelfle and Ine Waalkens-Berendsen

EFSA:

FIP Unit: Alessandra Giarola, Ana Maria Rincon, Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all the participants. Apologies for absence were received from David Gott for the whole meeting and from Jean-Charles Leblanc for 18th September.

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 Management,² 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. Request for EFSA 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 WG discussed and finalised the draft opinion that will be presented at the forthcoming FAF Panel meeting.

- 4.2. 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 and finalised the draft opinion that will be presented at the forthcoming FAF Panel meeting.

- 4.3. 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 WG had a general discussion on the draft opinion that will be presented at the forthcoming WG meeting.

5. Any Other Business

- 5.1. The status of on-going applications has been presented to the WG**
- 5.2. Next WG meeting 17th-18th October 2019**
- 5.3. Minutes of the WG Application held on 17th -18th September 2019 were adopted**

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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURING (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 7TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Held on 12th July 2019, web conference

(Agreed on 12th July)

Participants

Working Group Members: Gabriele Aquilina, Laurence Castle (Chair), Gisela Degen, Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, Peter Moldeus, Detlef Woelfle and Ine Waalkens-Berendsen

EFSA:

FIP Unit: Brian Flynn, Alessandra Giarola, Ana Maria Rincon, Alexandra Tard

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants and introduced the new WG expert Gisela Degen. Apologies for absence were received from David Gott and Jean-Charles Leblanc.

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 Management,² 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.

¹ 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



4. Scientific topic for discussion

- 4.1. Request for EFSA 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 WG discussed the draft opinion and a revised draft will be presented at the forthcoming WG meeting for finalisation.

- 4.2. 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)**

Due to lack of time this agenda item has not been discussed.

5. Any Other Business

- 5.1. The status of on-going applications has been presented to the WG**
5.2. Next meeting to be held beginning of September
5.3. Minutes of the WG Application held on 12th July 2019 were adopted



Food Ingredients and Packaging UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURING (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 6TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Held on 06th May 2019, web conference

(Agreed by written procedure on 24th 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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management,² 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

² 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 87th 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 Independence³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁴, 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.

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

⁴ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



Food Ingredients and Packaging UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURING (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 5TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Held on 11th March 2019, web conference

(Agreed on 11th 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 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.

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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 5th Working Group meeting on food additives applications held on 11th March 2019 were agreed.

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Flavourings

Minutes of the 4th Working Group on Food Additives Applications

Held on 24th 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 Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², 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

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

² <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 3rd Working Group on Food Additives Applications

Held on 10th 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 Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², 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: 24th January 2019 via webconference

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

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

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Flavourings

Minutes of the 2nd 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 Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on

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

Declarations of Interest², 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 revisited 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

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

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Flavourings

Minutes of the 1st 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 Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on

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

Declarations of Interest², 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)³

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)⁴

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).

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

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

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