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# Risk Assessment Activities

Day 1\_Agenda Item 4

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# MS RA PLANS OF EFSA INTEREST

MS	MS RA PLANS	Discussion/EFSA interest
The Netherlands (NVWA)	Reference values for allergens. Assessment of public health risks of adaptation of current reference values for allergens to those proposed by FAO/WHO.	NIF – to have information when concluded
Denmark (DTU)	New plant-based foods in the Danes' diet. Based on the dietary surveys, make a small study of how plant-based alternatives to meat, fish and dairy products are included in the Danes' diet. The result will provide background data for risk assessment of food fortification.	NIF – to have information when concluded

Draft opinion on review of existing health based guidance values for **copper**

Deadline 1 August 2022

At <https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/publicconsultation2/a0l7U0000011axn/pc0183>

Draft protocol for the hazard assessment as part of the risk assessment of **phthalates**, structurally similar substances and replacement substances potentially used as plasticisers in materials and articles intended to come into contact with food

Deadline 5 July 2022

At <https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/publicconsultation2/a0l7U0000011ZHg/pc0172>

## Pesticides

- [PC-0158](#) "Assessment Report on the active substance Pyrethrins" (deadl 10 June 2022)
- [PC-0159](#) "Assessment Report on the active substance Clove Oil" (deadl 20 June 2022)
- [PC-0169](#) "Assessments following the clock stop on endocrine disruption properties for the active substance flutolanil in the context of the pesticides peer review" (deadl 24 June 2022)
- [PC-0170](#) "Assessment Report on the active substance MCPB" (deadl 4 July 2022)

## Flavourings

- [PC-0168](#) "Draft guidance on the data required for the risk assessment of flavourings to be used in or on foods" (deadl 19 June 2022)

## GMO

- [PC-0176](#) "Draft updated scientific opinion on plants developed through cisgenesis and intragenesis" (deadl 26 June 2022)

- Scientific Committee (SC) Guidance on Risk/Benefit Analysis (RBA) of Foods

1. The SC WG met three times in December-January to help EFSA in the organisation and follow-up of the Scientific Colloquium on RBA of combined exposure to nutrients and contaminants through foods - held 15-17 February 2022. An event report from this colloquium is currently in preparation and is planned to be published on EFSA's website in November 2022.
2. The Guidance Update will update the 2010 Guidance, taking into account outcome of Scientific Colloquium. Planned deliverables are:
  - a. Draft SC guidance for Public Consultation in April 2023
  - b. Adoption of final SC guidance in September 2023.
  - c. Publication of updated SC Guidance in November 2023.

- Guidance on protocol development for EFSA generic scientific assessments

1. A 'Draft framework for protocol development for EFSA's scientific assessments' was endorsed by the SC and published as Technical report in 2020
2. This self-tasked mandate of the SC is to finetune draft recommendations published in 2020 into a **Guidance document for protocol development for EFSA generic scientific assessments.**
3. Deliverables include
  - a. March-April 2023: Public Consultation on draft guidance.
  - b. 28-30 March 2023 (exact date tbc): 1-day workshop to discuss the draft guidance.
  - c. June 2023: adoption by SC.
  - d. July 2023: publication of guidance.

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Denmark	Intake of dietary supplements: Examination of the Danes' intake of vitamins and minerals from dietary supplements to uncover any changes (in connection with the abolition of Danish reference values), which may also be relevant in risk assessment of the addition of vitamins and minerals to food.	Of interest for MESE intake assessments of minerals and vitamins for the UL Mandate.
	Seaweed (macroalgae) and microalgae: Ongoing advice in relation to ingredients (both nutrients and unwanted substances) in macroalgae (seaweed) and microalgae and the possibilities for using macroalgae as feed and food (including novel food, dietary supplements, etc.).	Of interest for MESE unit, in particular for the team Analysis, due to ongoing work a Mandate to prepare a scientific report on dietary exposure to metals and iodine in seaweed and halophytes in the European population.
	(Q)SAR: Development of new or improvement of existing (Q) SAR models for hazardous effects and / or for mechanisms of action relevant to hazardous effects identified, for example, as "initiating" or "key events" in Adverse Outcome Pathways (AOPs).	Of interest for MESE activities in the area of QSAR and NAMs

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