

15 June 2023

09:00-18:00

MINUTES (Agreed on 21 June 2023)

Location: Teleconference

Attendees:

○ FAF Panel Members:

Gabriele Aquilina, Laurence Castle, Gisela Degen, Karl-Heinz Engel, Paul Fowler, Maria Jose Frutos Fernandez, Peter Fürst, Ursula Gundert-Remy, Rainer Gürtler, Trine Husøy, Melania Manco, Wim Mennes, Peter Moldeus, Sabina Passamonti, Romina Shah, Dina (Ine) Waalkens-Berendsen and Matthew Wright, Maged Younes

○ European Commission:

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

○ EFSA:

Food Ingredients and Packaging (FIP) Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Valeriu Curtui, Maria Carfi, Consuelo Civitella, Lorenzo D'Angelo, Gabriele Gagliardi, Christina Kyrkou, Federica Lodi, Carla Martino, Agnieszka Mech, Salvatore Samuele Multari, Vasantha Palaniappan, Ana Maria Rincon, Laura Ruggeri, Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard, Panagiota Zakidou.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Rainer Guertler, Matthew Wright and Peter Fuerst in the afternoon.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Panel 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 Panel 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 35th FAF Panel meeting held on 10-11 May 2023, in Parma or via web-conference

The minutes of the [35th FAF Panel meeting](#) were agreed by written procedure on 30 May 2023.

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



5. Report on written procedures since 35th Plenary meeting

No scientific outputs were adopted by written procedure since the last Plenary meeting.

6. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion and possible adoption

6.1. Scientific opinion on the follow-up of the re-evaluation of indigo carmine, indigotine (E 132) as a food additive ([EFSA-Q-2021-00180](#))

The draft opinion on the follow-up of the re-evaluation of indigo carmine, indigotine (E 132) as a food additive was presented for the first time to the members of the Panel, along with the main points for discussion.

The FAF Panel discussed all parts of the draft document and as unanimously adopted the opinion, subject to the incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting and editorial changes.

6.2. Scientific opinion on the renewal of the authorisation of Scansmoke SEF7525 (SF-004) as a smoke flavouring primary product ([EFSA-Q-2022-00421](#))

Further to the initial discussion at the previous plenary meeting, the Panel considered the draft opinion on the renewal of the authorisation of Scansmoke SEF7525 (SF-004) as a smoke flavouring primary product.

The Panel continued the discussion of the proposed uses and use levels, of the dietary exposure and of the genotoxicity data and endorsed the respective sections of the draft opinion, subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting and with the exception of those sections of the draft opinion still to be finalised by the Working Group.

Based on the comments received during the current plenary meeting the draft opinion will be further elaborated by the Working Group and will be scheduled for possible discussion and adoption at a forthcoming Plenary meeting.

6.3. Scientific opinion the re-evaluation of calcium carbonate (E 170) as food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age and follow-up of the re-evaluation as food additive for uses in foods for all population groups. ([EFSA-Q-2018-00088](#))

The draft opinion on the follow-up of the re-evaluation of calcium carbonate (E 170) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age and follow-up of the re-evaluation as food additive for uses in foods for all population groups was presented to the members of the Panel, along with the main points for discussion.

Subject to the incorporation of changes as suggested during the current plenary meeting, the draft opinion will be scheduled for possible discussion and adoption at the next Plenary meeting.

7. Feedback from the Scientific Committee/Panel(s), EFSA, European Commission

7.1. Scientific Committee/Panel(s) including their Working Groups

Not discussed due to lack of time.

7.2. FAF Panel Working Groups /Task Forces

Not discussed due to lack of time.



7.3. EFSA

This item was not discussed due to lack of time.

7.4. European Commission

This item was not discussed due to lack of time.

8. New mandates

8.1. New questions received since the 35th FAF Plenary

The following new mandate has been received since the 35th FAF Plenary meeting.

| Food Sector | EFSA-Q-Number | Subject | Reception date |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|---|----------------|
| ADD | EFSA-Q-2023-00379 | Rebaudioside M obtained from stevia leaves. | 31/05/2023 |

This mandate is related to an application submitted under Regulation (EC) No 1331/2008, and pending the validity of this application, it will be assigned to the WG on Food Additives Applications for the preparation of the scientific output.

8.2. Valid questions since the 35th FAF Plenary:

None

8.3. Withdrawn questions since the 35th FAF Plenary:

None.

9. Other scientific topics for information and/or discussion

This item was not discussed due to lack of time.

10. Any other business

None.
