

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS (FAF)

37th FAF Panel meeting



20-21 June 2023

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

MINUTES (Agreed on 05 July 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 Paul Fowler.

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 36th FAF Panel meeting held on 15 June 2023, via web-conference

The minutes of the [36th FAF Panel meeting](#) were agreed on 21st June 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 36th 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 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](#))

Further to the discussion at the previous plenary meeting, 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 a food additive for uses in foods for all population groups, was discussed by the Panel. The scientific opinion was unanimously adopted, subject to the incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting and editorial changes.

6.2. Scientific opinion on the follow-up of the re-evaluation of glycerol esters of wood rosin (E 445) as a food additive ([EFSA-Q-2021-00564](#))

The draft opinion on the follow-up of the re-evaluation of glycerol esters of wood rosin (E 445) 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 unanimously adopted the opinion, subject to the incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting and editorial changes.

6.3. Scientific opinion on the renewal of the authorisation of Smoke Concentrate 809045 (SF-003) as a smoke flavouring primary product ([EFSA-Q-2022-00420](#))

Selected sections of the draft opinion on the renewal of the authorisation of Smoke Concentrate 809045 (SF-003) as a smoke flavouring primary product were presented for the first time to the members of the Panel, along with a presentation on the main points for discussion.

The Panel discussed the preliminary assessment of the technical data, exposure and genotoxicity and endorsed the respective sections of the draft opinion, subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting, 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 meeting, the draft opinion will be further developed by the Working Group and will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption at a forthcoming Plenary meeting.

6.4. Scientific opinion on the re-evaluation of the safety of erythritol (E 968) as a food additive ([EFSA-Q-2021-00730](#)) and on the laxative effects of erythritol under the currently authorised conditions of use in food in the EU ([EFSA-Q-2022-00219](#))

Selected sections of the draft opinion on the re-evaluation of the safety of erythritol (E 968) as a food additive and on the laxative effects of erythritol under the currently authorised conditions of use in food in the EU were presented for the first time to the members of the Panel, along with the main points for discussion.



The Panel discussed the preliminary assessment of the technical data, exposure data and dietary exposure and endorsed the respective sections of the draft opinion.

Based on the comments received during the current plenary meeting the draft opinion will be further developed by the Working Group and will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption at a forthcoming 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 36th FAF Plenary

None

8.2. Valid questions since the 36th FAF Plenary:

None

8.3. Withdrawn questions since the 36th 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.