

03 August 2023

09:00-13:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 8 August 2023

**Location:** Teleconference

**Attendees:**

- Panel Members:  
Jacqueline Castenmiller, Stefaan de Henauw, Karen Ildico Hirsch-Ernst, Helle Katrine Knutsen, Inge Mangelsdorf, Harry J. McArdle, Androniki Naska, Kristina Pentieva, Frank Thies, Sophia Tsabouri, Dominique Turck (Chair) and Marco Vinceti.
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission:  
SANTÉ: Fruzsina Neymecz, and Panagiota Filippou.
- EFSA:  
Nutrition & Food Innovation (NIF) Unit: Ana Afonso, Reinhard Ackerl, Paolo Colombo, Pedro Das Neves, Agnès de Sesmaisons, Thibault Fiolet, Leng Heng, Leonard Matijević, Estefanía Noriega Fernández, and Silvia Valtueña.
- Others:  
Not Applicable

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.  
Apologies were received from Torsten Bohn, Alexandre Maciuk, and Alfonso Siani.

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Panel members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, 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. Agreement of the minutes of the 137<sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting held from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023, in Parma

The [minutes of the 137<sup>th</sup> Panel plenary meeting](#) were agreed by written procedure on 17 July 2023.

## 5. Scientific output(s) submitted for discussion/adoption

<sup>1</sup> As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



**5.1 Draft opinion on 3'-Sialyllactose (3'-SL) sodium salt as a novel food (NF 2021/2457). Applicant: Kyowa Hakko Bio Co., Ltd. (EFSA-Q-2021-00445)**

The Panel discussed the draft scientific opinion, and in particular assessed data regarding product characterization and production process. The opinion was adopted by the Panel on 3 August. The full text of the opinion will be available in the coming weeks in the EFSA Journal.

**5.2 Draft opinion on the revision of the Tolerable Upper Intake Level for manganese (EFSA-Q-2021-00371)**

The draft opinion was presented. The Panel reviewed and discussed the sections related to hazard identification (animal data), hazard and risk characterisation, including the selection of the critical effect and derivation of the safe levels of intake for all age/life-stage groups. The draft opinion was endorsed on 3 August for release for public consultation, subject to the incorporation of editorial changes. It will be released for public consultation in August.

## **6. Any other business**

The next meeting will be held on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 via teleconference.