

31 August 2023

09:00-13:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 5 September 2023

Location: Teleconference

Attendees:

o Panel Members:

Torsten Bohn, Jacqueline Castenmiller, Stefaan de Henauw, Karen Ildico Hirsch-Ernst, Helle Katrine Knutzen, Alexandre Maciuk, Inge Mangelsdorf, Harry J. McArdle, Androniki Naska, Kristina Pentieva, Alfonso Siani, Frank Thies, Sophia Tsabouri, Dominique Turck (Chair) and Marco Vinceti.

o Hearing Experts¹:

Not Applicable

o European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not applicable

o EFSA:

Nutrition & Food Innovation (NIF) Unit: Leng Heng and Silvia Valtueña Martinez.

o Others:

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Panel members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management,³ 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 of Interest made at the beginning of the meeting, please refer to the Annex.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 138th Plenary meeting held on 3rd August 2023 by telemeeting

The minutes of the 138th Plenary meeting were agreed by written procedure on 8 August 2023.

¹ 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>

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



5. Draft opinion on the re-evaluation of behenic acid from mustard seeds to be used in the manufacturing of certain emulsifiers pursuant to Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 – for permanent exemption from labelling (EFSA-Q-2022-00042)

The comments received from the public consultation on the above mentioned draft opinion were presented and discussed, together with the proposed responses. The revised draft opinion including the annexed technical report which addresses the comments received from the public consultation, was adopted by the NDA Panel on 31 August 2023. The full text of the opinion will be available in the coming weeks in the EFSA Journal.

6. Draft opinion on 'Appethyl®' and 'body weight reduction' (Art. 13(5) claim). Applicant: Greenleaf Medical AB (HC-2022-3072_SE) (EFSA-Q-2022- 00096)

The draft opinion was presented. The Panel reviewed the sections and discussed the issues related to the characterisation of the food/constituent, the studies submitted for the scientific substantiation of the claimed effect, and the proposed mechanism of action. The opinion was adopted by the Panel on 31 August subject to incorporation of editorial comments. The full text of the opinion will be available in the coming weeks in the EFSA Journal.

7. Any other business

The next meeting will be held on 26-27 September 2023 via teleconference.

Annex

Interests and actions resulting from the Oral Declaration of Interest done at the beginning of the meeting

NO CONFLICT: With regard to this meeting, Prof. Stefaan De Henauw declared the following interest: a new public funded research project on 'Effects of folate and vitamin B12 intake on micronutrient status, growth velocity, pubertal status and depression prevention in teenage girls living in Southern Ethiopia'. In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence⁴ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁵, 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.

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

⁵ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf