

**89TH ADVISORY FORUM
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ENGAGING IN RISK ASSESSMENT

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MS RA PLANS OF EFSA INTEREST

MS	Main areas	MS RA plans	Interest and contact in EFSA unit
Serbia (MFNS)	Chemical Hazards	Analysis and risk assessment of benzoates and in situ formed benzene in herbal food supplements	<p>MESE interested to receive outcome of studies planned in the area of investigations of undesirable chemicals in herbal food supplements as this material can be relevant to the Compendium of Botanicals MESE Unit is developing and can provide additional information relevant to the database.</p> <p>Info to be sent to the following mailbox: mese@efsa.europa.eu</p>
Serbia (MFNS)	Chemical Hazards	Safety assessment of herbal food supplements: Ethanol and residual solvents associated risk	
Serbia (MFNS)	Chemical Hazards	Compositional characteristics, health benefit and risk of commercial bilberry and black chokeberry juices	
Serbia (MFNS)	Chemical Hazards	Safety assessment of herbal food supplements: Elemental profiling and associated risk	
Italy (IZS AM)	Contaminants	Evaluation of exposure to microplastics and nanoplastics related to human consumption of striped venus clam <i>Chamelea gallina</i> caught in the Central Adriatic Sea (PLASTICVONG)	
Ireland (FSAI)	Nutrition	Parameter/foodstuff combinations for consideration in the next Total Diet Study and the selection of appropriate biomarkers to support risk assessment in Ireland	



EFSA MANDATES FOR MS INTEREST

Unit	Subject
Food Ingredients & Packaging (FIP)	Aspartame salt: update on the outcome of the JECFA/IARC evaluation and EFSA's work

Aspartame hazard and risk assessment by IARC and JECFA

IARC classified aspartame as **possibly carcinogenic to humans** (Group 2B)

JECFA reaffirmed the **acceptable daily intake of 40 mg/kg body weight**

Summary reports published on 14/07/2023:

<https://www.who.int/news/item/14-07-2023-aspartame-hazard-and-risk-assessment-results-released> (full reports available within 6 to 12 months)

EFSA

Re-evaluated the safety of aspartame in 2013; ADI of **40 mg/kg bw/day** protective of the general population

Preliminary estimation of the updated dietary exposure in 2023: the ADI of 40 mg/kg bw per day is **not exceeded** in any of the age groups of the population.

Re-evaluation of salt of aspartame-acesulfame and neotame are ongoing (finalisation in 2024 or 2025)

EFSA is considering all relevant new studies since the latest assessment of aspartame in 2013, including the work of IARC and JECFA.



EFSA ONGOING PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

9 PPP active substances:

- 3 Public consultations on application dossier for renewals
- 3 Public consultations on draft assessment report for renewals
- 2 Public consultations following the ED clock-stop for renewals
- 1 Public consultation on the List of Intended Studies for renewals

1 PPP new active substances:

- Public consultation on draft assessment report

3 Pesticides MRL:

- 2 Public consultations of application dossier for setting new MRLs
- 1 Public consultation of a draft Scientific Report defining the specific effects in kidneys relevant for performing a dietary cumulative risk assessment of pesticide residues

5 Food Enzymes

1 Nutrition

1 Biological Hazards - Animal by-products

2 Feed Additives

General link to public consultations:

[PublicConsultation \(europa.eu\)](https://publicconsultation.europa.eu)



EFSA ONGOING CALLS FOR DATA

- Call for data on genotoxicity data on sorbitol (E 420 i)

[Link](#) (deadline 3 January 2024)

- Call for data for the re-evaluation of ribonucleotides (E 626-635) as food additives

[Link](#) (deadline 31 December 2023)

- Call for data for the Scientific Opinion on the evaluation of the safety in use of plant preparations containing berberine

[Link](#) (deadline 31 December 2023)

- Call for data for the re-evaluation of food additives in gaseous form

[Link](#) (deadline 31 December 2023)

- Call for data for the re-evaluation of gluconic acid (E 574) and related food additives (E 575-579)

[Link](#) (deadline 31 December 2023)

- Call for data for the Scientific Opinion on the evaluation of the safety in use of plant preparations containing hydroxycitric acid

[Link](#) (deadline 31 December 2023)

- Call for data for the evaluation of the safety in use of preparations from the fruits of sweet and bitter fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare* Mill. and *Foeniculum piperitum* (Ucria) C.Presl)

[Link](#) (deadline 31 December 2023)

General link to calls for data:

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/calls/data>

