

90TH 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
Estonia	Chemical Hazards	3-MCPD esters, glycidyl esters and mineral oils (MOSH and MOAH) exposure assessment	FEEDCO/CONTAM interest in view of recent CONTAM Panel opinion on the MOAH FEEDCO mailbox: FEEDCO@efsa.europa.eu



UPDATES

Update on Carbapenemase-producing bacteria in food-producing animals:

- Increased occurrence of carbapenemase-producing (CP) bacteria in food-producing animals and their environment
- Self-task by BIOHAZ Panel and supported by DG SANTE seeking EFSA to "***address further the origin of this increase in occurrence and investigate how the magnitude of the issue could be better characterised***"
- Preliminary need to launch a procurement activity for data generation to produce scientific output(s)
 - So be ready !
- More insights at next AF meeting (6-7 March)

Update on CBD:

- The 20 dossiers (5 for CBD derived by chemical synthesis and 15 from CBD extracted from *C. sativa*) received so far (see list of Questions below) are on hold since EFSA requested additional data to all applicants.
- The deadline for submission of the requested additional data is June 2024.
- For 20 Questions at stake, stakeholders and public at large can find more insights on the additional data requests (i.e. Clock stop letters) on Open EFSA. Example can be found [here](#)



UPDATES

Update on titanium dioxide (E171) and silicon dioxide (E551):

- EFSA's latest assessment of titanium dioxide (E171) was finalised in 2021 and concluded that titanium dioxide (TiO₂) can no longer be considered safe as a food additive because of genotoxicity concerns.
- Assessments of E171 have since been conducted by other bodies (HC, FSANZ, FAO/WHO's JECFA). The conclusions reached by these bodies were not aligned to those of EFSA.
- The reasons for the difference in the conclusions lie in different toxicity (in particular genotoxicity) databases and the different approach for the reliability (confidence with the investigation of the toxicity of nanoparticles) of the studies, based on the principles of the EFSA Guidance on Nanotechnologies.
- **EFSA is currently assessing the follow-up of the re-evaluation of silicon dioxide (E551)** for the general population and for its use in food for infants below 16 weeks of age.
- Considering the properties of E551, risk assessment is being performed according to the principles of the EFSA Guidance on Nanotechnologies, i.e., following a similar approach as for titanium dioxide (E171).
- The adoption of the E551 follow-up opinion by the EFSA Panel on Food Additives and Flavourings is tentatively planned for June 2024.
- FAO/WHO's JECFA will also assess E551 (publication expected around 2025).

MSs are invited to inform EFSA about any ongoing or planned assessment of silicon dioxide E551 at national level or to provide EFSA with any other input or feedback useful for EFSA's assessment.



EFSA MANDATES FOR MS INTEREST

Unit	Subject
MESE	Reliability and relevance for assessment of genotoxicity studies This document describes an approach developed by the EFSA cross-cutting Working Group on Genotoxicity for the reporting of reliability and relevance of genotoxicity studies. The scope of this document is to ensure harmonisation and transparency of the approach for evaluation of genotoxicity evidence among EFSA Units dealing with scientific assessments.
PLANTS	Roadmap for action on the environmental risk assessment of chemicals for insect pollinators (IPol-ERA)
FIP	Self-tasking mandate proposed to EFSA by the FAF Panel for a revision of the 2012 ANS Panel "Food Additive Guidance for submission for food additive evaluations"



EFSA ONGOING PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

8 PPP active substances:

- Public consultation on application dossier for renewals: 3 (***Paecilomyces fumosoroseus* strain FE9901; S-abscisic acid; Aluminium sulfate**)
- Public consultation on draft assessment report for renewals: 4 (***Paraffin oils***)
- Public consultation following the ED clock-stop for renewals: 1 (***Clomazone***)
- Public consultation on the List of Intended Studies for renewals: /

PPP new active substances : /

- Public consultation on draft assessment report : /

Food Enzymes: 4 (***Peroxidase*** from ***Aspergillus niger*** strain MOX; ***4-alpha-glucanotransferase*** from ***Geobacillus pallidus*** strain AE-SAS ; ***Pectin esterase*** and ***polygalacturonase*** from ***Aspergillus oryzae*** strain AR-962, AR-183)

General link to public consultations: [PublicConsultation \(europa.eu\)](https://publicconsultation.europa.eu)



EFSA ONGOING CALLS FOR DATA

No updates since the 89th
AF meeting

- 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>

