

16 - 17 December 2024  
14:00-18:00/ 09:00-18:00  
MINUTES (Agreed on 17/12/2024)

**Location:** Teleconference

**Chair:** Laurence Castle

**Attendees:**

- Panel Members:

Monica Andreassen, Gabriele Aquilina, Maria Lourdes Bastos, Polly Boon, Laurence Castle, Biagio Fallico, Rex FitzGerald, María José Frutos Fernández, Bettina Grasl-Kraupp, Ursula Gundert-Remy, Rainer Görtler, Eric Houdeau, Marcin Andrzej Kurek, Henrique Louro, Patricia Morales, Sabina Passamonti

- EFSA:

Food Ingredients and Packaging (FIP) Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Valeriu Curtui, Maria Carfi, Consuelo Civitella, Salma Elreedy, Gabriele Gagliardi, Pauline Le Gall, Federica Lodi, Carla Martino, Elena Mazzoli, Agnieszka Mech, Concepcion Medrano, Salvatore Samuele Multari, Josef Rasinger, Ana Rincon, Laura Ruggeri, Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard, and Panagiota Zakidou

## **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair of the FAF Panel welcomed the Participants.

## **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 and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Panel members invited to the present meeting. For further details on the outcome of the screening of the Annual Declarations of Interest, please refer to Annex I. Oral Declaration(s) of Interest were asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

## **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 53<sup>rd</sup> FAF Panel Plenary meeting held on 26-27 November 2024.**

The minutes of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Panel plenary meeting were agreed on 27th November 2024.

## **5. Report on written procedure**

None.

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

**6.1 Safety in use of "3-[3-(2-isopropyl-5-methyl-cyclohexyl)-ureido]-butyric acid ethyl ester" as a new flavouring substance (EFSA-Q-2021-00685)**



The FAF Panel discussed all parts of the draft opinion. The opinion was unanimously adopted, subject to the incorporation of changes as agreed during the meeting and editorial changes. The full text of the opinion will be available in the EFSA Journal.

**6.2 Re-evaluation of citric acid esters of mono- and diglycerides of fatty acids (E 472c) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age and follow-up of its re-evaluation (EFSA-Q-2021-00674)**

The FAF Panel discussed all parts of the draft opinion. The opinion was unanimously adopted, subject to the incorporation of changes as agreed during the meeting and editorial changes. The full text of the opinion will be available in the EFSA Journal.

**6.3 Re-evaluation of butane (E 943a) (EFSA-Q-2011-00716), isobutane (E 943b) (EFSA-Q-2011-00717) and propane (E 944) (EFSA-Q-2011-00718)**

The FAF Panel discussed all parts of the draft opinion. The opinion was unanimously adopted, subject to the incorporation of changes as agreed during the meeting and editorial changes. The full text of the opinion will be available in the EFSA Journal.

## **7. Other scientific topics for information and/or discussion**

None

## **8. Feedback from the Scientific Committee/ Scientific Panels/EFSA/ EC**

**8.1 Scientific Committee/Panel(s) including their Working Groups**

None

**8.2 European Commission**

None

**8.3 FAF Panel Working Groups**

A meeting of the FAF WG on Food Additive Applications took place since the last FAF plenary meeting and no issues were brought to the attention of the Panel further to what is already recorded in the [minutes of the WG](#).

Meetings of the FAF WG on Sweeteners took place since the last FAF plenary meeting and no issues were brought to the attention of the Panel further to what is already recorded in the [minutes of the WG](#).

Meetings of the FAF WG on Food Additives Re-evaluation and Follow-up took place since the last FAF plenary meeting and no issues were brought to the attention of the Panel further to what is already recorded in the [minutes of the WG](#).

**8.4 EFSA**

EFSA presented an overview of the assessments finalised by the Panel in 2024 and the scheduled programme for discussion at the forthcoming FAF Panel meetings in 2025.

## **9. New mandates**



- **New questions received since the 53<sup>rd</sup> FAF Plenary:**

None

- **Valid/accepted questions since the 53<sup>rd</sup> FAF Plenary:**

The following mandates have been validated since the 53rd FAF Plenary meeting.

Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Validity/acceptance date
FA	EFSA-Q-2024-00415	Application for the modification of the food additive E960c(i) to add Rebaudioside D	10/12/2024
FA	EFSA-Q-2024-00416	Application for the modification of the food additive E960c(i) to add Rebaudioside E	09/12/2024

The mandates related to EFSA-Q-2024-00415 and EFSA-Q-2024-00416 will be assigned to the WG Food Additives Applications for the drafting of the scientific opinions.

- **Withdrawn questions since the 53<sup>rd</sup> FAF Plenary:**

None

## 10. Any other business

None

## 11. Preparatory meetings

None

## 12. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 28-30 January 2025 via teleconference.

### Annex I

#### Interests and actions resulting from the screening of Annual Declarations of Interest (ADoI)

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** In the Annual Declaration of Interest submitted by Prof. Patricia Morales, the following interest has been declared: the expert is part of an Art 36 consortium that is a Grant beneficiary from EFSA. The expert contributed to the deliverable of a specific contract that constitutes part of the draft opinion on the food additive E 472c (agenda item 6.2). In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was deemed to represent a Conflict of Interest.

<sup>1</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>2</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)



This resulted in the exclusion of the expert from any discussion, voting or other processing of item 6.2 by the concerned scientific group.