

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS (FAF)

61st FAF Panel meeting

22 October 2025

9:00-18:00

MINUTES (Agreed on 22/10/2025)



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 Gürtler, Eric Houdeau, Marcin Andrzej Kurek, Henriqueta Louro, Patricia Morales, Sabina Passamonti

- EFSA:

Food Ingredients and Packaging (FIP) Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Cristina Croera, Valeriu Curtui, Maria Carfi, Consuelo Civitella, Samuele Di Ciano, Borana Dino, Blanka Halamada, Salma Kaouity, Pauline Le Gall, Federica Lodi, Carla Martino, Elena Mazzoli, Concepcion Medrano, Agnieszka Mech, Josef Rasinger, Ana Rincon, Laura Ruggeri, Camilla Smeraldi and Panagiota Zakidou.

Methodology and Scientific Support (MESE) Unit: Alexandra Tard

- Hearing Experts¹:

Andrea Terron (for agenda point 5.2)

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 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(s) of Interest made at the beginning of the meeting, please refer to the Annex.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 60th FAF Panel Plenary meeting held on 16-18 September 2025.

The minutes of the 60th Panel plenary meeting were agreed on 30 September 2025.

¹ As defined in Article 34 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. Scientific output(s) submitted for discussion/adoption

6.1 Scientific opinion on the safety in use of jagua (genipin-glycine) blue as a food additive ([EFSA-Q-2021-00231](#))

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 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-Q-2023-00713](#))

The Panel continued its discussion on the draft guidance mainly on the section on Toxicological data, which is currently undergoing a comprehensive revision to address the comments received during the public consultation phase.⁴

6. Other scientific topics for information and/or discussion

None

7. Feedback from the Scientific Committee/ Scientific Panels/EFSA/ EC

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

The Panel was informed about the items discussed at the latest Scientific Committee meeting on 24-25 September 2025 and activities related to the Scientific Committee Working Groups.

8.2 European Commission

None

8.3 FAF Panel Working Groups

A meeting of the FAF Working Group (WG) on Flavourings 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 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

⁴ <https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0ITk000003EzzZ/pc1251>



None

8. New mandates

- **New questions received since the 60 FAF Plenary:**

None

- **Valid/accepted questions since the 60 FAF Plenary:**

The following mandate has been accepted for risk assessment by EFSA since the 60th FAF Plenary meeting.

| Food Sector | EFSA-Q-Number | Subject | Validity date |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| FA | EFSA-Q-2025-00561 | Request for a scientific opinion from the European Food Safety Authority on the safety of acute exposure to the food additive glycerol (E 422) from beverages | 30/09/2025 |

The mandates EFSA-Q-2025-00561 will be assigned to the FAF WG on Food Additives Re-evaluation and Follow-up for the drafting of the scientific opinions.

- **Withdrawn questions since the 58 FAF Plenary:**

None

9. Any other business

None

10. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 18-20 novembre 2025 in Parma.

Annex I

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

NO CONFLICT: With regard to this meeting, Dr Polly Boon and Dr Maria Jose Frutos-Fernandez declared the following interest: participation in the preparation of the JECFA monograph on jagua (genipin-glycine) blue (2022) and Dr Biagio Fallico in the JECFA monograph on jagua (genipin-glycine) blue (2017). In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence⁵ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁶, 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.

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

⁶ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf