

FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS (FAF) PANEL WORKPLAN 2026-2027

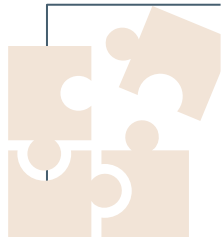
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FAF PANEL ACTIVITIES



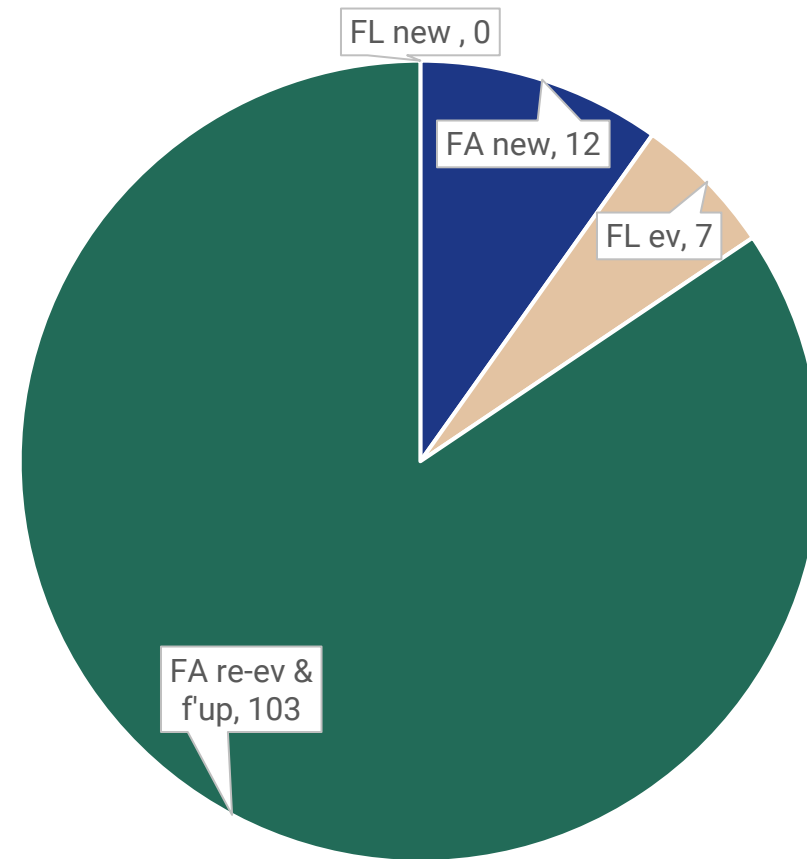
New applications for authorisation

- New food additives
- New flavourings
- Changes to permitted uses



Evaluation of already permitted food additives and flavourings

- Missing data, follow-up
- Permitted for use in the EU before 20 January 2009



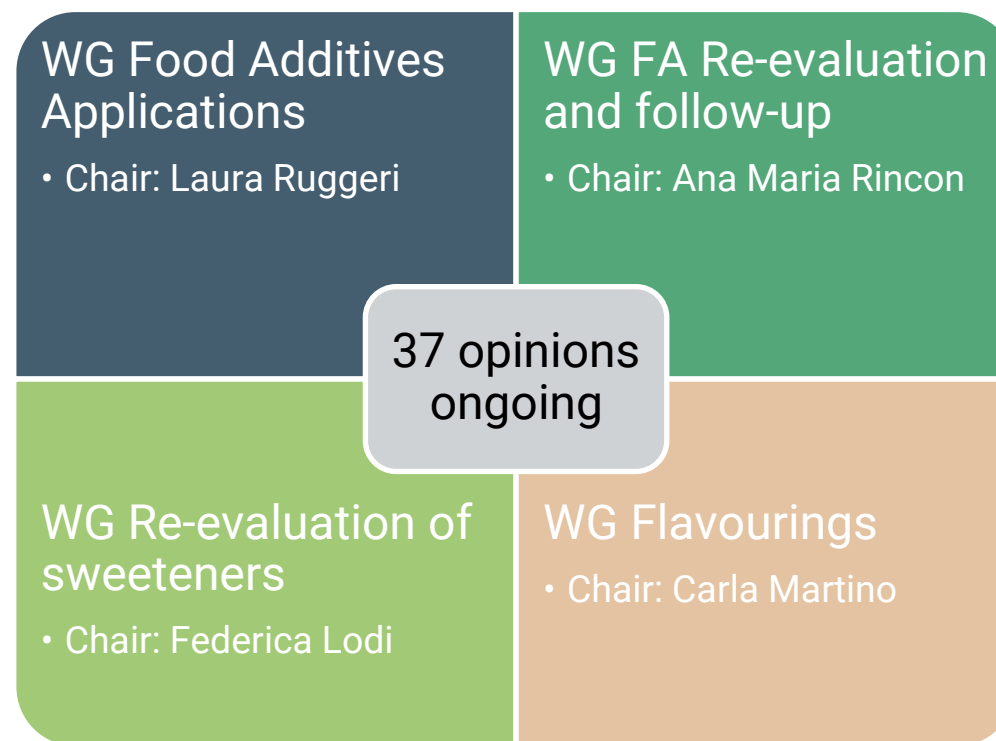
FAF PANEL: CURRENT WORKLOAD

New food additives applications	Valid applications d/line 2026-2027	11 opinions
	Intake level	2 opinions
Food additives still to be re-evaluated	Sweeteners	7 opinions
	Other food additives	20 opinions
Follow-up to already re-evaluated food additives	Uses in foods for infants and young children below 16 weeks of age	1 opinion
	Revision of specifications and dietary exposure assessment	2 opinions
	Revision of biological and toxicological data	8 opinions
Food flavourings	FGE evaluated through the procedure	2 opinions
	Evaluation of individual flavourings substance	1 opinion



FAF PANEL WORKING GROUPS

- FAF Panel established in July 2024
 - Workload shared across 4 working groups chaired by EFSA staff
 - More flexible approach to meeting organisation
- Complex assessment requiring support on methodological matters
 - CC WG Genotoxicity
 - CC WG Nano
- Cross-cutting issues requiring frequent internal coordination
 - Novel foods
 - Feed additives
 - Other agencies (1S1A)



2026 SO FAR: ADOPTED OPINIONS

New applications

Blue Galdieria extract/
Phycocyanin

Modification of the
food additive
rebaudioside M
E960c(ii)

Already authorised food additives

Glycerol (E 422) acute
exposure

Salt of aspartame-
acesulfame (E 962)

Already authorised flavourings

FGE.82 Rev 2

FGE.216 Rev3

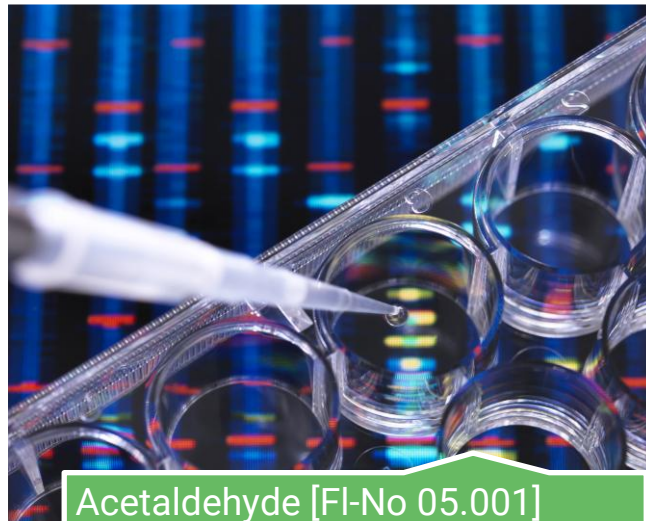


2026 SO FAR: OTHER ACTIVITIES



New food additives guidance

- Dissemination activities



Acetaldehyde [FI-No 05.001]

- Call for data published until 31.12.2027
- Genotoxicity assessment



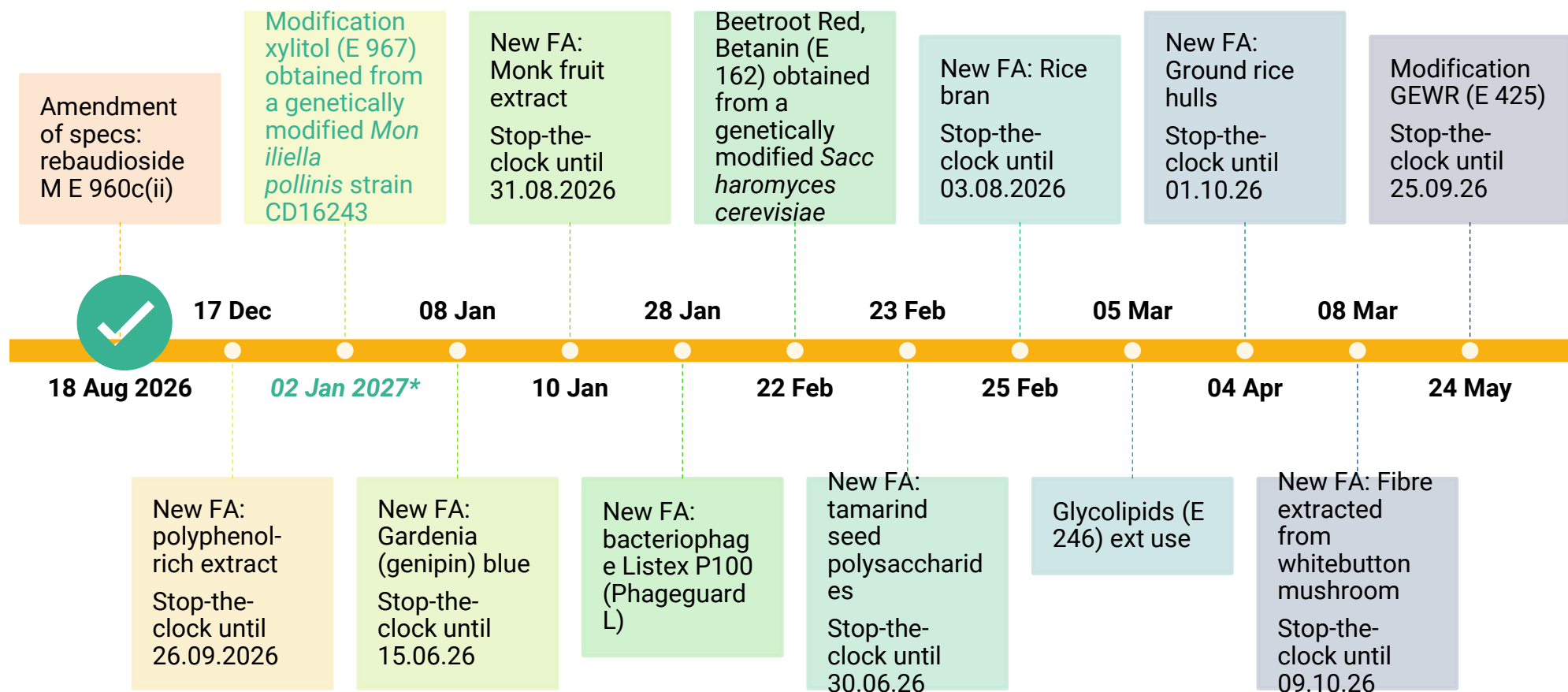
Talc (E 553b)

- Call for data under preparation
- Nanospecific risk assessment



2026-2027 PLAN: NEW APPLICATIONS

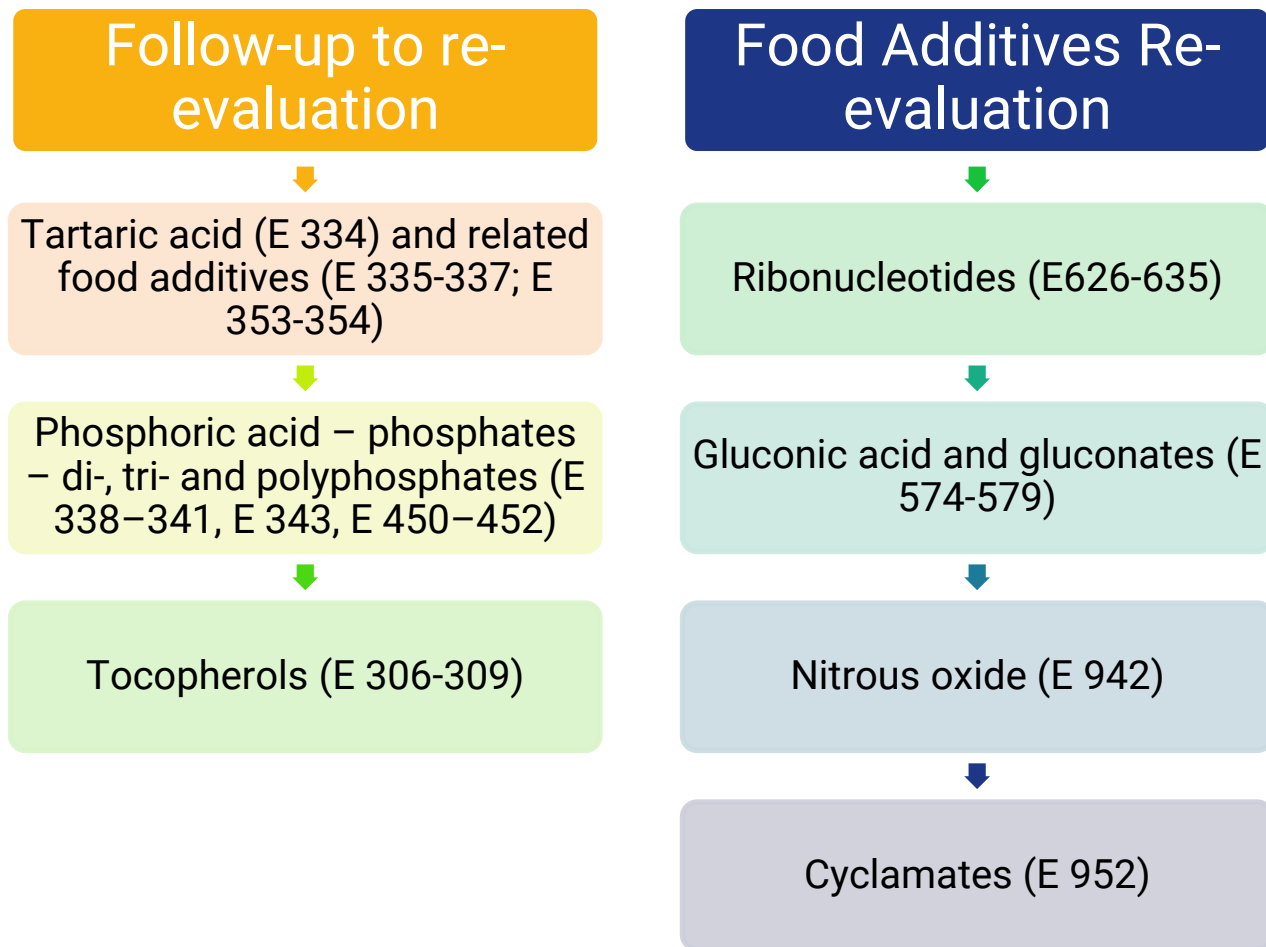
- Situation as of 30 June 2026



* Application dealt jointly with re-evaluation of food additive E 967. 9-month deadline may need to be extended



FOOD ADDITIVES BACKLOG: DRAFTING ONGOING

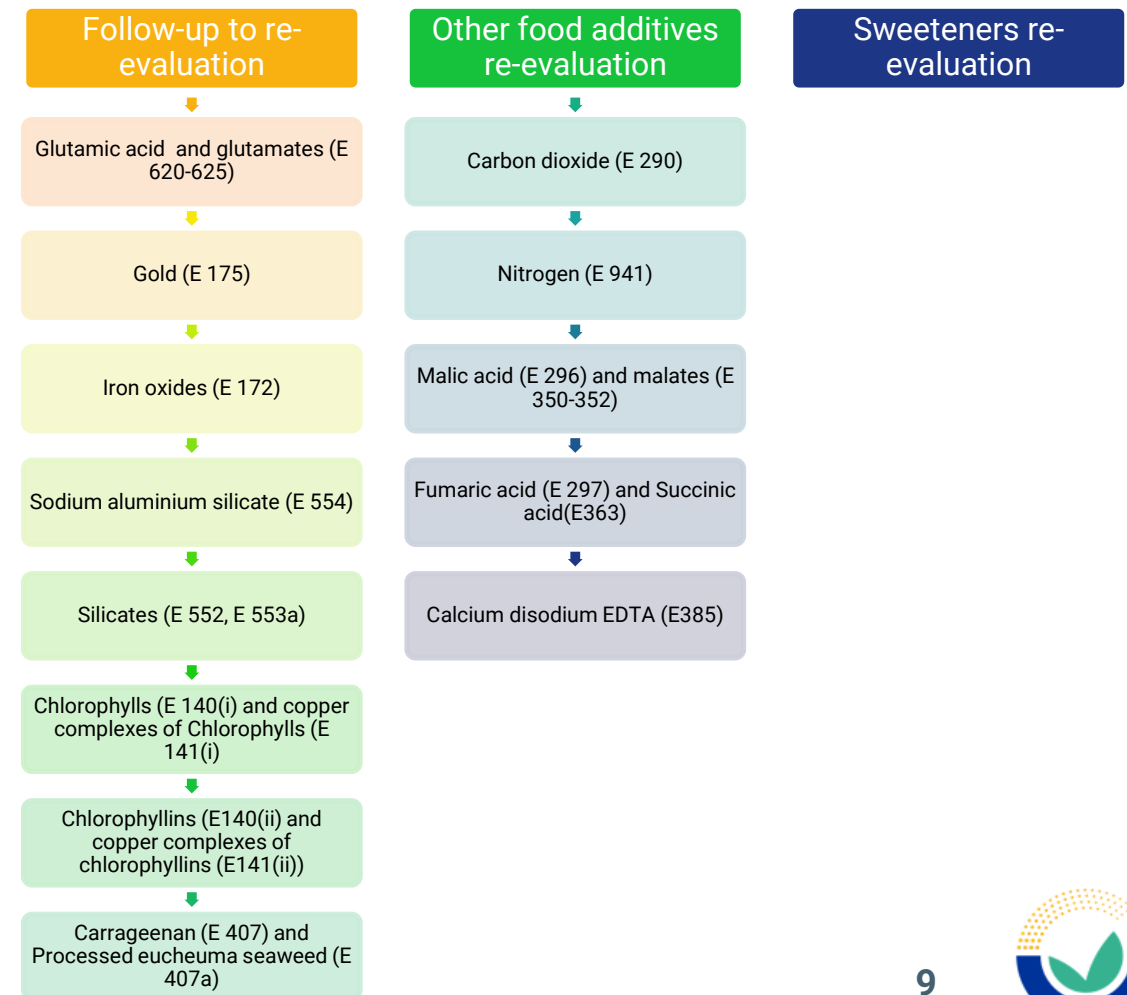


- 7 scientific opinions, for possible completion between end of 2026-mid 2027
- Timing of completion depends on need for additional information/clarification is identified

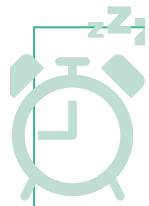


FOOD ADDITIVES BACKLOG: PREPARATORY WORK

- 16 opinions for which some preparatory work has started
- Assessments can only resume as soon as resources are freed (e.g. upon completion of other assessments) OR
- Upon receipt of additional data that have been requested



FOOD ADDITIVES BACKLOG: “TRUE” BACKLOG



Original deadline for these food additives end of 2018



Complexity of the process, no dossiers, large amount of literature



Additional resources to be found through partnership schemes via Art 36 organisation

Lactic acid and lactates (E 270; E 325-327, E 585)

Acetic acid and acetates (E 260-263; E 650)

Glyceryl diacetate (E 1517) & Glyceryl triacetate (E 1518)

Citric acid and citrates (E 330-333; E 380)

Triethyl citrate (E 1505)

Adipic acid and adipates (E 355-357)

Carbonates (E 500-504)

Hydroxides and oxides (E 524-530)

Glycine and its sodium salt (E 640)

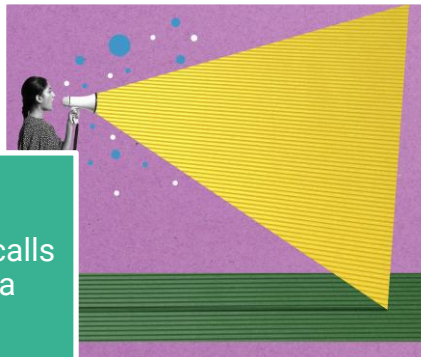
L-Cysteine (E 920)

Carbamide (urea) E 927b



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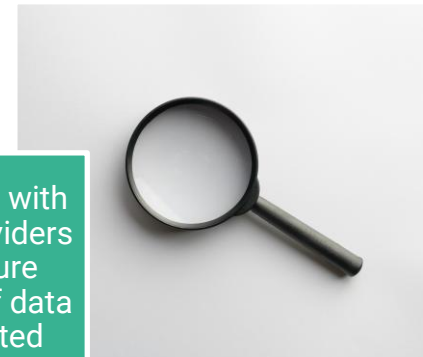
Tailored calls
for data



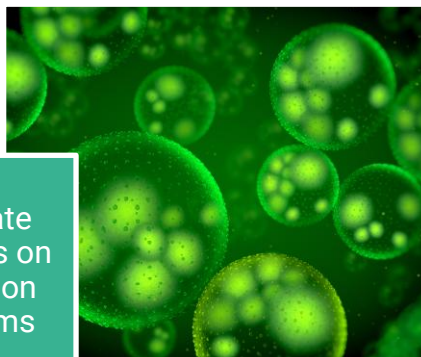
Simplified
approach for
components
of the body
and of the diet



Dialogue with
data providers
to ensure
quality of data
submitted



Anticipate
questions on
production
organisms



Analytical data
on toxic
elements



Genotoxicity
data needed



2026-2027 GOALS



NEW APPLICATIONS: ON TIME
ADOPTION AND REDUCTION OF
THROUGHPUT TIME



CRITICAL/SENSITIVE OPINIONS



STOCK REDUCTION

