

17 September 2026

9:00-18:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 17 September 2026

Location: Teleconference

Chair: Laurence Castle

Attendees:

o Panel Members:

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

o EFSA:

Food Ingredients and Packaging (FIP) Unit: Fabio Alfieri, Simona Aprile, Stefania Barmaz, Costanza Bonnici, Valeriu Curtui, Maria Carfi, Samuele Di Ciano, Borana Dino, Federica Lodi, Carla Martino, Elena Mazzoli, Francesca Mercogliano, Davide Mesto, Paula Podea, Josef Rasinger, Ana Rincon and Camilla Smeraldi.

Methodology and Scientific Support (MESE) Unit: Maria Chiara Astuto.

Pesticides Peer Review (PREV) Unit: Sofia Batista Leite.

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. No conflicts of interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the Panel members at the beginning of the meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 67th Panel plenary meeting held on 30 June- 2 July 2026.

The minutes of the 67th Panel plenary meeting were agreed on 14 July 2026.

5. Scientific output submitted for discussion/adoption

5.1 Scientific opinion on the extension of use of the food additive glycolipids (E 246) ([EFSA-Q-2026-00089](#))



The FAF Panel discussed 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. Other scientific topics for information and/or discussion

Following the endorsement by the EFSA Scientific Committee, at its July meeting,¹ of the draft revised guidance on the risk assessment of nanomaterials and materials containing nanoparticles in the food chain ([EFSA-Q-2024-00439](#)), the main changes compared with the current EFSA guidance documents (Guidance on technical requirements for regulated food and feed product applications to establish the presence of small particles, including nanoparticles, and the Guidance on risk assessment of nanomaterials to be applied in the food and feed chain: human and animal health) were presented to the Panel. The Panel was invited to comment on the applicability of the revised guidance to assessments falling within its remit.

The European Commission's [Roadmap towards phasing out animal testing in chemical safety assessments](#) was presented to the Panel. The Panel discussed the current and potential future use of new approach methodologies (NAMs) in risk assessment and identified challenges and opportunities associated with their implementation.

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

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

The Panel was informed about the items discussed at the latest Scientific Committee meeting on 7-8 July 2026 and activities related to the Scientific Committee Working Groups.

7.2 European Commission

None

7.3 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](#).

7.4 EFSA

¹ https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2026-08/131st_sc_plenary_minutes.pdf



None

8. New mandates

- New questions received since the 67th FAF Plenary:**

The following mandates have been received:

Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Creation date
Follow-up FA	EFSA-Q-2026-00378	Request for an updated scientific opinion from the European Food Safety Authority as regards the safety of calcium silicate (E 552), magnesium silicate (E 553a(i)) and magnesium trisilicate (E 553a(ii)) as food additives	8/07/2026
FA	EFSA-Q-2026-00379	Application for the authorisation of rebaudioside D produced by enzymatic conversion as a new food additive	8/07/2026
FLV	EFSA-Q-2026-00380	2-phenylcrotonaldehyde [FL-no: 05.062]	9/07/2026
FLV	EFSA-Q-2026-00381	5-methyl-2-phenylex-2-enal [FL-no: 05.099]	9/07/2026
FA	EFSA-Q-2026-00400	Application for the authorisation of rebaudioside M produced by enzymatic conversion as a new food additive	13/07/2026
FA	EFSA-Q-2026-00423	Application for the modification of the food additive rebaudioside M E960c(ii)	22/07/2026
FA	EFSA-Q-2026-00427	Application for the modification of the food additive rebaudioside M E960c(ii)	23/07/2026
Follow-up FA	EFSA-Q-2026-00442	Request for a scientific opinion from the European Food Safety Authority as regards an assessment of the safety of use of the modified starches E 1404, E 1410, E 1412, E 1413, E 1414, E 1420, E 1422 and E 1451 when used as food additives in food category	30/07/2026
FA	EFSA-Q-2026-00490	Application for the authorisation of succinylated gelatine as a new food additive	3/09/2026

The new mandates EFSA-Q-2026-00379, EFSA-Q-2026-00400, EFSA-Q-2026-00423, EFSA-Q-2026-00427 and EFSA-Q-2026-00490 will be assigned to the FAF WG on Food Additives Applications. The new mandates EFSA-Q-2026-00380 and EFSA-Q-2026-00381 will be assigned to the FAF WG on Flavourings. Mandate [EFSA-Q-2026-00378](#) is an updated mandate of a previous mandate (M-2022-00020) and it will be assigned to the FAF WG on Food Additives Re-evaluation and Follow-up, as well as EFSA-Q-2026-00442.

- Valid/accepted questions since the 67th FAF Plenary:**

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



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FA	EFSA-Q-2026-00427	Application for the modification of the food additive rebaudioside M E960c(ii)	14/09/2026
FA	EFSA-Q-2024-00631	Application for the authorisation of hydroxytyrosol-rich olive pomace extract as a new food additive	14/09/2026

The new mandates EFSA-Q-2026-00379, EFSA-Q-2026-00400, EFSA-Q-2026-00423, EFSA-Q-2026-00427 and EFSA-Q-2026-00490 will be assigned to the FAF WG on Food Additives Applications for the drafting of the scientific opinion. The new mandates EFSA-Q-2026-00380 and EFSA-Q-2026-00381 will be assigned to the FAF WG on Flavourings for the drafting of the scientific opinion. Mandate EFSA-Q-2026-00378 and EFSA-Q-2026-00442 will be assigned to the FAF WG on Food Additives Re-evaluation and Follow-up for the drafting of the scientific opinion.

- **Withdrawn questions since the 67th FAF Plenary:**

None

9. Any other business

9.1 Errata in opinion as regards the specifications of the food additives acetic, lactic, tartaric, mono- and diacetyltartaric, mixed acetic and tartaric acids esters of mono- and diglycerides of fatty acids (E472a,b,d,e,f)

The Panel adopted on 9 July 2025 the opinion [as regards the specifications of the food additives acetic, lactic, tartaric, mono- and diacetyltartaric, mixed acetic and tartaric acids esters of mono- and diglycerides of fatty acids \(E472a,b,d,e,f\)](#) (EFSA-Q-2023-00577). After publication, information submitted in response the European Commission call for data was identified as having been inadvertently overlooked during the preparation of the scientific output. The scientific opinion was revised to incorporate the missing information, which however did not alter the conclusions, and an updated opinion will be republished.



10. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 13-15 October 2026 in Parma.