

# Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources added to Food (ANS)

## Minutes of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Plenary meeting

Held on 16-18 May 2017, Rome (Italy)

(Agreed on 12 June 2017)

### Participants

■ Panel Members:

Fernando Aguilar, Riccardo Crebelli,<sup>1</sup> Alessandro Di Domenico, Birgit Dusemund, Maria José Frutos, Pierre Galtier, David Gott, Ursula Gundert-Remy, Claude Lambré, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Oliver Lindtner,<sup>2</sup> Peter Moldeus, Alicja Mortensen, Pasquale Mosesso, Agneta Oskarsson, Dominique Parent-Massin, Ivan Stankovic, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen, Rudolf Antonius Woutersen, Matthew Wright, and Maged Younes.

■ Hearing Experts:

None

■ European Commission representatives:

DG SANTE (Health and Food Safety), E2 Food processing technologies and novel foods: Guillermo Cardon

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou, Federica Lodi, Ana Maria Rincon, Claudia Roncancio Peña, Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard, Stavroula Tasiopoulou.

DATA Unit (via web conference): Andrea Altieri, Sofia Ioannidou

### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all participants.

### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without any changes.

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<sup>1</sup> Apologies on 17 May (AM)

<sup>2</sup> Apologies on 18 May

### **3. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Panel Members**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest,<sup>4</sup> EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest and the Specific Declarations of Interest filled in by the Scientific Panel Members invited for the present meeting.

Oral Declaration of Interest was asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

### **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Plenary meeting held on 4-6 April 2017, Parma (Italy)**

The minutes of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Plenary meeting held on 4-6 April were agreed by written procedure on 27 April 2017.<sup>5</sup>

### **5. Report on the written procedures since 72<sup>nd</sup> Plenary meeting**

No scientific outputs were adopted by written procedure since the last plenary meeting.

### **6. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion and possible adoption**

#### **6.1. Safety of di-magnesium malate as a novel food ingredient for use as a source of magnesium in foods for the general population, food supplements, total diet replacement for weight control and food for special medical purposes and bioavailability of magnesium from this source ([EFSA-Q-2016-00115](#))**

The draft opinion on the safety evaluation of di-magnesium malate as a novel food ingredient for use as a source of magnesium in foods for the general population, food supplements, total diet replacement for weight control and food for special medical purposes and bioavailability of magnesium from this source was presented to the members of the ANS Panel together with the main points for discussion.

The ANS Panel considered that additional information should be requested to the applicant in order to complete the assessment. The scientific evaluation is currently suspended, awaiting submission of the additional information requested.

#### **6.2. Re-evaluation of pectin (E 440(i)) and amylylated pectin (E 440(ii)) ([EFSA-Q-2011-00528](#); [EFSA-Q-2011-00758](#))**

The draft opinion on the re-evaluation of pectin (E 440(i)) and amylylated pectin (E 440(ii)) was presented to the members of the ANS Panel together with the main points for discussion. The ANS Panel discussed the different parts of the risk assessment and adopted the opinion, subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

The full opinion will be available on the Authority's webpage.

#### **6.3. Re-evaluation of tara gum (E 417) ([EFSA-Q-2011-00516](#))**

The draft opinion on the re-evaluation of tara gum (E 417) was presented to the members of the ANS Panel together with the main points for discussion. The ANS

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/event/170404>

Panel discussed the different parts of the risk assessment and adopted the opinion, subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

The full opinion will be available on the Authority's webpage.

#### **6.4. Re-evaluation of konjac gum (E 425(i)) and konjac glucomannan (E 425(ii)) ([EFSA-Q-2011-00520](#); [EFSA-Q-2011-00759](#))**

The draft opinion on the re-evaluation of konjac gum (E 425(i)) and konjac glucomannan (E 425(ii)) was presented to the members of the ANS Panel together with the main points for discussion. The ANS Panel discussed the different parts of the risk assessment and adopted the opinion, subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

The full opinion will be available on the Authority's webpage.

#### **6.5. Amendment to the specifications of the food additive polyvinyl alcohol-polyethylene glycol-graft-co-polymer (E 1209) ([EFSA-Q-2016-00192](#))**

The draft opinion on the safety evaluation of the proposed amendment to the existing specifications of the authorised food additive polyvinyl alcohol-polyethylene glycol-graft-co-polymer (E 1209) was presented to the members of the ANS Panel together with the main points for discussion.

The ANS Panel discussed the different parts of the risk assessment and adopted the opinion, subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

The full opinion will be available on the Authority's webpage.

#### **6.6. Re-evaluation of glutamic acid and glutamates (E 620-625) ([EFSA-Q-2011-00577](#); [EFSA-Q-2011-00578](#); [EFSA-Q-2011-00579](#); [EFSA-Q-2011-00580](#); [EFSA-Q-2011-00581](#); [EFSA-Q-2011-00582](#))**

The draft opinion on the re-evaluation of the safety of glutamic acid and glutamates (E 620-625) was presented to the members of the ANS Panel together with the main points for discussion.

The ANS Panel suggested some revisions of the opinion before it can be adopted at the next plenary meeting.

### **7. New Mandates**

The Secretariat informed the members of the ANS Panel that, since the last plenary meeting, no new mandates were received by EFSA and allocated to the ANS Panel.

The Secretariat also informed the members of the ANS Panel about the following applications, considered valid since the previous meeting:

- M-2017-0027: Request for a scientific opinion on Inositol-Stabilized Arginine Silicate ([EFSA-Q-2017-00071](#))
- M-2017-0068: Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of glucosylated steviol glycosides as a food additive ([EFSA-Q-2017-00247](#))

### **8. Feedback from the Scientific Committee/Scientific Panels, EFSA, the European Commission**

No feedback was provided due to lack of time.

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

### **9.1. Scientific opinion on the safety of green tea catechins ([EFSA-Q-2016-00627](#))**

Upon request from the WG on Procedures under Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No 1925/2006, the ANS Panel discussed the approach to be taken for assessment of the safety of green tea catechins. The draft opinion will be further elaborated by the WG following the recommendations from the ANS Panel.

### **9.2. Estimation of the exposure to the annatto colouring principles bixin and norbixin when used as food additives ([EFSA-Q-2017-00289](#))**

The EFSA statement, presented to the ANS Panel for endorsement, was not discussed due to lack of time. It will be scheduled again for the next Panel plenary meeting.

## **10. Any Other Business**

None.