

Scientific Panel on Food Contact Materials, Enzymes, Flavourings and Processing Aids (CEF)

Minutes of the 70th Plenary meeting

Inaugural session jointly with Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS) on 5 July

Held on 05-06 July 2017, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 20 July 2017)

Participants

■ Panel Members

ANS¹: Peter Aggett, Fernando Aguilar, Riccardo Crebelli, Birgit Dusemund, Metka Filipic, Maria José Frutos Fernandez, Pierre Galtier, David Gott, Ursula Gundert-Remy, Gunter Georg Kuhnle, Claude Lambré, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Inger Therese Lillegaard, Peter Moldeus, Alicja Mortensen, Agneta Oskarsson, Ivan Stankovic, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen, Rudolf Antonius Woutersen, Matthew Wright, and Maged Younes

CEF: Claudia Bolognesi, Laurence Castle, Kevin Chipman, Jean-Pierre Cravedi, Karl-Heinz Engel, Roland Franz, Konrad Grob, Rainer Gürtler², Trine Husøy, Maria Rosaria Milana³, Wim Mennes, Sirpa Orvokki Kärenlampi⁴, Gilles Rivière, Jannavi Srinivasan⁵, Vittorio Silano, Christina Tlustos, Karla Pfaff, Maria De Fátima Tavares Poças⁴, Detlef Wölflé and Holger Zorn

■ Hearing Experts⁶

None

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives

- DG SANTE: Miguel-Angel Granero Rosell⁴

■ EFSA

¹ Participation on 5 July – Inaugural session

² Not present on 5 July AM

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⁵ Attended only on 6 July by teleconference

⁶ As defined in Article 11 of the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest:
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

- Food Ingredients and Packaging (FIP) Unit: Margarita Aguilera-Gomez, Maria Anastasiadou, Magdalena Andryszkiewicz, Eric Barthélémy, Mary Carfi, Anna Federica Castoldi, Cristina Croera, Ana Gomes, Natalia Kovalkovicova, Alexandros Lioupis, Yi Liu, Joaquim Manuel Maia, Carla Martino, Claudia Roncancio Peña, Claudio Putzu, Annamaria Rossi, Ellen Van Haver, Katharina Volk, Anna Christodoulidou, Alessandra Giarola, Federica Lodi, Fabiola Pizzo, Ana Maria Rincon, Claudia Roncancio Peña, Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard, Stavroula Tasiopoulou, Marco Lannutti, Maria Correia
- Executive Director: Bernhard Url
- Scientific Evaluation of Regulated Product (REPRO) Department: Guilhem de Seze
- Evidence Management (DATA) Unit: Davide Arcella
- Executive Directorate: Juliane Kleiner
- Emergency Team: Davide Bernardini
- External Relations Unit: James Ramsay
- Risk Communications: Arthur Healy
- Legal & Assurance Services Unit: Simone Gabbi
- Finance Unit: Jürgen De Maggio
- Corporate Services (CORSER) Unit: Francesco Ciancio
- Scientific Committee and Emerging Risk (SCER) Unit: Raquel Garcia Matas, Tobin Robinson, Bernard Bottex, Jean-Lou Dorne, Nikolaos Georgiadis, Georges Kass, Caroline Merten, Reinhilde Schoonjans
- Assessment and Methodology Support (AMU) Unit: Elisa Aiassa

1. Safety Moment - Emergency Procedures

The participants were informed by D. Bernardini about the safety instructions applicable to visitors at EFSA and the emergency procedures in place.

2. Introduction to EFSA, Strategy and Open Risk Assessment at EFSA

The Executive Director of EFSA, B. Url, welcomed the members of the Scientific Panel on Food Contact Materials, Enzymes, Flavourings and Processing Aids (CEF) and the members of the Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources added to Food (ANS) to this inaugural meeting. In his opening speech, he highlighted the current challenges for the existing EU risk assessment model, as well as the key objectives of the Open EFSA strategy 2020.

3. Introduction to the Scientific Evaluation of Regulated Products Department

The Head of Scientific Evaluation of Regulated Products Department (REPRO), G. de Seze, introduced to the Panel members the existing regulatory and international frameworks under which the REPRO department and the different Units falling within its remit operate. Areas of possible overlap in the scientific assessments were brought to the attention of the experts.

4. Introduction to the Communications and External Relations Department

J. Ramsey from the External relations Unit presented an overview of the risk communication activities within EFSA, the tasks performed by the Advisory Forum and Scientific cooperation Unit and the mission of the External Relations Unit.

A. Healy, from the Risk Communications Unit elaborated on aspects relating to publishing the EFSA scientific outputs in the EFSA Journal.

5. Tour de Table ANS & CEF Panel Members

All the members of both Panels were invited to give a short introduction to their scientific background and specific areas of expertise.

6. Introduction to independence, confidentiality, liability requirements

S. Gabbi from the Legal and Assurance Services gave the Panel members an introduction to the applicable legal requirements, including the EFSA policy on independence and transparency, and the existing provisions on confidentiality and data protection requirements.

7. Administrative framework for supporting experts

F. Ciancio from the CORSER Unit and J. De Maggio from the Finance Unit presented EFSA's centralised system for logistic and financial support towards the organization of the meetings and the reimbursement of the experts.

8. Trainings opportunities for EFSA Experts

R. Garcia Matas from the Scientific Committee and Emerging Risk Unit (SCER) informed the Panel members about the EFSA training courses that will be organised in 2017-2018 for the EFSA experts.

9. Overview of cross-cutting guidance

T. Robinson, Head of the SCER Unit, presented the role of the Scientific Committee in developing cross-cutting guidance for the EFSA Scientific Panels. The following guidance documents, which are finalized or in development, were presented in more detail by the responsible scientific officers of the SCER Unit: PROMoting METHods for Evidence Use in Scientific assessments (PROMETHEUS), Weight of Evidence, Biological Relevance, Uncertainty, Benchmark Dose, Infants, Genotoxicity, Nanotechnology and Chemical mixtures.

10. Exposure assessment and Food Consumption Database

D. Arcella from the DATA Unit presented the revised Food Additives Intake Model for estimating the exposure to food additives. The updated tool, which will allow more refined exposure estimates compared to the previous Excel version, should be available on the EFSA website in the coming months.

11. Work-programme of the ANS and CEF Panels

C. Roncancio Peña, Head of FIP Unit, presented the tasks of the FIP Unit and an overview of the rules and procedures of relevance for the Panels and Working Groups.

On a general note, it was acknowledged that this one-year mandate of both Panels will serve as a transition period in the light of the upcoming renewal of all the EFSA Scientific Panels in July 2018 and the transformation of the CEF Panel into the Panel on food contact materials, enzymes and processing aids (CEP) and the ANS Panel into the Panel on food additives and flavourings (FAF).

A tentative work-programme of the ANS Panel for the period July 2017-June 2018 was presented. The main focus for this one-year term of office of the Panel will be the reduction of the backlog in the re-evaluation of food additives under Regulation (EC) No 257/2010, in addition to the evaluations of new applications. Moreover, the Panel aims at finalising those activities related to the assessment of nutrient sources and certain

other substances added to food, since these tasks will be transferred to the new Panel on nutrition, novel foods and food allergens (NDA) as of July 2018.

As regards the work-programme of the CEF Panel, the Panel members were informed about the ongoing and possible future mandates that fall within the remit of the CEF Panel (food enzymes, flavourings, processing aids and food contact materials). A 6-year workplan was presented to the Panel members to address more than 300 mandates in the area of food enzymes. The majority of these mandates are enzyme applications received by the European Commission within the legal deadline of submission (i.e. 11 March 2015).

The Panel members were informed about the EFSA decision allowing continuation of the already established Standing Working Groups of the ANS and CEF Panels for their one-year mandate 2017-2018, including confirmation of membership and the re-appointment of their respective chairs and vice-chairs as follows:

Standing working groups for the ANS Panel (**chair**/vice-chair)

- Applications (**D. Gott**/P. Moldeus)
- Exposure assessment (**J-C. Leblanc**/C. Tlutsos)
- Procedures under Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No 1925/2006 (**M. Wright**/P. Galtier)
- Re-evaluation of Food Additives other than Gums & Colours (**C. Lambré**/M. Wright)
- Re-evaluation of Food Colours (**R. Woutersen**/A. Oskarsson)
- Re-evaluation of Gums and Food Additives from Natural Sources (**B. Dusemund**/I. Stankovic)
- Re-evaluation of Starches, Celluloses and Pectins (**R. Woutersen**/ D. Gott)

Standing working groups for the CEF Panel (**chair**/vice-chairs)

- Flavourings (**W. Mennes**/T. Husoy)
- Genotoxicity (**R. Gürtler**)
- Food Contact Materials (**L. Castle**/D. Wölfle)
- Recycling Plastics (**MR. Milana**/F. Poças)
- Food Enzymes (**K-H. Engel**/S. Kärenlampi)

The members who were not part of the previous Panels were asked to express their interest for joining one of the Standing working groups of their respective Panel.

The following ad-hoc Working Group of the ANS Panel was also confirmed for the one-year mandate:

- *Ad hoc* working group of the ANS Panel on Guidance on Nutrient Sources (**D. Gott**)

The inaugural joint session was closed and the Panels reconvened separately the following day for their respective plenary meetings.

12. Welcome and apologies for absence

On the second day of the meeting, Anna Federica Castoldi, deputising Head of the FIP Unit, chaired this first agenda point till the election of the chair and vice-chairs, and welcomed the members of the CEF Panel in its current composition. Apologies were received from Paul Fowler.

13. Election of Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Panel

The election took place following the procedure established by EFSA⁷ and under the supervision of Simone Gabbi (Legal & Assurances Services). Vittorio Silano was elected as chair of the CEF Panel and Karl-Heinz Engel and Detlef Wölfle were elected as vice-chairs of the CEF Panel.

14. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without any changes.

15. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Panel Members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest and the Specific Declarations of Interest filled in by the Panel Members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

16. Agreement of the minutes of the 69th Plenary meeting held on 13 - 15 June 2017, Parma

The minutes of the 69th Plenary meeting held on 13 – 15 June 2017 were agreed on 29 June 2017 by written procedure.

17. Report on the written procedures since 69th Plenary meeting

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

18. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion and possible adoption

18.1. FGE.502: GRILLIN' 5078 ([EFSA-Q-2016-00002](#))

The draft opinion on the safety evaluation of the flavouring substances evaluated in FGE.502 was presented to the members of the CEF Panel together with the main points for discussion. The Panel agreed to adopt the revised draft opinion by written procedure due to time constraints at this meeting.

18.2. FGE.503: GRILLIN' CB-200SF ([EFSA-Q-2016-00003](#))

The draft opinion on the safety evaluation of the flavouring substances evaluated in FGE.503 was presented to the members of the CEF Panel together with the main points for discussion. The CEF Panel discussed the different parts of the risk assessment and unanimously adopted the opinion, subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

⁷ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/paneloperation170601.pdf>

18.3. FGE.410: [FL-no: 16.132] 4',5,7- trihydroxyflavanone ([EFSA-Q-2015-00567](#))

The draft opinion on the safety evaluation of the flavouring substances evaluated in FGE.410 was presented to the members of the CEF Panel together with the main points for discussion. The Panel suggested some revisions of the opinion before it can be adopted at the next plenary meeting.

19. New Mandates

19.1 New applications since the previous meeting

The following new mandates have been received since the last Plenary meeting: four for the safety assessment of enzymes and one for the safety assessment of food contact materials.

Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Reception date
ENZ	2017-00546	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment of food enzyme: Maltogenic amylase from a genetically modified strain of <i>Bacillus subtilis</i> (strain BABSC)	03/07/2017
ENZ	2017-00545	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment of food enzyme: beta-Galactosidase from a genetically modified strain of <i>Pichia pastoris</i> (strain X33 (pAEV008))	03/07/2017
ENZ	2017-00544	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment of the food enzyme: Phospholipase D from <i>Kitasatospora paracochleata</i>	30/06/2017
ENZ	2017-00543	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Bacillolysin from <i>Bacillus subtilis</i> (strain HPN 131)	30/06/2017
FCM	2017-00494	Request for safety re-evaluation of Ground sunflower seed hulls, FCM No 1060 for use as additive in plastics	16/06/2017

19.2 Valid applications since the previous meeting

The following applications have been considered valid for the start of the assessment since the last Plenary meeting: two for the safety assessment of food enzymes and one for the safety assessment of food contact materials.

Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Valid on
ENZ	2017-00408	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment of the food enzyme: 1,4- α -Glucan branching enzyme from a G strain of <i>Bacillus subtilis</i> (strain BR151 (pUAQ2))	26/06/2017
ENZ	2017-00405	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment of the food enzyme: 4- α -Glucanotransferase from a genetically modified strain of <i>Bacillus amyloliquefaciens</i> (strain MAS)	26/06/2017
FCM	2017-00224	Request for safety evaluation of BTB recycling process (PET direct iV+ technology)	21/06/2017

These applications were assigned to the respective working groups.

19.3 Withdrawn applications since the previous meeting

The following application has been withdrawn since the last CEF Plenary meeting: one for the safety assessment of a food enzyme.

Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	withdrawn on
ENZ	2015-00450	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment of the food enzymes: Pullulanase from <i>K. pneumoniae</i> (AE-PUL)	04/07/2017

20. Other scientific topics for information and/or discussion

There were no other scientific topics for discussion.

21. Any Other Business

The next plenary meeting dates for the 2017-2018 CEF Panel mandate are as follows: 19-21 September 2017, 28-30 November 2017, 23-25 January 2018, 6-8 March 2018, 17-19 April 2018, 5-7 June 2018.