



European Food Safety Authority

EFSA Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies (NDA): Work Programme & Future Focus

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- Established 2003
- Focus is on nutrition evaluation and risk assessment
- Most questions originate from the EC needs for advice related to EU legislation or policy
- Growing work programme

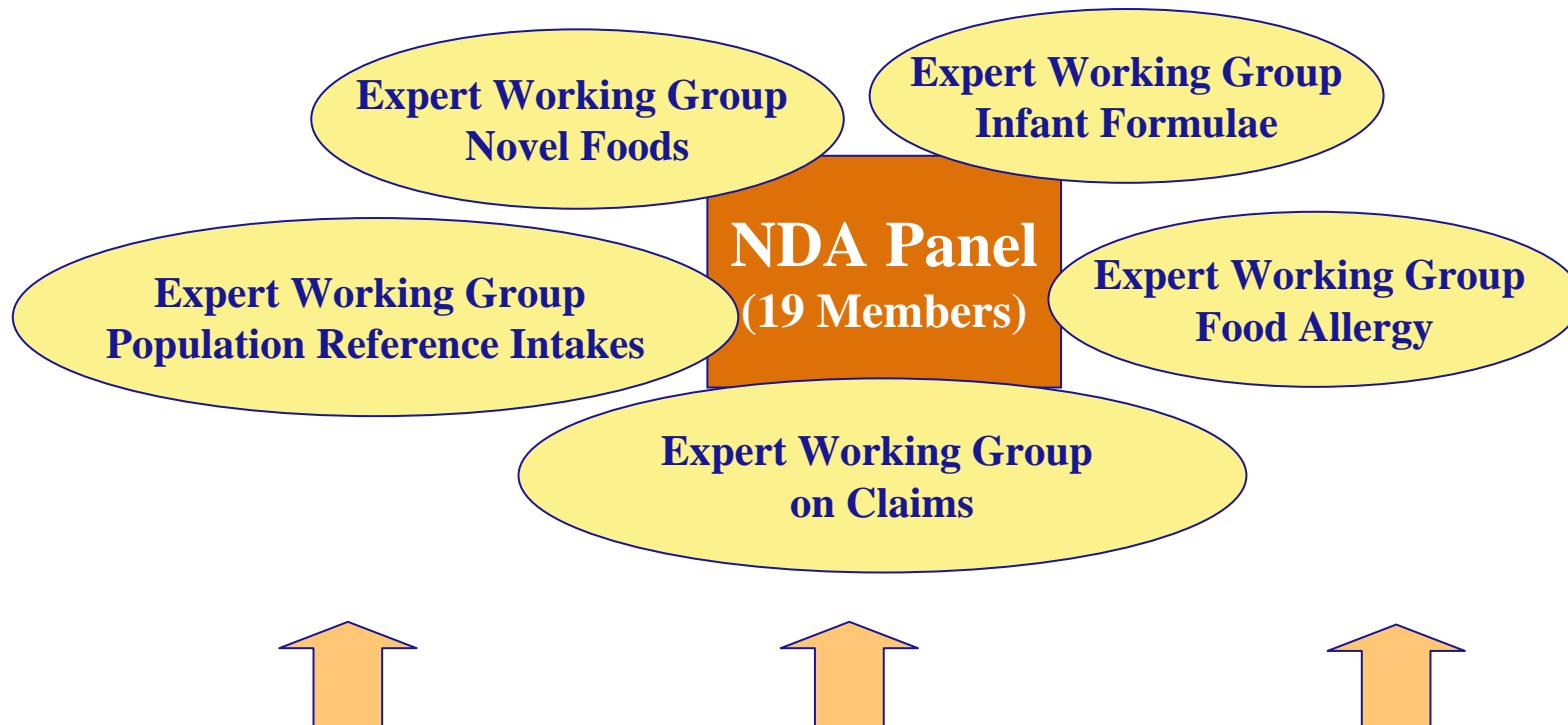
Focus of NDA work (1)

- Upper levels of intake of vitamins and minerals (complete 2005)
- Safety assessment of non-GM novel foods (2003 -)
- Dietetic foods (e.g. infant formulae) (2003 -)
- Allergenic foods for labelling purposes (2004 -)

Focus of NDA work (2)

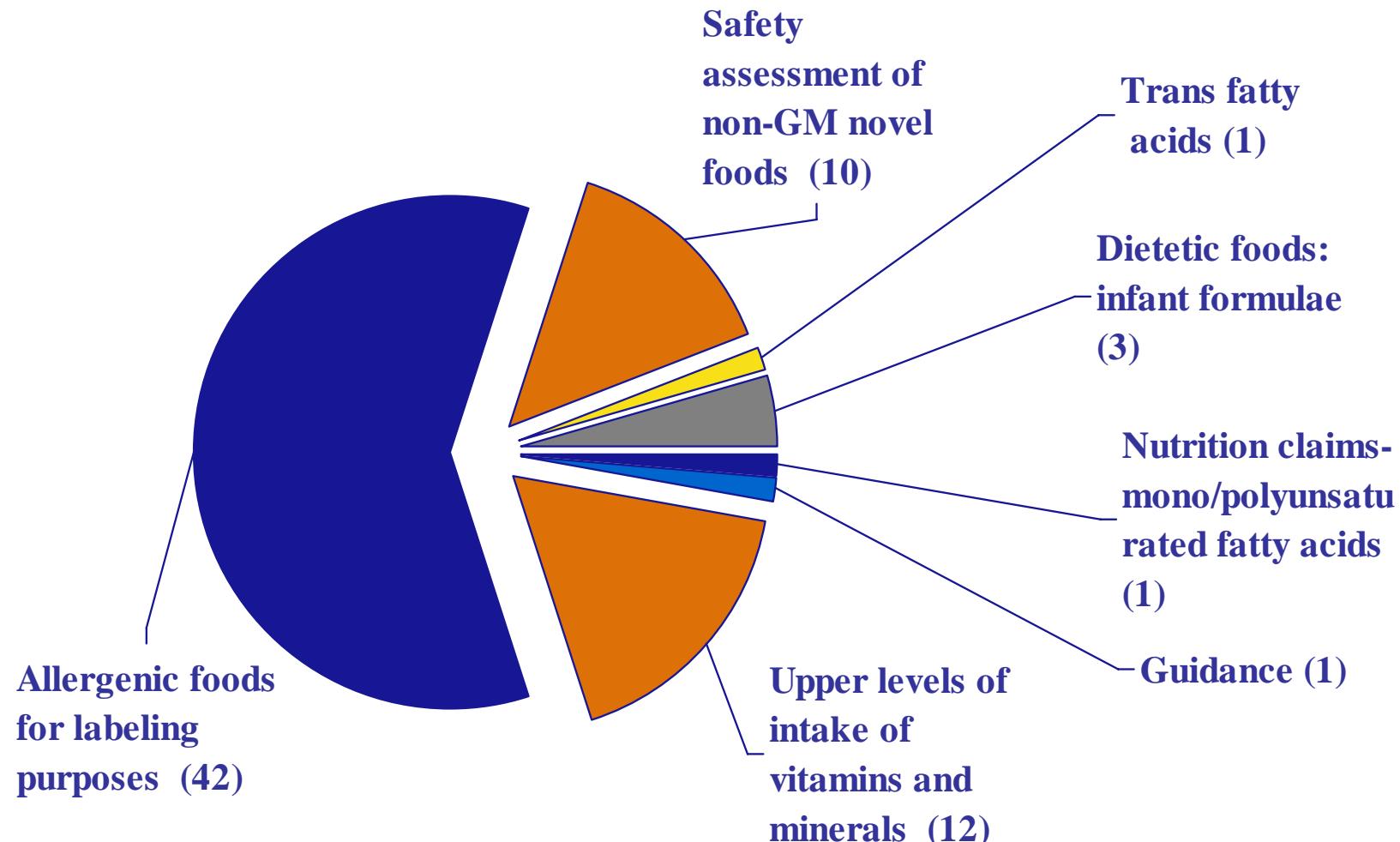
- Population Reference Intakes (PRI) for EU (2005 -)
 - macronutrients
 - micronutrients
 - food based dietary guidelines
- Nutrition & health claims (2006 -)
- Other, e.g. trans fatty acids (2005)

Expert Working Groups:



**Supported by the EFSA Secretariat in NDA Unit
(4 scientific + 3 secretariat assistance)**

Scientific Opinions: 70 (to May 2007)



Resource plan - PRI

Task	Opinions	When	Resources
PRI energy, macronutrients, fibre	6	2005 - 7	WG + EFSA staff + external experts from MS
PRI micronutrients	30	2008 - 10	Contract out preparatory work?
Food based dietary guidelines	1	2007	WG + EFSA staff + external experts from MS

Scientific substantiation of claims

- Evaluation of claims subject to authorisation procedure
 - Reduction of disease risk claims (Art. 14, July 2007-)
 - Claims for development & health of children (Art. 14, July 2007-)
 - Function claims - new scientific data/proprietary data (Art. 18, 2010-)
- Guidance on applications subject to authorisation (2007)
- Evaluation of function claims - generally accepted scientific evidence (2008-9)
 - Community list of permitted claims (2010)
- Other
 - Amendments to Annex (nutrition claims), if appropriate

Draft Opinion of the EFSA NDA Panel on:

- scientific and technical guidance for the preparation and presentation of the application for authorisation of a health claim
- released 16 May 2007
- for public consultation until 17 June
- EFSA Stakeholders Consultative Platform, 11 June
- Opinion will be adopted following amendment in the light of comments received

Nutrient profiles

- Scientific advice to EC on establishing and testing (2007-8)
 - General advice on nutrient profiles
 - Specific advice on feasibility and testing of a scheme
 - Working closely with EC +MS

Resource plan - claims

Task	Opinions	When	Resources
Art. 14 claims (authorisation)	?	2007 - (5 month deadline)	WG + EFSA staff + external experts from MS
Art. 13 claims	400-500?	2008-9	Contract out preparatory work?
Art 18 claims (authorisation)	?	2010 - (5 month deadline)	WG + EFSA staff + external experts from MS
Nutrient profiles	1	2007-8	WG + EFSA staff

Managing workload of experts & EFSA staff



Manage NDA work programme

- priorities
- co-operation with MS

Preparation of opinions

- additional experts from MS
- increase EFSA staff
- contracting out

Attendance at meetings

- control frequency
- flexibility of venues

- Manage work programme to maintain effectiveness
 - prioritisation
 - co-operation with MS
 - resource planning
 - workload of experts and staff
- Support for EFSA's objectives
 - developing and implementing EFSA's nutrition strategy