



EFSA's role in nutrition

REGULATION EC 178/2002

Founding Regulation specifies that:

- EFSA is responsible for providing scientific advice and scientific and technical support on **all fields having a direct or indirect impact on food and feed safety** (Art. 22(2))
- In relation to human nutrition, EFSA is entrusted with the task of providing scientific advice or scientific or technical support **in relation to EU legislation** (Art. 22(5) and Recital 36)

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Mandate on nutrition

- No general mandate for EFSA on matters regarding human nutrition

- In relation to nutrition - EFSA would enjoy exclusively the powers assigned by:
 - a specific sectoral legal act,
 - by a specific request of the Commission submitted under one of these, or
 - by its Founding Regulation under specific provisions;

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Communication

- Provide independent information on **all matters** within food and feed safety and **communicate on risks**
- At request by the Commission, **assistance** concerning communication on nutritional issues **linked to EU health programmes**

EFSA'S MAIN ACTIVITIES IN HUMAN NUTRITION

Nutrition labelling

Dir. 2000/13/EC
Reg. (EU) No
1169/2011

Scientific opinions
on food allergens

Scientific opinions
on Dietary Reference
Values

Advice on labelling
reference values

Nutrition and Health Claims

Reg. (EC) No
1924/2006

8 Guidance to
applicants

595 Scientific
opinions

"Dietetic products"

Reg. (EC) No
609/2013

Nutrient
requirements and
composition of infant
and follow up milk

Total diet
replacements for
weight control

Guidance on
applications for
foods for special
medical purposes

Addition of vitamins and minerals

Directive 2002/46/EC
Reg. (EC) No.
1925/2006

Tolerable Upper
Intake Levels