
Input from interested parties

EFSA Technical stakeholder event: re-evaluation
of authorised food additives - focus on sweeteners
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International Sweeteners Association (ISA)



ISA is an organisation representing suppliers and users of low/no calorie sweeteners, including table-top sweetener manufacturers



ISA provides science-based information to support an understanding of the safety, role and benefits of low/no calorie sweeteners



ISA is a registered stakeholder at EFSA and a registered interested business operator for the purposes of the re-evaluation of sweeteners



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ISA participation to the EFSA re-evaluation of sweeteners



2011 – 2012: EFSA public calls for data on aspartame



June 2017: EFSA public call for technical and toxicological data



January 2018: EFSA public call for usage level and/or concentration data



July 2019: Public consultation -**Protocol** for the assessment of **hazard identification and characterization of sweeteners**



May 2019: Further call for technical data (nano)



October 2019: Public consultation - **Protocol for the exposure** to sweeteners



To end 2020: Further calls for data/public consultations....



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General comments on the process so far



ISA appreciates

- The opportunity to provide comments on protocols:
 - for the assessment of hazard identification and characterization
 - for the exposure assessment of sweeteners
- Timely publication of minutes of meetings of FAF Panel and Sweeteners WG







Suggestions for improvement

- Clearer communication of reasons for additional data requests/ additional calls for data
- Ideally, publication of protocols before the requests for data
- Understanding of EFSA process and next steps (timelines)
- Initial indication to data providers as to whether the data is complete/sufficient



ISA comments on the Protocol for the assessment of hazard identification and characterization

-  Selection of studies before methodology agreed
-  Selection of new endpoints
-  Collection of biomonitoring data
-  Application of Benchmark Dose approach with consideration to the magnitude of change

ISA comments on the Protocol for the exposure assessment of sweeteners



LNCS in the EU are subject to strict conditions of use (e.g. only in foods/beverages that are energy-reduced or with no added sugars)



Niche products & variation of sweetener use



Understanding of what table-top sweetener products are and how these products are used



Limitations of maximum level exposure assessment scenario and the brand-loyalty principle



Conclusions



- ✓ Clearer understanding of EFSA process and next steps (timelines)
- ✓ Clear criteria for selection and application of scientific publications crucial for the process
- ✓ Clear understanding where (strict conditions of use) and how (e.g. table-top sweeteners) sweeteners are used throughout the exposure assessment process



Thank you for your
attention!

Questions?



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