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European Food Safety Authority

**Panel on Dietetic products, Nutrition and Allergies**

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**MINUTES OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> PLENARY MEETING OF THE  
SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON DIETETIC PRODUCTS, NUTRITION AND ALLERGIES  
HELD ON 18-19 FEBRUARY 2004**

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## **1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Seppo Salminen.

## **2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted.

## **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

The scientific co-ordinator briefed the Panel on the preparation by EFSA of a code of conduct on declaration of interests as guidance for Panel and working group members when declaring interests.

## **4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS PLENARY MEETING**

The chair informed the Panel about the current status of the request on *trans* fatty acids. An *ad hoc* working group has been established and a rapporteur has been appointed for this task. The expected date of completion of this task is June 2004.

## **5. CO-ORDINATION WITH EFSA SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND OTHER EFSA PANELS**

The chair briefed the Panel on the outcome of previous meetings of the EFSA Scientific Committee, and particularly, concerning reconsideration of existing opinions whenever new scientific information might require so. The Scientific Committee advised the Panels to take a pro-active approach when considering this issue.

## **6. GENERAL INFORMATION BY EFSA ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE PANEL**

The scientific co-ordinator updated the Panel on the most recent developments of the move of EFSA to Parma.

The outcome about the EFSA Colloque was distributed to the Panel. The last amendment to the rules of procedure in relation to the adoption of minutes by written procedure was also distributed to the Panel.

The scientific co-ordinator briefed the Panel about the call for expression of interests for membership of the Panel. The call has been published on the EFSA web site with a closing date of 15 March 2004.

## **7. NEW REQUESTS FOR SCIENTIFIC OPINIONS**

### **7.1 Vegetable oils high in unsaponifiable matter**

A new request for scientific opinion has been received from the Commission on two novel food applications concerning vegetable oils (maize-germ oil and rapeseed oil) high in unsaponifiable matter. This request has been allocated to the Working Group on Novel Foods. As additional information has been now requested to the applicant, the expected date of completion of this request is 3 months after the receipt of the additional information requested.

## **8. DIETETIC PRODUCTS**

### **8.1 Draft opinion on goats' milk protein as a protein source for infant formulae and follow-on formulae**

The chair of the Working Group on Infant Formula introduced the draft opinion. The opinion was adopted subject to the incorporation of modifications agreed upon by the Panel.

The text of the full opinion appears on the EFSA web site on the Internet, available at: [http://www.efsa.eu.int/science/nda/nda\\_opinions/catindex\\_en.html](http://www.efsa.eu.int/science/nda/nda_opinions/catindex_en.html).

### **8.2 Draft opinion on fructo-oligosaccharides in infant formulae and follow-on formulae**

The chair of the Working Group on Infant Formula introduced the draft opinion. The opinion was adopted subject to the incorporation of modifications agreed upon by the Panel.

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## **9. FOOD ALLERGY**

### **9.1 Draft opinion on allergenic foods for labelling purposes**

The chair of the Working Group on Food Allergy introduced the draft opinion focusing particularly on the outstanding sections which were not considered at the previous plenary meeting. The opinion was adopted subject to the incorporation of modifications agreed upon by the Panel.

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[http://www.efsa.eu.int/science/nda/nda\\_opinions/catindex\\_en.html](http://www.efsa.eu.int/science/nda/nda_opinions/catindex_en.html).

## **10. UPPER LEVELS FOR VITAMINS AND MINERALS**

### **10.1 Draft opinion on the tolerable upper level of vanadium**

The draft opinion prepared by the Working Group on Upper Levels for Vitamins and Minerals was introduced and discussed. The opinion was adopted subject to the incorporation of modifications agreed upon by the Panel.

The text of the full opinion appears on the EFSA web site on the Internet, available at:  
[http://www.efsa.eu.int/science/nda/nda\\_opinions/catindex\\_en.html](http://www.efsa.eu.int/science/nda/nda_opinions/catindex_en.html).

## **11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

## **12. ADOPTION OF THESE MINUTES**

These minutes were adopted by written procedure on 15 March 2004.