



14 September 2005

**MINUTES OF THE 10TH PLENARY MEETING OF THE
SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON DIETETIC PRODUCTS, NUTRITION AND ALLERGIES
HELD ON 6 JULY 2005**

PARTICIPANTS

Panel members:

- Wulf Becker
- Alan Jackson
- Albert Flynn
- Pagona Lagiou
- Martinus Løvik
- Geltrude Mingrone
- Andreu Palou
- Bevan Moseley
- Hildegard Przyrembel
- Stephan Strobel
- Hendrik van Loveren
- Jean-Louis Bresson
- Henk van den Berg

EFSA staff:

- Leng Heng
- Cecilia Lloyd
- Pilar Rodríguez Iglesias

European Commission:

- Helen Lee¹
- Sabine Osaer¹
- Christophe Didion¹

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1. WELCOME TO MEMBERS, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Daniel Brasseur, Seppo Salminen and Francesco Branca.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Professor Hildegard Przyrembel declared an interest in relation to agenda item 6.2 “adverse reactions (allergy or intolerance) to foods (labelling purposes)”. She had been in charge of providing scientific advice on the allergenicity of lupine at national level.

No other declarations of interest were made in relation to the items on the agenda.

4. CO-ORDINATION WITH EFSA SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND OTHER EFSA PANELS

The Panel was updated on the adoption by EFSA Scientific Committee of the opinion related to exposure assessments. Concerning the draft opinion of the EFSA Scientific Committee on a “harmonised approach for risk assessment of compounds which are both genotoxic and carcinogenic”, the public consultation is closed. An international conference on risk assessment of both genotoxic and carcinogenic compounds will be held on 16 to 18 November 2005 in Brussels.

The Panel was also informed on the adoption by the CONTAM Panel of the opinion on the safety assessment of wild and farmed fish. The opinion was prepared by an EFSA inter-panel working group consisting of members of the CONTAM Panel, FEEDAP Panel, AHAW Panel and the NDA Panel; the NDA Panel contributed on the nutrition aspects to this opinion. The CONTAM Panel had also adopted an opinion related to concentration limits for boron and fluoride in natural mineral waters.

5. GENERAL INFORMATION BY EFSA ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE PANEL

In relation to Parma, the scientific co-ordinator informed the Panel that EFSA was formally inaugurated its official seat on 21 June 2005. The Scientific Committee meeting took place also in Parma on 21-22 June, during which the logistics of meeting in Parma and the experiences of the Scientific Panels gained so far were considered. In relation to this, it was suggested that any comments from NDA Panel members are to be channelled via the secretariat. In response to the suggestions made by the Panels EFSA will address comments received and a reply will be prepared. After autumn 2005, plenary meetings will be held in Parma as agreed by the Management Board.

In relation to the Advisory Forum, an *ad-hoc* working group was created concerning the input of National Authorities into the work of EFSA's Scientific Committee, Panels and other Expert Groups.

In relation to staffing, EFSA will launch shortly two calls for expressions of interests for scientific officers for the NDA Unit.

6. NEW REQUESTS FOR SCIENTIFIC OPINION

Two new requests were received from the European Commission.

6.1 Chia seed and ground whole chia as a novel food ingredient

The European Commission has requested EFSA to issue a scientific opinion on the use of Chia seed and ground whole Chia as a novel food ingredient. This request has been allocated to the Working Group on Novel Foods. The expected date of completion of this request is October 2005.

6.2 Adverse reactions (allergy or intolerance) to foods (labelling purposes)

EFSA is requested to provide a scientific opinion on the appropriateness for inclusion of molluscs, fructose and lupine, and their eventual derived products in the list of food allergens set up in the Annex IIIa of Directive 2000/13/EC. This request has been allocated to the Working Group on Food Allergy. The expected date of completion of this request is by beginning 2006.

7. NUTRITION

7.1 Draft opinion on nutrition claims concerning unsaturated fat, polyunsaturated fat, monounsaturated fat and omega-3 fatty acids

The draft opinion prepared by the Working Group on Nutrition Claims 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, available at: http://www.efsa.eu.int/science/nda/nda_opinions/catindex_en.html.

8. UPPER LEVELS FOR VITAMINS AND MINERALS

8.1 Draft opinion on the tolerable upper intake level of tin

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, available at:
http://www.efsa.eu.int/science/nda/nda_opinions/catindex_en.html.

9. SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES IN 2006

The following meeting dates have been scheduled in 2006:

- 15-16 February 2006
- 5-6 April 2006
- 5-6 July 2006
- 4-5 October 2006
- 13-14 December 2006

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

11. ADOPTION OF THESE MINUTES

These minutes were adopted by written procedure on 13 September 2005.