



SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND EMERGING RISK UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND EMERGING RISK UNIT

### MINUTES OF THE 12<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON HEALTH BASED GUIDANCE VALUES (HBGV) NUTRIENTS AND ADDITIVES

**Held on 23 November 2020, by Teleconference**

**(Agreed on 2 December 2020)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:
  - Antonio Hernández Jerez (Chair)
  - Diane Benford
  - Maged Younes
  - Jacqueline Castenmiller
  - Peter Aggett
- Scientific Committee members invited as Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:
  - Josef Schlatter
  - Dominique Turck
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
  - Not Applicable
- EFSA:
  - SCER Unit: José Tarazona, Maria Chiara Astuto
  - NUTRI Unit: Agnès de Sesmaisons Lecarré
  - FIP Unit: Alessandra Giarola

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## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from the invited Scientific Committee member Thorhallur Halldorsson.

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes. As agreed at the November Plenary, the members of EFSA's Scientific Committee, Thorhallur Halldorsson, Josef Schlatter and Dominique Turck were invited to the meeting to present their views and support the working group regarding some critical points raised during the discussion of the draft Statement at the last Scientific Committee plenary meeting.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

## 4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 4.1. Derivation of HBGV for nutrients and additives<sup>4</sup>

The draft Statement on the derivation of Health-Based Guidance Values (HBGV) for regulated products that are also nutrients was presented at the November Scientific Committee (SC) plenary meeting for adoption. Given the need to adequately address some important points raised by the SC, the adoption was postponed to the February SC plenary meeting.

The WG members and the additional experts from the EFSA Scientific Committee discussed how to restructure some parts of the document to address the issues raised during the last Scientific Committee plenary meeting. The pending issues were clarified and the workplan for finalising the documents was agreed. The intention is to present the Statement, together with the Technical Report of the Public Consultation, at the February Scientific Committee plenary meeting for possible adoption.

## 5. Next meeting(s)

No further meeting is scheduled for the moment.

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## SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND EMERGING RISK UNIT

### MINUTES OF THE 11<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON HEALTH BASED GUIDANCE VALUES (HBGV) NUTRIENTS AND ADDITIVES

**Held on 20 October 2020, by Teleconference**

**(Agreed on 30 October 2020)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Antonio Hernández Jerez (Chair)  
Diane Benford  
Maged Younes  
Jacqueline Castenmiller  
Peter Aggett
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
Not applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Not Applicable
- EFSA:  
SCER Unit: José Tarazona, Hans Verhagen, Maria Chiara Astuto  
NUTRI Unit: Agnès de Sesmaisons Lecarré  
FIP Unit: Alessandra Giarola
- Others:  
Not Applicable

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## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

## 4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 4.1. Derivation of HBGV for nutrients and additives<sup>4</sup>

The draft Statement on the derivation of Health-Based Guidance Values (HBGV) for regulated products that are also nutrients was published for public consultation from 15 July to 15 September 2020. The WG members revised the different Sections of the draft Statement following the proposed amendments. The WG agreed with the text proposed for the new Section on the interpretation of the Terms of Reference aimed to clarify the scope of the Statement. Additional text was added throughout the document to improve clarity. A Glossary with the terminology used in the Statement has been proposed and agreed upon. A final version of the Statement has been agreed and will be presented, together with the Technical Report of the Public Consultation, for final adoption at the November Scientific Committee plenary meeting.

## 5. Any Other Business

### 5.1. Not applicable

## 6. Next meeting(s)

No further meeting is scheduled.

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## SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND EMERGING RISK UNIT

### MINUTES OF THE 10<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON HEALTH BASED GUIDANCE VALUES (HBGV) NUTRIENTS AND ADDITIVES

**Held on 1 October 2020, by Teleconference**

**(Agreed on 14 October 2020)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Antonio Hernández Jerez (Chair)  
Diane Benford  
Maged Younes  
Jacqueline Castenmiller  
Peter Aggett
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
Not applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Not Applicable
- EFSA:  
SCER Unit: José Tarazona, Hans Verhagen, Maria Chiara Astuto  
NUTRI Unit: Agnès de Sesmaisons Lecarré  
FIP Unit: Alessandra Giarola
- Others:  
Not Applicable

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## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

## 4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 4.1. Derivation of HBGV for nutrients and additives<sup>4</sup>

The draft Statement on the derivation of Health-Based Guidance Values (HBGV) for regulated products that are also nutrients was published for public consultation from 15 July to 15 September 2020. The draft document received a total of 67 comments from 14 organisations. All the comments were grouped per Section and presented for discussion to the WG. The WG discussed the proposed amendments and decided to add a new Section to the document on the interpretation of the Terms of Reference and a Glossary, to clarify the scope and the terminology used in the Statement. The WG members agreed on the next steps and additional tasks were distributed among the members. The Statement will be presented with the Technical Report of the Public Consultation for final adoption at the next Scientific Committee plenary meeting, which will be held on 11-12 November 2020.

## 5. Any Other Business

### 5.1. Not applicable

## 6. Next meeting(s)

The next WG meeting has been tentatively scheduled for 20 October 2020.

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## SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND EMERGING RISK UNIT

### MINUTES OF THE 9<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON HEALTH BASED GUIDANCE VALUES (HBGV) NUTRIENTS AND ADDITIVES

**Held on 8 July 2020, by Teleconference**

**(Agreed on 16 July 2020)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Antonio Hernández Jerez (Chair)  
Diane Benford  
Maged Younes  
Jacqueline Castenmiller  
Peter Aggett
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
Not applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Not Applicable
- EFSA:  
SCER Unit: José Tarazona, Hans Verhagen, Maria Chiara Astuto  
NUTRI Unit: Agnès de Sesmaisons Lecarré  
FIP Unit: Alessandra Giarola
- Others:  
Not Applicable

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## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

## 4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 4.1. Derivation of HBGV for nutrients and additives<sup>4</sup>

The draft Statement on the derivation of Health-Based Guidance Values (HBGV) for regulated products that are also nutrients was endorsed for public consultation by the Scientific Committee with minor comments. The WG revised the different Sections of the Statement following the ameliorations proposed by the Scientific Committee. A final draft of the Statement was agreed upon. The document is now ready for a period of public consultation. All the comments from the public consultation will be considered for further refinement and finalisation of the Statement.

## 5. Any Other Business

### 5.1. Not applicable

## 6. Next meeting(s)

The next WG meeting has been tentatively scheduled for 1 October 2020.

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## SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND EMERGING RISK UNIT

### MINUTES OF THE 8<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON HEALTH BASED GUIDANCE VALUES (HBGV) NUTRIENTS AND ADDITIVES

**Held on 28 May 2020, by Teleconference**

**(Agreed on 17 June 2020)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Antonio Hernández Jerez (Chair)  
Diane Benford  
Maged Younes  
Jacqueline Castenmiller  
Peter Aggett
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
Not applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Not Applicable
- EFSA:  
SCER Unit: José Tarazona, Hans Verhagen, Maria Chiara Astuto  
NUTRI Unit: Agnès de Sesmaisons Lecarré  
FIP Unit: Alessandra Giarola
- Others:  
Not Applicable

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## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## 4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 4.1. Derivation of HBGV for nutrients and additives<sup>4</sup>

The WG revised the different Sections of the Statement following the comments from the consultation with the EFSA Panels and Units. The proposals were discussed and the text improved. The Statement should propose a harmonised approach for the derivation of Health-Based Guidance Values (HBGV) for regulated products (i.e. pesticides and food additives) that are also nutrients. The members agreed on a final draft version of the Statement to be presented at the June Scientific Committee plenary meeting for endorsement for public consultations. All the comments and suggestions from the public consultations will be considered for the finalisation of the Statement.

## 5. Any Other Business

### 5.1. Not applicable

## 6. Next meeting(s)

Dates for the next WG meetings will be decided later.

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## SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND EMERGING RISK UNIT

### MINUTES OF THE 7<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON HEALTH BASED GUIDANCE VALUES (HBGV) NUTRIENTS AND ADDITIVES

**Held on 30 April 2020 by Teleconference**

**(Agreed on 18 May 2020)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Antonio Hernández Jerez (Chair)  
Diane Benford  
Maged Younes  
Jacqueline Castenmiller  
Peter Aggett
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
Not applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Not Applicable
- EFSA:  
SCER Unit: José Tarazona, Hans Verhagen, Maria Chiara Astuto  
NUTRI Unit: Agnès de Sesmaisons Lecarré  
FIP Unit: Alessandra Giarola
- Others:  
Not Applicable

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## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

## 4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 4.1. Derivation of HBGV for nutrients and additives<sup>4</sup>

The WG addressed the comments from the Scientific Committee plenary meeting and agreed on the adoption of the proposed ameliorations. The WG proceeded with the revision of the draft Statement following the comments provided by the members. Lastly, the WG members discussed the next steps, and additional tasks were distributed. The revised version will be distributed to the relevant Panels and units and their comments will be addressed at the next WG meeting.

## 5. Any Other Business

### 5.1. Not applicable

## 6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting has been tentatively scheduled for 28 May 2020 by teleconference.

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## SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND EMERGING RISK UNIT

### MINUTES OF THE 6<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON HEALTH BASED GUIDANCE VALUES (HBGV) NUTRIENTS AND ADDITIVES

**Held on 7 April 2020 by Teleconference**

**(Agreed on 21 April 2020)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:
  - Antonio Hernández Jerez (Chair)
  - Diane Benford
  - Maged Younes
  - Jacqueline Castenmiller
  - Peter Aggett
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:
  - Not applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
  - Not Applicable
- EFSA:
  - SCER Unit: José Tarazona, Maria Chiara Astuto
  - NUTRI Unit: Agnès de Sesmaisons Lecarré
  - FIP Unit: Alessandra Giarola
- Others:
  - Not Applicable

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## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

## 4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 4.1. Derivation of HBGV for nutrients and additives<sup>4</sup>

The WG revised the different Sections of the draft Statement in accordance with the comments provided by the WG members. Furthermore, the members discussed and selected the elements to be covered at the April Scientific Committee plenary meeting. Lastly, additional tasks were distributed among the WG members.

## 5. Any Other Business

### 5.1. Not applicable

## 6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting has been tentatively scheduled for 19 May 2020 by teleconference.

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## SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF THE 5<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON HEALTH BASED GUIDANCE VALUES (HBGV) NUTRIENTS AND ADDITIVES

**Held on 18 March 2020 by Teleconference**

**(Agreed on 26 March 2020)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:
  - Antonio Hernández Jerez (Chair)
  - Diane Benford (absent)
  - Maged Younes
  - Jacqueline Castenmiller
  - Peter Aggett
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:
  - Not applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
  - Not Applicable
- EFSA:
  - SCER Unit: José Tarazona, Maria Chiara Astuto
  - NUTRI Unit: Agnès de Sesmaisons Lecarré
  - FIP Unit: Alessandra Giarola
- Others:
  - Not Applicable

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<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Diane Benford.

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

## 4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 4.1. Derivation of HBGV for nutrients and additives<sup>4</sup>

The WG reviewed the information provided by the WG members for the different Sections of the Statement. The text was revised and improved accordingly to the comments submitted by the members. Finally, the WG agreed on the work plan for the next meeting and additional tasks were distributed.

## 5. Any Other Business

A dedicated meeting with the WG member Peter Aggett took place on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March to advance and improve the different Sections of the draft Statement.

## 6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting has been scheduled on 7 April 2020 by teleconference.

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## SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF THE 4<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON HEALTH BASED GUIDANCE VALUES (HBGV) NUTRIENTS AND ADDITIVES

**Held on 20-21 February in Parma**

**(Agreed on 28 February 2020)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:
  - Antonio Hernández Jerez (Chair)
  - Diane Benford (by teleconference)
  - Maged Younes
  - Jacqueline Castenmiller
  - Peter Aggett
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:
  - Not applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
  - Not Applicable
- EFSA:
  - SCER Unit: José Tarazona, Maria Chiara Astuto
  - NUTRI Unit: Agnès de Sesmaisons Lecarré
  - FIP Unit: Alessandra Giarola, Alexandra Tard
- Others:
  - Not Applicable

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<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

## 4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 4.1. Derivation of HBGV for nutrients and additives<sup>4</sup>

The WG members addressed the comments received during the discussion of the Scientific Committee. The WG will produce a single document composed of a Scientific Statement and an Annex describing current approaches within EFSA. Some of the elements mentioned in the Draft Technical Report discussed at the SC Plenary will be incorporated in the text of the Statement or kept in the Annex. In addition, the focus will be on providing recommendations for the risk assessment of nutrients used also as regulated products, including proposals on the terminology to be used in such EFSA assessments. The WG members discussed the tasks allocated in the previous meeting and revised the text accordingly. Additional tasks were allocated to WG members.

## 5. Any Other Business

### 5.1. Not applicable

## 6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting has been tentatively scheduled on 18 March 2020 by teleconference.

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<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

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SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND EMERGING RISK UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF THE 3<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON HEALTH BASED GUIDANCE VALUES (HBGV) NUTRIENTS AND ADDITIVES

**Held on 3 February by Teleconference**

**(Agreed on 13 February 2020)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:
  - Antonio Hernández Jerez (Chair)
  - Diane Benford
  - Maged Younes
  - Jacqueline Castenmiller
  - Peter Aggett
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:
  - Not applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
  - Not Applicable
- EFSA:
  - SCER Unit: José Tarazona, Maria Chiara Astuto
  - NUTRI Unit: Agnès de Sesmaisons Lecarré
  - FIP Unit: Alessandra Giarola
- Others:
  - Not Applicable

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<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

## 4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 4.1. Derivation of HBGV for nutrients and additives<sup>4</sup>

The WG members delivered the tasks allocated in the previous meeting for the Technical Report. Accordingly, the draft was revised and finalized for the Scientific Committee consultation.

The WG proceeds with the drafting and revision of the Scientific Statement in accordance with the comments submitted by the members. During the discussion, elements to be further developed were identified. Additional tasks were agreed and distributed among the WG members.

## 5. Any Other Business

### 5.1. Not applicable

## 6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting has been scheduled on 20-21 February 2020 in Parma.

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## SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON HEALTH BASED GUIDANCE VALUES (HBGV) NUTRIENTS AND ADDITIVES

**Held on 9 December 2019 by Teleconference**

**(Agreed on 18 December 2019)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Antonio Hernández Jerez (Chair)  
Diane Benford  
Jacqueline Castenmiller  
Peter Aggett
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
Not applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Not Applicable
- EFSA:  
SCER Unit: José Tarazona, Maria Chiara Astuto  
NUTRI Unit: Agnès de Sesmaisons Lecarré  
FIP Unit: Alessandra Giarola

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Maged Younes.

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<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

## 4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 4.1. Derivation of HBGV for nutrients and additives<sup>4</sup>

The WG continued with the revision of the draft report summarising current practices for setting HBGV in different EFSA areas. The comments submitted by the WG members were considered and the text revised accordingly.

The first elements of the scientific statement were presented according to the agreed distribution of tasks. During the discussion, a set of principles were discussed and elements to be further considered were identified. Additional tasks were agreed and distributed among the WG members.

## 5. Any Other Business

### 5.1. Not Applicable

## 6. Next meeting(s)

Tentatively, a teleconference has been scheduled for 3 February 2020, to be confirmed.

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SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND EMERGING RISK UNIT

## SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON HEALTH BASED GUIDANCE VALUES (HBGV) NUTRIENTS AND ADDITIVES

**Held on 7 November 2019, Parma**

**(Agreed on 19 November 2019)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:
  - Antonio Hernández Jerez (Chair)
  - Maged Younes (by teleconference)
  - Diane Benford
  - Jacqueline Castenmiller
  - Peter Aggett
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:
  - Not applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
  - Not Applicable
- EFSA:
  - SCER Unit: José Tarazona, Chiara Astuto
  - NUTRI Unit: Agnès de Sesmaisons Lecarré
  - FIP Unit: Alessandra Giarola
- Others:
  - Not Applicable

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<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

## 4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 4.1. Derivation of HBGV for nutrients and additives<sup>4</sup>

The WG analysed the Terms of Reference and considered that were clear and feasible within the proposed timeline, some recommendations regarding for clarifying the interpretation of the terms of reference were proposed.

Following a presentation by EFSA on a draft report summarising current practices for setting HBGV in different EFSA areas, the available information was examined.

During the discussion, a set of elements to be considered and included in the statement were identified. The first tasks were agreed and distributed among the WG members.

A tentative date for the next meeting, to be held by teleconference, was agreed pending on final confirmation.

## 5. Any Other Business

### 5.1. Not Applicable

## 6. Next meeting(s)

Tentatively, a teleconference has been scheduled for 9 December 2019, to be confirmed.

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