



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURING (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 20TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Held on 7th December 2020, web-conference

(Adopted by written procedure on 23/12/2020)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Gabriele Aquilina, Jose' Barat, Laurence Castle (Chair), Gisela Degen, Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Woelfle
Apologies received from Lieve Herman and David Gott

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Galvin Eyong, Ana Campos Fernandes, Alessandra Giarola, Ana Maria Rincon, Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard, Giorgia Vianello

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all 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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out

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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 for discussion

4.1 Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety of D- α -tocopheryl polyethylene glycol-1000 succinate as a food additive ([EFSA-Q-2020-00360](#))

The WG discussed the information provided in the dossier and agreed to request further information/clarification from the applicant in order to proceed with the assessment.

4.2 Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of proposed extension of use of pullulan (E 1204) to several food categories ([EFSA-Q-2020-00517](#)) and re-evaluation

The WG held a general discussion on this application and on the proposal of progressing the application in the context of the re-evaluation of pullulan (E1204) as food additive. The application and re-evaluation will be discussed further at a future WG meeting.

5. Any Other Business

5.1 Update on status of current applications

The status of current applications as of 01.12.2020 was discussed for planning purposes and some tasks were allocated.

5.2 Next WG meeting TBD



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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURING (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 19TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Held on 8th-9th October 2020, web-conference

(Adopted by written procedure on 23/10/2020)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Gabriele Aquilina, Jose' Barat, Laurence Castle (Chair), Gisela Degen, Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, David Gott, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Woelfle

Lieve Herman participated in agenda point 4.1

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Jaime Aguilera Entrena, Galvin Eyong, Ana Campos Fernandes, Alessandra Giarola, Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard, Giorgia Vianello

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all 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 for discussion

4.1 Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety of a proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive steviol glycosides (E 960) as regards rebaudioside D produced via enzyme-catalysed bioconversion of purified stevia leaf extract (EFSA-Q-2020-00520)

The WG discussed the information provided in the dossier and agreed to request further information/clarification from the applicant in order to proceed with the assessment.

4.2 Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of carbomer (cross-linked polyacrylic acid polymers) as a food additive (EFSA-Q-2020-00514)

The WG discussed the information provided in the dossier and agreed to request further information/clarification from the applicant in order to proceed with the assessment.

5. Any Other Business

5.1 Update on status of current applications

5.2 Next WG meeting TBD

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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURING (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 18TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Held on 11th September 2020, web-conference

(Adopted by written procedure on 29/09/2020)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Gabriele Aquilina, Jose' Barat, Laurence Castle (Chair), Gisela Degen, Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, David Gott, Lieve Herman, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Woelfle

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Galvin Eyong, Ana Campos Fernandes, Alessandra Giarola, Camilla Smeraldi
Alexandra Tard, Giorgia Vianello

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all 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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related

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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 for discussion

4.1 Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of long-chain glycolipids from *Dacryopinax spathularia* as a food additive ([EFSA-Q-2020-00433](#))

The WG discussed the information provided in the dossier and agreed to request further information/clarification from the applicant in order to proceed with the assessment.

5 Any Other Business

5.1 Update on status of current applications

5.2 Next WG meeting TBD

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURING (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 17TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Held on 12th June 2020, web-conference

(Adopted by written procedure on 3rd July 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Jose' Barat, Laurence Castle (Chair), Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, Lieve Herman
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Jaime Aguilera, Galvin Eyong, Alessandra Giarola and Ana Maria Rincon

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all 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 for discussion

4.1 Request for EFSA's scientific opinion as regards a proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive Steviol glycosides (E 960) - enzymatic conversion of highly purified rebaudioside A and/or stevioside from stevia leaf extract to minor glycosides that are present in the leaf, including rebaudioside AM ([EFSA-Q-2019-00499](#))

The WG discussed the additional information received and agreed to request further information/clarification from the applicant in order to proceed with the assessment.

5 Any Other Business

5.1 Next WG meeting TBD



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURING (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 16TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Held on 16th March 2020, web-conference

(Adopted 16th March 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
 - Gabriele Aquilina, Laurence Castle (Chair), Gisela Degen, Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, Peter Moldeus, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen and Detlef Woelfle.
- EFSA:
 - FIP Unit: Ana Cristina Campos, Galvin Eyong, Alessandra Giarola, Camilla Smeraldi, Ana Maria Rincon and Giorgia Vianello

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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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 for discussion

4.1 Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of Glucosylated steviol glycosides as a food additive ([EFSA-Q-2019-00062](#))

The WG further elaborated the opinion which has been finalised and will be presented at a forthcoming FAF Panel meeting.

5 Any Other Business

5.1 Next WG meeting TBD



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURING (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 15TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Held on 11th March 2020, web-conference

(Adopted 11th March 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
 - Laurence Castle (Chair), Gisela Degen, Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, Peter Moldeus, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen and Detlef Woelfle.
- EFSA:
 - FIP Unit: Galvin Eyong, Alessandra Giarola, Camilla Smeraldi, Ana Maria Rincon and Giorgia Vianello

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all the participants. Apologies for absence received by Gabriele Aquilina

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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management,² EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled

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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 for discussion

4.1 Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of Glucosylated steviol glycosides as a food additive ([EFSA-Q-2019-00062](#))

The WG discussed the additional information received and further elaborated the opinion which will be discussed at a forthcoming WG meeting.

5 Any Other Business

5.1 Next WG meeting 16th March 2020 via web-conference

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURING (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 14TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Held on 25th February 2020, web-conference

(Adopted by written procedure on 28th February 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
 - Gabriele Aquilina, Laurence Castle (Chair), Gisela Degen, Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, Peter Moldeus, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen and Detlef Woelfle.
- EFSA:
 - FIP Unit: Ana Campos Fernandes, Galvin Eyong, Alessandra Giarola and Ana Maria Rincon

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all 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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management,² EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest

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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 for discussion

4.1 Request for EFSA's scientific opinion as regards a proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive Steviol glycosides (E 960) ([EFSA-Q-2019-00063](#))

The WG discussed the additional information received from the FAF Panel and further elaborated the opinion which will be presented at a forthcoming FAF Plenary meeting.

4.2 Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of Glucosylated steviol glycosides as a food additive ([EFSA-Q-2019-00062](#))

Due to lack of time this agenda item was not discussed.

5 Any Other Business

5.1 Status of Applications was reviewed



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURING (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 13TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Held on 24th January 2020, web-conference

(Adopted by written procedure on 17th February 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
 - Gabriele Aquilina, Jose' Barat Baviera, Laurence Castle (Chair), Gisela Degen, Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen and Detlef Woelfle.
- EFSA:
 - FIP Unit: Alessandra Giarola, Ana Maria Rincon and Camilla Smeraldi

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all the participants. Apologies for absence were received from Lieve Herman

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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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 for discussion

4.1 Request for EFSA's scientific opinion as regards a proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive Steviol glycosides (E 960) ([EFSA-Q-2019-00063](#))

The WG finalised the opinion which will be presented at a forthcoming FAF Plenary meeting.

4.2 Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of Glucosylated steviol glycosides as a food additive ([EFSA-Q-2019-00062](#))

The WG discussed the additional information received and further elaborated the opinion. The opinion will be presented at a forthcoming WG Meeting.

4.3 Request for EFSA's scientific opinion as regards a proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive Steviol glycosides (E 960) - enzymatic conversion of highly purified rebaudioside A and/or stevioside from stevia leaf extract to minor glycosides that are present in the leaf, including rebaudioside AM ([EFSA-Q-2019-00499](#))

The WG started an initial discussion on the dossier. The WG agreed to request additional information from the applicant in order to proceed with the assessment.

5 Any Other Business

5.1 Next WG meeting TBD



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURING (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 12TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Held on 17th January 2020, web-conference

(Adopted by written procedure on 22nd January)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
 - Gabriele Aquilina, Laurence Castle (Chair), Gisela Degen, Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus and Detlef Woelfle.
- EFSA:
 - FIP Unit: Alessandra Giarola, Ana Maria Rincon and Camilla Smeraldi

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all the participants. Apologies for absence were received from Jose' Barat Baviera, Lieve Herman and Ine Waalkens-Berendsen

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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management,² EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest

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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 for discussion

4.1 Request for EFSA's scientific opinion as regards a proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive Steviol glycosides (E 960) (EFSA-Q-2019-00063)

The WG discussed the additional information received and further elaborated the opinion. The opinion will be presented at a forthcoming WG Meeting.

5. Any Other Business

5.1 Next WG meeting confirmed for 24th January 2020



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURING (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 11TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Held on 26th November 2019, web-conference

(Agreed on 26th November)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
 - Laurence Castle (Chair), Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, Peter Moldeus, Detlef Woelfle and Ine Waalkens-Berendsen
- EFSA:
 - FIP Unit: Alessandra Giarola and Ana Maria Rincon

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all the participants. Apologies for absence were received from Gabriele Aquilina, Gisela Degen, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Lieve Herman.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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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 for discussion

4.1 Request for the EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety of a proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive Lecithins (E 322) and a proposed use in Cocoa and Chocolate products (EFSA-Q-2018-00415)

The WG further elaborated the opinion based on the comments received from FAF Panel at the Panel meeting in November (12-14 November). The opinion will be presented at a forthcoming FAF Panel.

5 Any Other Business

- 5.1 The status of on-going applications has been presented to the WG**
- 5.2 Next WG meeting to be defined**
- 5.3 Minutes were adopted**



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MINUTES OF THE 10TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Held on 11th – 12th November 2019, Parma

(Agreed with written procedure on 25th November)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
- Gabriele Aquilina, Laurence Castle (Chair), Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, Detlef Woelfle and Ine Waalkens-Berendsen
- Gisela Degen, Jean-Charles Leblanc, attended via web-conference

- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Alessandra Giarola, Ana Maria Rincon, Alexandra Tard

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all the participants. Apologies for absence were received from Lieve Herman and Peter Moldeus.

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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management,² EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled

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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 for discussion

4.1 Request for the EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety of a proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive Lecithins (E 322) and a proposed use in Cocoa and Chocolate products (EFSA-Q-2018-00415)

The WG discussed the draft opinion and the data available in the dossier for its assessment. The general approach proposed by the WG will be presented for discussion at the November FAF Panel meeting.

4.2 Request for EFSA's scientific as regards a proposed amendment for specifications of the food additive steviol glycosides (E 960) (EFSA-Q-2019-00063)

The WG discussed the draft opinion and data available in the dossier for its assessment. The WG agreed to request additional information from the applicant in order to proceed with the assessment.

5 Any Other Business

5.1 The status of on-going applications was presented to the WG

5.2 Next WG meeting was proposed for 26 November as a teleconference.



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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURING (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 9TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Held on 17th – 18th October 2019, Parma

(Agreed on 18th October)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
 - Gabriele Aquilina, Laurence Castle (Chair), Detlef Woelfle and Ine Waalkens-Berendsen
 - Gisela Degen, Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus attended via web-conference
 - Lieve Herman participated only for agenda item 4.3 via web-conference
- EFSA:
 - FIP Unit: AGUILERA Jaime, Alessandra Giarola, Ana Maria Rincon, Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all the participants. Apologies for absence were received from David Gott.

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 for discussion

4.1 Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of Monk fruit extract/Luo han guo (LHG) extract as a food additive (EFSA-Q-2017-00527)

FAF Panel discussed the draft opinion at the last Plenary meeting and asked the WG to further elaborate it. The WG re-discussed some sections and finalised the opinion that will be presented at the forthcoming FAF Panel meeting.

4.2 Request for the EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety of a proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive Lecithins (E 322) and a proposed use in Cocoa and Chocolate products (EFSA-Q-2018-00415)

The WG had a general discussion on the draft opinion that will be presented at the forthcoming WG meeting.

4.3 Request for the EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of glucosylated steviol glycosides as a food additive (EFSA-Q-2019-00062)

The WG discussed the draft opinion and data available in the dossier for its assessment. The WG agreed to request additional information.

4.4 Request for EFSA's scientific as regards a proposed amendment for specifications of the food additive steviol glycosides (E 960) (EFSA-Q-2019-00063)

The WG had a general discussion on the draft opinion that will be presented at the forthcoming WG meeting.

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5 Any Other Business

- 5.1 The WG discussed and agreed the need for an additional expert in the field of food technology for the food enzymes risk assessment.**
- 5.2 The status of on-going applications has been presented to the WG**
- 5.3 Next WG meeting 11th-12th November 2019**
- 5.4 Minutes of the WG Application held on 17th -18th October 2019 were adopted**



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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURING (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 8TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Held on 17th – 18th September 2019, web conference

(Agreed on 18th September)

Participants

Working Group Members:

Day 1: Gabriele Aquilina, Laurence Castle (Chair), Gisela Degen, Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Lieve Herman, Peter Moldeus, Detlef Woelfle and Ine Waalkens-Berendsen

Day 2: Gabriele Aquilina, Gisela Degen, Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, Peter Moldeus, Detlef Woelfle and Ine Waalkens-Berendsen

EFSA:

FIP Unit: Alessandra Giarola, Ana Maria Rincon, Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all the participants. Apologies for absence were received from David Gott for the whole meeting and from Jean-Charles Leblanc for 18th September.

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 for discussion

- 4.1. **Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of Monk fruit extract/Luo han guo (LHG) extract as a food additive (EFSA-Q-2017-00527)**

The WG discussed and finalised the draft opinion that will be presented at the forthcoming FAF Panel meeting.

- 4.2. **Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety of a proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive Steviol glycosides (E 960) (EFSA-Q-2018-00242)**

The WG discussed and finalised the draft opinion that will be presented at the forthcoming FAF Panel meeting.

- 4.3. **Request for the EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety of a proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive Lecithins (E 322) and a proposed use in Cocoa and Chocolate products (EFSA-Q-2018-00415)**

The WG had a general discussion on the draft opinion that will be presented at the forthcoming WG meeting.

5. Any Other Business

- 5.1. **The status of on-going applications has been presented to the WG**
5.2. **Next WG meeting 17th-18th October 2019**
5.3. **Minutes of the WG Application held on 17th -18th September 2019 were adopted**

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² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURING (FAF)

MINUTES OF THE 7TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Held on 12th July 2019, web conference

(Agreed on 12th July)

Participants

Working Group Members: Gabriele Aquilina, Laurence Castle (Chair), Gisela Degen, Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, Peter Moldeus, Detlef Woelfle and Ine Waalkens-Berendsen

EFSA:

FIP Unit: Brian Flynn, Alessandra Giarola, Ana Maria Rincon, Alexandra Tard

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants and introduced the new WG expert Gisela Degen. Apologies for absence were received from David Gott and Jean-Charles Leblanc.

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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management,² 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.

1 http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

2 http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



4. Scientific topic for discussion

- 4.1. Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of Monk fruit extract/Luo han guo (LHG) extract as a food additive (EFSA-Q-2017-00527)**

The WG discussed the draft opinion and a revised draft will be presented at the forthcoming WG meeting for finalisation.

- 4.2. Request for the EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety of a proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive Lecithins (E 322) and a proposed use in Cocoa and Chocolate products (EFSA-Q-2018-00415)**

Due to lack of time this agenda item has not been discussed.

5. Any Other Business

- 5.1. The status of on-going applications has been presented to the WG**
5.2. Next meeting to be held beginning of September
5.3. Minutes of the WG Application held on 12th July 2019 were adopted



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MINUTES OF THE 6TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Held on 06th May 2019, web conference

(Agreed by written procedure on 24th May 2019)

Participants

Working Group Members: Gabriele Aquilina, Laurence Castle (Chair), Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, Lieve Hermann, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Detlef Woelfle.

EFSA:

FIP Unit: Jaime Aguilera, Alessandra Giarola, Ana Maria Rincon, Camilla Smeraldi

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies for absence were received from, David Gott and Ine Waalkens-Berendsen

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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management,² 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.

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



Certain interests were declared orally by the members before the beginning of the meeting. For further details on the outcome of the screening of the Oral Declarations of Interest made at the beginning of the meeting, please refer to the Annex I.

4. Scientific topic for discussion

- 4.1. **Request for EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety of a proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive Steviol glycosides (E 960) (EFSA-Q-2018-00242)**

The WG discussed the data received and work on the draft opinion. The WG agreed to request additional information.

5. Any Other Business

- 5.1. **The status of on-going applications has been presented to the WG**
- 5.2. **Next meeting to be decided**



Annex I

Interests and actions resulting from the Oral Declaration of Interest done at the beginning of the meeting

With regard to this meeting, Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez and Jean-Charles Leblanc declared the following interest: “Planned attendance to 87th meeting of the JECFA to be held in June 2019 during which Steviol Glycosides (Rebaudioside M) will be discussed”. In accordance with EFSA’s Policy on Independence³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁴, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was not deemed to represent a Conflict of Interest for the experts concerned.

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

⁴ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



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MINUTES OF THE 5TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES APPLICATIONS

Held on 11th March 2019, web conference

(Agreed on 11th March 2019)

Participants

Working Group Members: Laurence Castle (Chair), Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, David Gott, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Detlef Woelfle.

EFSA:

FIP Unit: Alessandra Giarola, Ana Maria Rincon, Camilla Smeraldi

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies for absence were received from Gabriele Aquilina, Lieve Hermann and Ine Waalkens-Berendsen

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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², 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.

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



4. Scientific topic for discussion

- 4.1. Request for the EFSA to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety of a proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive Lecithins (E 322) and a proposed use in Cocoa and Chocolate products (EFSA-Q-2018-00415)

The dossier has been presented to the WG for the first time together with main points for discussion and the WG agreed to request additional information.

5. Any Other Business

- 5.1. The status of on-going applications has been presented to the WG
- 5.2. Next meeting to be decided
- 5.3. Minutes of the 5th Working Group meeting on food additives applications held on 11th March 2019 were agreed.

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Flavourings

Minutes of the 4th Working Group on Food Additives Applications

Held on 24th January 2019, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed by written procedure on 30.01.2019)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Gabriele Aquilina, Laurence Castle (Chair), Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, David Gott, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Peter Moldeus, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Woelfle.

- **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Alessandra Giarola, Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies for absence were received from Lieve Hermann.

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 and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Request for an opinion as regards the safety of ethyl lauroyl arginate (E 243) as a food additive in the light of the new information provided and the proposed extension of use ([EFSA-Q-2018-00119](#))

The WG finalised the draft scientific opinion that will be presented at the forthcoming Plenary meeting in January.

5. Any Other Business

5.1 Status of applications was reviewed

6. Next meeting

Next meeting via web-conference will be held in March. Date to be defined.

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Flavourings

Minutes of the 3rd Working Group on Food Additives Applications

Held on 10th December 2018, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed with written procedure on 19.12.2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Gabriele Aquilina, Laurence Castle (Chair), Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, Detlef Woelfle.

Lieve Hermann participated via teleconference

Jean-Charles Leblanc participated via teleconference

Peter Moldeus participated via teleconference

- **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou, Dimitrios Chrysafidis, Alessandra Giarola, Ana Rincon, Camilla Smeraldi

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies for absence were received from David Gott and Ine Waalkens-Berendsen.

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 and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Request for an opinion as regards the safety of ethyl lauroyl arginate (E 243) as a food additive in the light of the new information provided and the proposed extension of use ([EFSA-Q-2018-00119](#))

The WG revised the draft scientific opinion that will be finalised at the forthcoming working group meeting possibly be presented at the forthcoming Plenary meeting in January.

4.2. Request for EFSA's scientific opinion as regards a proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive Steviol glycosides (E 960) ([EFSA-Q-2016-00689](#))

A revised draft scientific opinion was distributed in advance to the meeting, incorporating the additional information received upon request from EFSA. The WG requires additional information to complete the risk assessment. The scientific evaluation is currently suspended, awaiting submission of the additional information requested.

5. Any Other Business

None

6. Next meeting

M04: 24th January 2019 via webconference

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Flavourings

Minutes of the 2nd the Working Group on Food Additives Applications

Held on 06 November 2018, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 29.11.2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Laurence Castle (Chair), Gabriele Aquilina, Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen, Detlef Woelfle.

David Gott participated via teleconference

Jean-Charles Leblanc participated via teleconference

Peter Moldeus participated via teleconference

- **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou, Dimitrios Chrysafidis, Alessandra Giarola, Camilla Smeraldi, Ana Rincon

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies for absence were received from Lieve Hermann.

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 and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Request to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety in use of Monk fruit extract/Luo han guo (LHG) extract as a food additive ([EFSA-Q-2017-00527](#))

The Working Group discussed the revisited draft scientific opinion and considered that further additional information should be requested to the applicant in order to clarify some aspects of the assessment. EFSA will send a request to the applicant to seek further clarification.

The scientific evaluation is currently suspended, awaiting submission of the additional information requested.

4.2. Request for an opinion as regards the safety of ethyl lauroyl arginate (E 243) as a food additive in the light of the new information provided and the proposed extension of use ([EFSA-Q-2018-00119](#))

The additional information provided by the applicant in response to the request from the Working Group was discussed. The opinion will be revised to take into account the new information and will be placed on the agenda of a forthcoming meeting for further discussion.

5. Any Other Business

None

6. Next meeting

M03: 10 December 2018

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Flavourings

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on Food Additives Applications

Held on 11 September 2018, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 22.10.2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Laurence Castle (Chair), Gabriele Aquilina, Maria-Jose Frutos Fernandez, Peter Moldeus, Detlef Woelfle.

Jean-Charles Leblanc participated via teleconference.

Ine Waalkens-Berendsen attended the meeting partially.

- **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Fabiola Pizzo

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. This was the inaugural meeting of the Working Group on Food Additives Applications.

Apologies for absence were received from David Gott and Lieve Hermann.

A general presentation on the remit of the Working Group was given.

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 and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Status of applications

A presentation on the mandates currently ongoing was given.

4.2. Request for an opinion as regards the safety of ethyl lauroyl arginate (E 243) as a food additive in the light of the new information provided and the proposed extension of use (EFSA-Q-2018-00119)³

The new mandate received was considered by the Working Group. The draft opinion will be scheduled for further discussion in a forthcoming meeting.

4.3. Request to perform a risk assessment and to provide a scientific opinion on the safety of a proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive Steviol glycosides (E 960) (EFSA-Q-2018-00242)⁴

The new mandate received was considered by the Working Group. It was considered that additional information was required in order to clarify some aspects of the assessment and should be requested from the applicant. EFSA will send a request to the applicant to seek further clarification.

5. Any Other Business

None

6. Next meeting

M02: 6 November 2018 (AM).

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

³ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00119>

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00242>