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**Note on the establishment of a Standing Working Group on the re-evaluation of other miscellaneous food additives with 2018 deadline of the Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS) (2017-2018)**

The Food Ingredient and Packaging (FIP) Unit is requested to manage the administrative and scientific activities of the Standing Working Group on the re-evaluation of other miscellaneous food additives with 2018 deadline. The Food Ingredient and Packaging (FIP) Unit is also requested to organise the meetings of the Standing Working Group and assist in the preparation of the relevant EFSA scientific outputs in line with the tasks delegated to the Standing Working Group.

**Background:**

The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) is the keystone of European Union risk assessment regarding food and feed safety, animal health and welfare, nutrition, plant protection and plant health. In close collaboration with national authorities and in open consultation with its stakeholders, EFSA provides independent and transparent scientific advice and clear communication on existing and emerging risks associated with the food chain. On request from the European Commission, European Parliament and Member States or on its own initiative<sup>1</sup>, EFSA provides scientific opinions on issues falling under its remit.

The Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS), which deals with questions on food additives and nutrient sources, confirmed during its 75<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting the need for establishing a new Standing Working Group tasked with the drafting of scientific opinions on the re-evaluation of other miscellaneous food additives with deadline 31.12.2018.

**Terms of reference:**

The objective of the Standing Working Group on the re-evaluation of other miscellaneous food additives with 2018 deadline is to evaluate the safety of all these other additives used as food additives and already permitted in the Union before 20 January 2009, in accordance with the program laid in Commission Regulation (EU) No 257/2010<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and the Council of 28 January 2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety (OJ, L 31, 1.2.2002, p. 1-24).

<sup>2</sup> Commission Regulation (EU) No 257/2010 of 25 March 2010 setting up a programme for the re-evaluation of approved food additives in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on food additives (OJ, L 80, 26.3.2010, p. 19-27).

In order to fulfil its objective, the above-mentioned Standing Working Group shall consist of members with expertise in the following scientific areas: chemistry, ADME, toxicology, genotoxicity, neurotoxicology, reproductive toxicology, immunotoxicology, exposure assessment and risk assessment.

### **Members:**

During the 75<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting of the Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS) the Chair appointed (in consultation with EFSA) the Chair of the Standing Working Group on the re-evaluation of other miscellaneous food additives with 2018 deadline. The decision on the composition of the Standing Working Group was made by the Chair of the Standing Working Group upon proposal of the respective EFSA Head of Unit. The composition of the Standing Working Group on the re-evaluation of other miscellaneous food additives with 2018 deadline is available on the EFSA website<sup>3</sup>.

### **Scope in EFSA's work and outsourcing programme:**

The SWG will assess the available and relevant scientific information and data provided to EFSA by Members States and stakeholders, those submitted through the applicants' dossiers, those collected through public calls for data, as well as those collected by EFSA itself (as applicable). As appropriate, EFSA may outsource the collection, collation or analysis of scientific information, through its grant and procurement schemes, in order to support the scientific assessment of the SWG.

### **Timelines:**

Provided the SWG on the re-evaluation of other miscellaneous food additives with 2018 deadline is not closed earlier, (e.g. as a result of a period of inactivity), then its mandate will terminate 4 months after the inaugural meeting of the subsequent Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Flavourings (FAF) (2018-2021).

### **Expected deliverables:**

Draft EFSA scientific outputs, which will be submitted for consideration and possible adoption by the Scientific ANS Panel.

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<sup>3</sup> <https://ess.efsa.europa.eu/doi/doiweb/doisearch>