

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 40th Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from Natural Sources

Held on 13-14 June 2018, Parma

(Agreed on 14 June 2018)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

- Leon Brimer, Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Pierre Galtier, Claude Lambre, Alicja Mortensen, Ivan Stankovic (Vice-chair), Ine Waalkens-Berendsen and Ruud Woutersen.
- Fernando Aguilar and Jean Charles Leblanc participated via teleconference.
- Jaqueline Wiesner participated via teleconference in agenda item 7.1.

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not present

■ EFSA:

- FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou and Federica Lodi
- DATA Unit: Zsuzsanna Horvath

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Pasquale Mosesso.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3. Adoption of the notes of the previous Working Group meetings held on 22 May and 1 June 2018.

The notes were adopted.

4. Feedback from ANS Panel, EFSA and European Commission

None

5. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests², 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.

6. General issues

None

7. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

7.1 Glycerol esters of wood rosin (E 445) ([Question N°EFSA-Q-2011-00531](#))

The Working Group discussed the full draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The draft opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Plenary meeting.

7.2 Propane 1,2 diol alginate (E 405) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00506](#))

The Working Group discussed the full draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The draft opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Plenary meeting.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Agreement of the minutes of the 40th Working Group meeting on Gums & SNS held on 13-14 June 2018

The minutes were agreed.

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

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

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 39th Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from Natural Sources

Held on 1 June 2018, teleconference (TC)

(Agreed on 1 June 2018)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

- Fernando Aguilar, Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Pierre Galtier, Claude Lambre, Jean Charles Leblanc, Alicja Mortensen, Pasquale Mosesso, Ivan Stankovic (Vice-chair), Ine Waalkens-Berendsen and Woutersen Ruud.

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not present

■ EFSA:

- FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou and Federica Lodi
- DATA Unit: Zsuzsanna Horvath

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Leon Brimer and Jaqueline Wiesner.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests², 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 outputs submitted for discussion

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

4.1 Glycerol esters of wood rosin (E 445) ([Question N°EFSA-Q-2011-00531](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. Specific parts of the draft opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

4. Any Other Business

4.1 Agreement of the minutes of the 39th Working Group meeting on Gums & SNS held on 1 June 2018

The minutes were agreed.

4.2 Future meeting 2018

13-14 June

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 38th Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from Natural Sources

Held on 22 May 2018, TC

(Agreed on 22 May 2018)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

- Leon Brimer, Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Pierre Galtier, Claude Lambre, Jean Charles Leblanc, Alicja Mortensen, Pasquale Mosesso, Ivan Stankovic (Vice-chair), Ine Waalkens-Berendsen and Woutersen Ruud.

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not present

■ EFSA:

- FIP Unit: Federica Lodi
- DATA Unit: Zsuzsanna Horvath

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Fernando Aguilar and Jaqueline Wiesner.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3. Adoption of the notes of the previous Working Group meeting held on 25-26 April 2018.

The notes were adopted.

4. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests², EFSA

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

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.

5. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

5.1 Propane 1, 2 diol alginate (E 405) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00506](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. Specific parts of the draft opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

6. Any Other Business

6.1. Agreement of the minutes of the 38th Working Group meeting on Gums & SNS held on 22 May 2018

The minutes were agreed.

6.2. Future meetings 2018

1 June (TC)

13-14 June

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

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 37th Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from Natural Sources

Held on 25-26 April 2018, Parma

(Agreed on 26 April 2018)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

- Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Pierre Galtier, Claude Lambre, Alicja Mortensen, Pasquale Mosesso, Ivan Stankovic (Vice-chair) and Ruud Woutersen.
- Leon Brimer participated in agenda item 7.1.
- Jean Charles Leblanc and Ine Waalkens-Berendsen participated via teleconference.
- Jaqueline Wiesner participated via teleconference in agenda item 7.1.

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not present

■ EFSA:

- FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou, Chrysafidis Dimitrios, Federica Lodi and Alexandra Tard
- DATA Unit: Claudia Cascio and Zsuzsanna Horvath

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Fernando Aguilar.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3. Adoption of the notes of the previous Working Group meetings held on 28 February-2 March and 6 March 2018.

The notes were adopted.

4. Feedback from ANS Panel, EFSA and European Commission

None

5. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests², 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.

6. General issues

None

7. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

7.1 Gellan gum (E 418) ([Question N°EFSA-Q-2011-00517](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The draft opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Plenary meeting.

7.2 Glycerol esters of wood rosin (E 445) ([Question N°EFSA-Q-2011-00531](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The draft opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

7.3 Propane 1,2 diol alginate (E 405) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00506](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The draft opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Agreement of the minutes of the 37th Working Group meeting on Gums & SNS held on 25-26 April 2018

The minutes were agreed.

8.2 Opinions to be discussed at the next meeting

The opinions to be discussed were agreed.

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

8.3 Future meetings

22 May (TC)

1 June (TC)

13-14 June

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 36th Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from Natural Sources

Held on 6 March 2018, teleconference

(Agreed on 6 March 2018)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Fernando Aguilar, Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Pierre Galtier, Claude Lambre, Jean Charles Leblanc, Alicja Mortensen, Pasquale Mosesso, Ivan Stankovic (Vice-chair) and Ine Waalkens-Berendsen.

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not present

■ EFSA:

■ FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou and Federica Lodi.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Leon Brimer, Jaqueline Wiesner and Woutersen Ruud.

Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

2. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests², 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.

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3. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

4.1 Carrageenan (E 407) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00508](#)), Processed Eucheuma Seaweed (E 407a) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00509](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Plenary meeting.

5 Any Other Business

5.1 Agreement of the minutes of the 36th Working Group meeting on Gums & SNS held on 6 March 2018

The minutes were agreed.

5.2 Future meeting

25-26 April 2018

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 35th Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from Natural Sources

Held on 28 February-2 March 2018, Parma

(Agreed on 2 March 2018)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

- Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Pierre Galtier, Claude Lambre, Alicja Mortensen, Pasquale Mosesso, Ivan Stankovic (Vice-chair) and Ine Waalkens-Berendsen.
- Jean Charles Leblanc and participated via teleconference
- Jaqueline Wiesner participated via teleconference in agenda items 7.1, 7.2 and 7.4.

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not present

■ EFSA:

- FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou, Federica Lodi and Alexandra Tard
- DATA Unit: Claudia Cascio and Zsuzsanna Horvath

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Fernando Aguilar, Leon Brimer and Woutersen Ruud.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3. Adoption of the notes of the previous Working Group meetings held on 24-25 January 2018.

The notes were adopted.

4. Feedback from ANS Panel, EFSA and European Commission

None

5. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests², 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.

6. General issues

None

7. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

7.1 Carrageenan (E 407) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00508](#)), Processed Eucheuma Seaweed (E 407a) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00509](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. Specific parts of the draft opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

7.2 Gellan gum (E 418) ([Question N°EFSA-Q-2011-00517](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. Specific parts of the draft opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

7.3 Glycerol esters of wood rosin (E 445) ([Question N°EFSA-Q-2011-00531](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. Specific parts of the draft opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

7.4 Propane 1,2diol alginate (E 405) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00506](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. Specific parts of the draft opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Agreement of the minutes of the 35th Working Group meeting on Gums & SNS held on 28 February-2 March 2018

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

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

The minutes were agreed.

8.2 Opinions to be discussed at the next meeting

The opinions to be discussed were agreed.

8.3 Future meetings

6th March (TC)

25-26 April 2018

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 34th Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from Natural Sources

Held on 24-25 January 2018, Parma

(Agreed on 25 January 2018)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

- Leon Brimer, Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Pierre Galtier, Alicja Mortensen, Ivan Stankovic (Vice-chair), Ine Waalkens-Berendsen.
- Fernando Aguilar, Claude Lambre, Jean Charles Leblanc and Pasquale Mosesso participated via teleconference

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not present

■ EFSA:

- FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou and Federica Lodi.
- DATA Unit: Claudia Cascio and Zsuzsanna Horvath

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Jaqueline Wiesner and Woutersen Ruud.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3. Adoption of the notes of the previous Working Group meetings held on 8-9 November 2017, on 16 November 2017 and on 9 January 2018.

The notes were adopted.

4. Feedback from ANS Panel, EFSA and European Commission

None

5. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests², 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.

6. General issues

None

7. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

7.1 Gellan gum (E 418) ([Question N°EFSA-Q-2011-00517](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. Specific parts of the draft opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

7.2 Glycerol esters of wood rosin (E 445) ([Question N°EFSA-Q-2011-00531](#))

A general discussion on the exposure assessment took place. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

7.3 Propane 1,2diol alginate (E 405) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00506](#))

A general discussion on the approach to be taken and respective timeline took place. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

7.4 Carrageenan (E 407) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00508](#)), Processed Eucheuma Seaweed (E 407a) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00509](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. Specific parts of the draft opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Plenary meeting.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Agreement of the minutes of the 34th Working Group meeting on Gums & SNS held on 24-25 January 2018

The minutes were agreed.

8.2 Opinions to be discussed at the next meeting

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

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

The opinions to be discussed were agreed.

8.3 Future meetings

28 February-2 March 2018

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 33rd Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from Natural Sources

Held on 9 January 2018, teleconference

(Agreed on 9 January 2018)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

- Fernando Aguilar, Leon Brimer, Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Pierre Galtier, Claude Lambre, Jean Charles Leblanc, Alicja Mortensen, Pasquale Mosesso, Ivan Stankovic (Vice-chair) and Ruud Woutersen.

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not present

■ EFSA:

- FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou and Federica Lodi.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Oliver Lindtner, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen and Jaqueline Wiesner.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests², 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 outputs submitted for discussion

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

4.1 Carrageenan (E 407) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00508](#)), Processed Eucheuma Seaweed (E 407a) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00509](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5 Any Other Business

5.1 Agreement of the minutes of the 33th Working Group meeting on Gums & SNS held on 9 January 2018

The minutes were agreed.

5.2 Future meeting 2018

24-25 January 2018

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 32th Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from Natural Sources

Held on 16 November 2017, teleconference

(Agreed on 16 November 2017)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

- Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Pierre Galtier, Jean Charles Leblanc, Alicja Mortensen, Ivan Stankovic (Vice-chair), Ine Waalkens-Berendsen and Woutersen Ruud.

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not present

■ EFSA:

- FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou and Federica Lodi.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Fernando Aguilar, Leon Brimer, Claude Lambre, Oliver Lindtner, Pasquale Mosesso and Jaqueline Wiesner.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests², 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.

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

4. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

4.1 Carrageenan (E 407) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00508](#)), Processed Eucheuma Seaweed (E 407a) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00509](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Plenary meeting.

5 Any Other Business

5.1 Agreement of the minutes of the 32th Working Group meeting on Gums & SNS held on 16 November 2017

The minutes were agreed.

5.2 Future meeting 2018

23-24 January 2018

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 31th Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from Natural Sources

Held on 8-9 November 2017, Parma

(Agreed on 9 November 2017)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

- Fernando Aguilar, Leon Brimer, Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Pierre Galtier, Alicja Mortensen, Pasquale Mosesso, Ivan Stankovic (Vice-chair), Ine Waalkens-Berendsen and Woutersen Ruud.
- Claude Lambre, Jean Charles Leblanc and Jaqueline Wiesner participated via teleconference

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not present

■ EFSA:

- FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou and Federica Lodi.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Oliver Lindtner.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3. Adoption of the notes of the previous Working Group meeting held on 2-4 October 2017.

The notes were adopted.

4. Feedback from ANS Panel, EFSA and European Commission

None

5. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests², 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.

6. General issues

None

7. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

7.1 Carrageenan (E 407) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00508](#)), Processed Eucheuma Seaweed (E 407a) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00509](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. Specific parts of the draft opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

7.2 Gellan gum (E 418) ([Question N°EFSA-Q-2011-00517](#))

The Working Group briefly discussed some updates performed on this evaluation. The draft opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Agreement of the minutes of the 31th Working Group meeting on Gums & SNS held on 8-9 November 2017

The minutes were agreed.

8.2 Opinions to be discussed at the next meeting

The opinions to be discussed were agreed.

8.3 Future meetings

16 November 2017 (TC)

23-24 January 2018

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

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

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 30th Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from Natural Sources

Held on 2-4 October 2017, webconference

(Agreed on 4 October 2017)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

- Fernando Aguilar, Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Pierre Galtier, Claude Lambre, Alicja Mortensen, Pasquale Mosesso, Ivan Stankovic (Vice-chair), Ine Waalkens-Berendsen and Woutersen Ruud.
- Jean Charles Leblanc and Jaqueline Wiesner participated in agenda point 7.1

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not present

■ EFSA:

- FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou and Federica Lodi.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Leon Brimer and Oliver Lindtner.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3. Adoption of the notes of the previous Working Group meeting held on 6-7 September 2017.

The notes were adopted.

4. Feedback from ANS Panel, EFSA and European Commission

None.

5. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests², 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.

6. General issues

None

7. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

7.1 Carrageenan (E 407) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00508](#)), Processed Eucheuma Seaweed (E 407a) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00509](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

7.2 Gellan gum (E 418) ([Question N°EFSA-Q-2011-00517](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

7.3 Glycerol esters of wood rosin (E 445) ([Question N°EFSA-Q-2011-00531](#))

This item was not discussed due to lack of time.

7.4 Shellac E 904 ([Question N°EFSA-Q-2011-00705](#))

A brief update was given on the approach to be taken.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Agreement of the minutes of the 30th Working Group meeting on Gums & SNS held on 2-4 October 2017

The minutes were agreed.

8.2 Opinions to be discussed at the next meeting

The opinions were agreed.

8.3 Future meetings 2017

8-9 November

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

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

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 29th Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from Natural Sources

Held on 6-7 September 2017, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 7 September 2017)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

- Fernando Aguilar, Leon Brimer, Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Pierre Galtier, Pasquale Mosesso, Ivan Stankovic (Vice-chair) and Woutersen Ruud.
- Alicja Mortensen participated in agenda points 7.1, 7.3 and 7.4.
- Ine Waalkens-Berendsen and Jean Charles Leblanc (via teleconference) participated in agenda item 7.1.
- Claude Lambre participated via teleconference

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not present

■ EFSA:

- FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou and Federica Lodi.
- DATA Unit: Sofia Ioannidou

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Oliver Lindtner and Jaqueline Wiesner.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3. Adoption of the notes of the previous Working Group meeting held on 7-9 June 2017.

The notes were adopted.

4. Feedback from ANS Panel, EFSA and European Commission

Some general feedbacks on the Inaugural ANS Plenary of July 2017 were given.

5. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests², 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.

6. General issues

None.

7. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

7.1 Carrageenan (E 407) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00508](#)), Processed Eucheuma Seaweed (E 407a) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00509](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

7.2 Gellan gum (E 418) ([Question N°EFSA-Q-2011-00517](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

7.3 Glycerol esters of wood rosin (E 445) ([Question N°EFSA-Q-2011-00531](#))

A general discussion took place and agreed on the updates proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

7.4 Shellac E 904 ([Question N°EFSA-Q-2011-00705](#))

A general discussion took place on the approach to be taken, and the follow up actions will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Agreement of the minutes of the 29th Working Group meeting on Gums & SNS held on 6-7 September 2017

The minutes were agreed.

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

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

8.2 Opinions to be discussed at the next meeting

The opinions were agreed.

8.3 Future meetings 2017

2-4 October (via TC)

8-9 November

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 28th Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from Natural Sources

Held on 7-9 June 2017, Toulouse (Italy)

(Agreed on 9 June 2017)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

- Fernando Aguilar, Leon Brimer, Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Pierre Galtier, Alicja Mortensen, Pasquale Mosesso, Ivan Stankovic (Vice-chair) and Woutersen Ruud.
- Jean Charles Leblanc, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen and Jacqueline Wiesner participated via teleconference

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not present

■ EFSA:

- FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou (via teleconference) and Federica Lodi.
- DATA Unit: Sofia Ioannidou and Zsuzsanna Horvath (via teleconference)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Claude Lambre and Oliver Lindtner.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3. Adoption of the notes of the previous Working Group meeting held on 3-4 May 2017.

The notes were adopted.

4. Feedback from ANS Panel, EFSA and European Commission

None.

5. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests², 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.

6. General issues

None.

7. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

7.1 Carrageenan (E 407) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00508](#)), Processed Eucheuma Seaweed (E 407a) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00509](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

7.2 Glycerol esters of wood rosin (E 445) ([Question N°EFSA-Q-2011-00531](#))

This item was not discussed due to lack of time.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Agreement of the minutes of the 28th Working Group meeting on Gums & SNS held on 7-9 June 2017

The minutes were agreed.

8.2 Opinions to be discussed at the next meeting

The opinions were agreed.

8.3 Future meetings 2017

6-7 September

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

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

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 27th Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from Natural Sources

Held on 3 - 4 May 2017, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 4 May 2017)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

- Leon Brimer, Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Pierre Galtier, Jean Charles Leblanc, Alicja Mortensen, Pasquale Mosesso, Ivan Stankovic (Vice-chair), Ine Waalkens-Berendsen and Woutersen Ruud.
- Fernando Aguilar, Claude Lambre and Jacqueline Wiesner participated via teleconference.

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not present

■ EFSA:

- FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou and Federica Lodi.
- DATA Unit: Zsuzsanna Horvath

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Oliver Lindtner.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3. Adoption of the notes of the previous Working Group meeting held on 22-23 March 2017.

The notes were adopted.

4. Feedback from ANS Panel, EFSA and European Commission

Some feedbacks on the EFSA Scientific Committee "Guidance on risk assessment of substances present in food intended for infants below 16 weeks of age" were given.

5. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests², 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 Interests 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.

6. General issues

An update on the opinion on Konjac Gum and Konjac glucomannan (E 425 i,ii) was given.

An update on the additional information received on Glycerol Ester of Wood Rosin (GEWR) E 445 was also given.

7. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

7.1 Alginic acid and its salts (E 400-404) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00501](#)), ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00502](#)), ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00503](#)), ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00504](#)), ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00505](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Plenary meeting.

7.2 Xanthan Gum (E 415) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00514](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Plenary meeting.

7.3 Carrageenan (E 407) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00508](#)), Processed Eucheuma Seaweed (E 407a) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00509](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Agreement of the minutes of the 27th Working Group meeting on Gums & SNS held on 3-4 May 2017

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

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

The minutes were agreed.

8.2 Opinions to be discussed at the next meeting

The opinions were agreed.

8.3 Future meetings 2017

7-9 June

6-7 September

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 26th Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from Natural Sources

Held on 22-23 March 2017, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 23 March 2017)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

- Fernando Aguilar, Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Pierre Galtier, Jean Charles Leblanc, Alicja Mortensen, Pasquale Mosesso, Ivan Stankovic (Vice-chair), Ine Waalkens-Berendsen and Woutersen Ruud.
- Claude Lambre participated via teleconference.
- Jacqueline Wiesner participated via teleconference in agenda points 7.3 and 7.4

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not present

■ EFSA:

- FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou, Federica Lodi and Alexandra Tard.
- DATA Unit: Zsuzsanna Horvath

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Leon Brimer and Oliver Lindtner.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3. Adoption of the notes of the previous Working Group meeting held on 8-9 February 2017.

The notes were adopted.

4. Feedback from ANS Panel, EFSA and European Commission

None

5. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests², 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 Interests 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.

6. General issues

Some feedbacks on the workplan for 2017 were given. A proposal for dates for the second half of 2017 was also given.

7. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

7.1 Tara Gum (E 417) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00516](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Plenary meeting.

7.2 Konjac Gum and konjac glucomannane (E 425i,ii)([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00520](#)) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00759](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Plenary meeting.

7.3 Carrageenan (E 407) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00508](#)), Processed Eucheuma Seaweed (E 407a) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00509](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

7.4. Alginic acid and its salts (E 400-404) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00501](#)), ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00502](#)), ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00503](#)), ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00504](#)), ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00505](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

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

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Agreement of the minutes of the 26th Working Group meeting on Gums & SNS held on 22-23 March 2017

The minutes were agreed.

8.2 Opinions to be discussed at the next meeting

The opinions were agreed.

8.3 Future meetings 2017

3-4 May

7-9 June

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 25th Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from Natural Sources

Held on 8-9 February 2017, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 9 February 2017)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

- Leon Brimer, Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Pierre Galtier, Jean Charles Leblanc, Alicja Mortensen, Pasquale Mosesso, Ivan Stankovic (Vice-chair), Ine Waalkens-Berendsen and Woutersen Ruud.
- Claude Lambre participated via teleconference.

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not present

■ EFSA:

- FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou, Federica Lodi and Alexandra Tard.
- DATA Unit: Petra Gergelova

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Fernando Aguilar, Oliver Lindtner and Jacqueline Wiesner.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3. Adoption of the notes of the previous Working Group meeting held on 18-19 January 2017.

The notes were adopted.

4. Feedback from ANS Panel, EFSA and European Commission

Some feedbacks on the workplan for 2017 were given.

5. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests², 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 Interests 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.

6. General issues

An update on the exposure assessment of acacia gum (E 414) was given.

7. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

7.1 Tragacanth (E 413) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00512](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Plenary meeting.

7.2 Xanthan Gum (E 415) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00514](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

7.3 Konjac Gum and konjac glucomannane (E 425i,ii)([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00520](#)) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00759](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

7.4 Tara Gum (E 417) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00516](#))

This opinion was not discussed due to lack time.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Agreement of the minutes of the 25th Working Group meeting on Gums & SNS held on 8-9 February 2017

The minutes were agreed.

8.2 Opinions to be discussed at the next meeting

The opinions were agreed.

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

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

8.3 Future meetings 2017

22-23 March

4-5 May

8-9 June

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 24th Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from Natural Sources

Held on 18-19 January 2017, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 19 January 2017)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

- Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Pierre Galtier, Claude Lambre, Jean Charles Leblanc, Alicja Mortensen, Pasquale Mosesso, Ivan Stankovic (Vice-chair), Ine Waalkens-Berendsen and Woutersen Ruud.
- Leon Brimer participated via teleconference in agenda points 7.1, 7.2 and 7.4.
- Jacqueline Wiesner participated via teleconference in agenda points 7.2, 7.4 and 7.7.

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not present

■ EFSA:

- FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou, Federica Lodi and Alexandra Tard.
- DATA Unit: Petra Gergelova

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Fernando Aguilar and Oliver Lindtner.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3. Adoption of the notes of the previous Working Group meeting held on 23-24 November 2016.

The notes were adopted.

4. Feedback from ANS Panel, EFSA and European Commission

None

5. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests², 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 Interests 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.

6. General issues

None.

7. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

7.1 Acacia Gum (E 414) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00513](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Plenary meeting.

7.2 Tragacanth (E 413) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00512](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

7.3 Glycerol esters of wood rosin (E 445) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00531](#))

The Working Group discussed general aspects of the assessment. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

7.4 Xanthan Gum (E 415) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00514](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

7.5 Konjac Gum and konjac glucomannane (E 425i,ii)([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00520](#)) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00759](#))

This opinion was not discussed due to lack time.

7.6 Tara Gum (E 417) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00516](#))

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

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

This opinion was not discussed due to lack time.

7.7 Carrageenan (E 407) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00508](#)), Processed Eucheuma Seaweed (E 407a) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00509](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

7.8 Alginic acid and its salts (E 400-404) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00501](#)), ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00502](#)), ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00503](#)), ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00504](#)), ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00505](#))

This opinion was not discussed due to lack time.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Agreement of the minutes of the 24th Working Group meeting on Gums & SNS held on 18-19 January 2017

The minutes were agreed.

8.2 Opinions to be discussed at the next meeting

The opinions were agreed.

8.3 Future meetings 2016

8-9 June

8-9 February

22-23 March

4-5 May

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 23th Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from Natural Sources

Held on 23-24 November 2016, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 24 November 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
 - Fernando Aguilar, Leon Brimer, Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Pierre Galtier, Alicja Mortensen, Pasquale Mosesso, Ivan Stankovic (Vice-chair), Ine Waalkens-Berendsen and Woutersen Ruud.
 - Claude Lambre and Jean Charles Leblanc participated via teleconference.
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Not present
- **EFSA:**
- FIP Unit: Federica Lodi and Alexandra Tard.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Oliver Lindtner and Jacqueline Wiesner.

- Pasquale Mosesso did not participate in agenda item 7.2.

2. Adoption of agenda

The scientific output on Tara Gum (E 417) was removed from the agenda.

3. Adoption of the notes of the previous Working Group meeting held on 13-14 October 2016.

The notes were adopted.

4. Feedback from ANS Panel, EFSA and European Commission

None

5. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests², 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 Interests 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.

6. General issues

None.

7. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

7.1 Guar Gum (E 412) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00511](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Plenary meeting.

7.2 Lecithins (E 322) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00500](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Plenary meeting.

7.3 Acacia (E 414) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00513](#))

This opinion was not discussed due to lack time.

7.4 Xanthan Gum (E 415) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00514](#))

This opinion was not discussed due to lack time.

7.5 Glycerol esters of wood rosin (E 445) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00531](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working group meeting.

7.6 Konjac Gum and konjac glucomannane (E 425i,ii)([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00520](#)) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00759](#))

This opinion was not discussed due to lack time.

7.7 Tragacanth (E 413) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00512](#))

This opinion was not discussed due to lack time.

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

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

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Agreement of the minutes of the 23th Working Group meeting on Gums & SNS held on 23-24 November 2016

The minutes were agreed.

8.2 Opinions to be discussed at the next meeting

The opinions were agreed.

8.3 Future meetings 2017

18-19 January

8-9 February

22-23 March

4-5 May

8-9 June

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 22th Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from Natural Sources

Held on 12-13 October 2016, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 13 October 2016)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

- Leon Brimer, Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Pierre Galtier, Claude Lambre, Jean Charles Leblanc, Alicja Mortensen, Pasquale Mosesso, Ivan Stankovic (Vice-chair), Ine Waalkens-Berendsen and Woutersen Ruud.
- Fernando Aguilar participated via teleconference.

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not present

■ EFSA:

- FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou, Federica Lodi, Claudia Roncancio Peña and Alexandra Tard.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. The Chair welcomed Claude Lambre as new member of this WG. Apologies were received from Oliver Lindtner and Jacqueline Wiesner.

2. Adoption of agenda

The scientific output on Tragacanth (E 413) was removed from the agenda.

3. Adoption of the notes of the previous Working Group meeting held on 21-22 September 2016.

The notes were adopted.

4. Feedback from ANS Panel, EFSA and European Commission

Some feedbacks on the meeting held with the European Commission were given regarding the scientific opinions to be finalised by 2016.

An updated workplan for the Working Group for 2016 was presented.

5. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests², 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 Interests 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.

6. General issues

An update on the opinion of locust bean gum was given.

7. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

7.1 E415 Xanthan Gum ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00514](#))

This opinion was not discussed due to lack of time.

7.2 Agar (E 406) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00507](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Plenary meeting.

7.3 Carrageenan (E 407) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00508](#))

This opinion was not discussed due to lack time.

7.4 Processed Eucheuma Seaweed (E 407a) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00509](#))

This opinion was not discussed due to lack time.

7.5 Alginic acid and its salts (E 400-404) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00501](#)), ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00502](#)), ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00503](#)), ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00504](#)), ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00505](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working group meeting.

7.6 Glycerol esters of wood rosin (E 445) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00531](#))

A presentation of the current status of the draft opinion was given. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working group meeting.

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

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

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Agreement of the minutes of the 22th Working Group meeting on Gums & SNS held on 12-13 October 2016

The minutes were agreed.

8.2 Opinions to be discussed at the next meeting

The opinions were agreed.

8.3 Future meetings 2016

23-24 November

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 21th Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from Natural Sources

Held on 21-22 September 2016, teleconference

(Agreed on 22 September 2016)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

- Leon Brimer, Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Pierre Galtier, Pasquale Mosesso, Ivan Stankovic (Vice-chair), Ine Waalkens-Berendsen and Woutersen Ruud.
- Jean-Charles Leblanc participated in agenda points 7.1 and 7.3.
- Alicja Mortensen participated in agenda point 6.

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not present

■ EFSA:

- FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou, Federica Lodi and Alexandra Tard.
- DATA Unit: Andrea Altieri

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Fernando Aguilar, Oliver Lindtner and Jacqueline Wiesner.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Adoption of the notes of the previous Working Group meeting held on 13 July 2016.

The notes were adopted.

4. Feedback from ANS Panel, EFSA and European Commission

The WG was informed on the resignation of Dominique Parent-Massin as a member of this WG. The WG expressed the thankfulness for all the work done so far to Dominique Parent-Massin. A new WG member will be appointed. The new Rapporteurs have been also appointed.

5. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests², 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 Interests 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.

6. General issues

An update on the opinions of karaya gum and locust bean gum was given. A proposal for a sentence addressing the default for human adult body weight was discussed.

7. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

7.1 Lecithins (E 322) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00500](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working group meeting.

7.2 Acacia gum (E 414) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00513](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working group meeting.

7.3 Agar (E 406) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00507](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working group meeting.

7 Any Other Business

8.1 Agreement of the minutes of the 21th Working Group meeting on Gums & SNS held on 21-22 September 2016

The minutes were agreed.

8.2 Opinions to be discussed at the next meeting

The opinions were agreed.

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

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

8.3 Future meetings 2016

12-13 October

23-24 November

Meetings dates for first part of 2017 were agreed.

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 20th Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from Natural Sources

Held on 13 July 2016, teleconference

(Agreed on 13 July 2016)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

- Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Pierre Galtier, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Pasquale Mosesso, Ivan Stankovic (Vice-chair) and Ine Waalkens-Berendsen.
- Fernando Aguilar and Dominique Parent-Massin have participated in agenda point 7.1.

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not present

■ EFSA:

- FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou and Federica Lodi.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Leon Brimer, Oliver Lindtner, Alicja Mortensen, Ruud Woutersen and Jacqueline Wiesner.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Adoption of the notes of the previous Working Group meeting held on 6-7 July 2016.

The notes were adopted.

4. Feedback from ANS Panel, EFSA and European Commission

Some feedbacks on the Opinions to be discussed at the next Plenary meeting were given.

5. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests², 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 Interests 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.

6. General issues

A discussion on the proposal of update for the Interpretation of the Terms of Reference took place.

7. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

7.1 Xanthan Gum (E 415) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00514](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working group meeting.

7.2 Gellan Gum (E 418) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00517](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working group meeting.

7 Any Other Business

8.1 Agreement of the minutes of the 20th Working Group meeting on Gums & SNS held on 13 July 2016

The minutes were agreed.

8.2 Opinions to be discussed at the next meeting

The opinions were agreed.

8.3 Future meetings 2016

21 September TC

12-13 October

23-24 November

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

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

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 19th Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from Natural Sources

Held on 6-7 July 2016, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 7 July 2016)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

- Pasquale Mosesso and Ine Waalkens-Berendsen.
- Fernando Aguilar, Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Pierre Galtier, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Oliver Lindtner and Ivan Stankovic (Vice-chair) have participated via teleconference.
- Dominique Parent-Massin has participated in agenda points 7.1 and 7.3 via teleconference.
- Jacqueline Wiesner has participated in agenda point 7.2 via teleconference.

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not present

■ EFSA:

- FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou, Federica Lodi, Alexandra Tard.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Leon Brimer, Alicja Mortensen and Ruud Woutersen.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Adoption of the notes of the previous Working Group meeting held on 15-17 June 2016.

The notes were adopted.

4. Feedback from ANS Panel, EFSA and European Commission

None.

5. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests², 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 Interests 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.

6. General issues

None.

7. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

7.1 Lecithins (E322) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00500](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working group meeting.

7.2 Acacia Gum (E 414) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00513](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working group meeting.

7.3 Agar (E 406) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00507](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working group meeting.

7 Any Other Business

8.1 Agreement of the minutes of the 19th Working Group meeting on Gums & SNS held on 6-7 July 2016

The minutes were agreed.

8.2 Opinions to be discussed at the next meeting

The opinions were agreed.

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

8.3 Future meetings 2016

13 July TC

21 September TC

12-13 October

23-24 November

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 18th Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from Natural Sources

Held on 15-17 June 2016, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 17 June 2016)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

- Leon Brimer, Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Pierre Galtier, Alicja Mortensen, Dominique Parent-Massin, Ruud Woutersen, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen.
- Pasquale Mosesso has participated in agenda points 7.2, 7.4, 7.5.
- Ivan Stankovic (Vice-chair) has participated in agenda points 7.2, 7.4 and 7.5.
- Fernando Aguilar has participated in agenda points 7.1, 7.2, 7.4 and 7.5 via teleconference.
- Jean-Charles Leblanc and Oliver Lindtner have participated in agenda points 7.1, 7.2, 7.5 via teleconference.
- Jacqueline Wiesner has participated in agenda points 7.1, 7.2 and 7.5 via teleconference.

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not present

■ EFSA:

- FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou, Federica Lodi
- Data Unit: Andrea Altieri

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Adoption of the notes of the previous Working Group meeting held on 3- 4 May 2016.

The notes were adopted.

4. Feedback from ANS Panel, EFSA and European Commission

Harmonisation of the draft opinions for the next Plenary meeting.

5. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests², 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 Interests 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.

6. General issues

The updated Workplan Working Group Gums 2016 was presented.

7. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

7.1 Tara Gum (E 417) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00516](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

7.2 Konjac gum/Konjac glucomannan (E 425i/ii) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00520](#)), ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00759](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

7.3 Xanthan Gum (E 415) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00514](#))

The draft opinion was not discussed due to lack of time.

7.4 Carrageenan ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00508](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working group meeting.

7.5 Lecithins (E322) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00500](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working group meeting.

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

7.6 Acacia Gum (E 414) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00513](#))

The draft opinion was not discussed due to lack of time.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Agreement of the minutes of the 18th Working Group meeting on Gums & SNS held on 15-17 June 2016

The minutes were agreed.

8.2 Opinions to be discussed at the next meeting

The opinions were agreed.

8.3 Future meetings 2016

6-7 July

13 July TC

21 September TC

12-13 October

23-24 November

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 17th Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from Natural Sources

Held on 3-4 May 2016, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 4 May 2016)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

- Leon Brimer, Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Pierre Galtier, Alicja Mortensen, Pasquale Mosesso, Ivan Stankovic (Vice-chair), Ruud Woutersen, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen.
- Fernando Aguilar, Jean-Charles Leblanc and Dominique Parent-Massin have participated via teleconference.
- Oliver Lindtner has participated in agenda points 7.4 and 7.5 via teleconference.

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not present

■ EFSA:

- FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou, Federica Lodi, Alexandra Tard
- Data Unit: Andrea Altieri

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Jacqueline Wiesner.

- Jean-Charles Leblanc has not participated in agenda points 7.1 and 7.7.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Adoption of the notes of the previous Working Group meeting held on 13- 14 April 2016.

The notes were adopted.

4. Feedback from ANS Panel, EFSA and European Commission

Some feedbacks on the discussion on Karaya Gum at the last Plenary meeting (April 2016) were given.

5. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests², 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 Interests 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.

6. General issues

None

7. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

7.1 Tara Gum (E 417) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00516](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

7.2 Acacia (E 414) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00513](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

7.3 Xanthan Gum (E 415) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00514](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

7.4 Lecithins (E322) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00500](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working group meeting.

7.5 Guar gum (E 412) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00511](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Plenary meeting.

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

7.6 Agar (E 406) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00507](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

7.7 Alginic acid and its salts (E 400-404) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00501](#)), ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00502](#)), ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00503](#)), ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00504](#)), ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00505](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Agreement of the minutes of the 17th Working Group meeting on Gums & SNS held on 3-4 May 2016

The minutes were agreed.

8.2 Opinions to be discussed at the next meeting

The opinions were agreed.

8.3 Future meetings 2016

15-17 June

1 July TC

21 September TC

12-13 October

23-24 November

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 16th Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from Natural Sources

Held on 13-14 April 2016, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 14 April 2016)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

- Fernando Aguilar, Leon Brimer, Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Pierre Galtier, Jean-Charles Leblanc, Alicja Mortensen, Pasquale Mosesso, Ivan Stankovic (Vice-chair), Dominique Parent-Massin, Ruud Woutersen, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen.
- Oliver Lindtner has participated in agenda points 7.5, 7.6 and 7.8 via teleconference.
- Jacqueline Wiesner has participated in agenda points 7.2, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6 and 7.7 via teleconference.

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not present

■ EFSA:

- FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou, Federica Lodi
- Data Unit: Andrea Altieri

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

- Dominique Parent-Massin has not participated in agenda points 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.7 and 7.8.
- Jean-Charles Leblanc has not participated in agenda point 7.1
- Ine Waalkens-Berendsen, Alicja Mortensen and Ruud Woutersen have not participated in agenda points 7.5 and 7.6.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Adoption of the notes of the previous Working Group meeting held on 13- 14 February 2016.

The notes were adopted.

4. Feedback from ANS Panel, EFSA and European Commission

None

5. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests², 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 Interests 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.

6. General issues

None

7. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

7.1 Konjac gum/Konjac glucomannan (E 425i/ii) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00520](#)), ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00759](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

7.2 Lecithins (E 322) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00500](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

7.3 Tara Gum (E 417) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00516](#))

The draft opinion was not discussed due to lack of time.

7.4 Gellan Gum (E 418) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00517](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

7.5 Guar gum (E 412) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00511](#))

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

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working group meeting.

7.6 Locust bean gum (E 410) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00510](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Plenary meeting.

7.7 Tragacanth (E 413) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00512](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

7.8 Karaya gum (E 416) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00515](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Plenary meeting.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Agreement of the minutes of the 16th Working Group meeting on Gums & SNS held on 13-14 April 2016

The minutes were agreed.

8.2 Opinions to be discussed at the next meeting

The opinions were agreed.

8.3 Future meetings 2016

3-4 May
15-16 June
1 July TC
21 September TC
12-13 October
23-24 November

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 15th Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from Natural Sources

Held on 3-4 February 2016, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 4 February 2016)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

- Leon Brimer, Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Pierre Galtier, Alicja Mortensen, Pasquale Mosesso, Ivan Stankovic (Vice-chair), and Ruud Woutersen.
- Ine Waalkens-Berendsen and Dominique Parent-Massin have participated (via teleconference)
- Fernando Aguilar has participated in agenda points 7.1 and 7.6 (via teleconference)
- Jean-Charles Leblanc has participated in agenda points 7.1, 7.5, 7.6 and 7.9 (via teleconference)
- Oliver Lindtner has participated in agenda point 7.9 (via teleconference).

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not present

■ EFSA:

- FIP Unit: Dario Battacchi, Anna Christodoulidou, Juho Lemmetyinen, Federica Lodi, Alexandra Tard.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Jacqueline Wiesner.

- Ine Waalkens-Berendsen has not participated in agenda points 7.5 and 7.9.
- Alicja Mortensen and Ruud Woutersen have not participated in agenda points 7.2 and 7.3.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Adoption of the notes of the previous Working Group meeting held on 30 November- 2 December 2015.

The notes were adopted.

4. Feedback from ANS Panel, EFSA and European Commission

An update on the information received through the call for data was given.
The workload of the Working Group for 2016 was presented.

5. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests², 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 Interests 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.

6. General issues

A discussion on the evaluation of certain food additives for use in foods for infants for special medical purposes took place.

7. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

7.1 Guar gum (E 412) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00511](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

7.2 Locust bean gum (E 410) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00510](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Plenary meeting.

7.3 Acacia gum (E 414) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-513](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

7.4 Carrageenan (E 407) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00508](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

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

7.5 Konjac gum/Konjac glucomannan (E 425i/ii) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00520](#)), ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00759](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

7.6 Alginic acid and its salts (E 400-404) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00501](#)), ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00502](#)), ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00503](#)), ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00504](#)), ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00505](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

7.7 Tragacanth (E 413) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00512](#))

The draft opinion was not discussed due to lack of time.

7.8 Lecithins (E 322) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00500](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

7.9 Karaya gum (E 416) ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00515](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Plenary meeting.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Agreement of the minutes of the 15th Working Group meeting on Gums & SNS held on 3-4 February 2016

The minutes were agreed.

8.2 Opinions to be discussed at the next meeting

The opinions were agreed.

8.3 Future meetings 2016

13-14 April

3-4 May

15-16 June

1 July TC

21 September TC

12-13 October

23-24 November

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 14th Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from Natural Sources

Held on 30 November- 2 December, 2015, Parma

Agreed on 2 December 2015

Participants

■ Working Group Experts:

- Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Ivan Stankovic, Leon Brimer (2nd day and 3rd day), Pierre Galtier, Pasquale Mosesso (2nd day and 3rd day), Ine Waalkens (1st and 2nd day), Jacqueline Wiesner, Alicja Mortensen and Ruud Woutersen (2nd and 3rd day).

■ **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:** Not present

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou, Alexandra Tard, Dario Battacchi, Juho Lemmetyinen.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Oliver Lindtner and Dominique Parent-Massin.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the

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

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

4. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting.

The minutes were adopted on 11 November, 2015. The adopted minutes will be seen on the EFSA website: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/ans/answgs.htm>

5. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

5.1. E 412 Guar gum ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00511](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5.2. E 416 Karaya gum ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00515](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5.3. E 410 Locust bean gum([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00510](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5.4. E 414 Acacia gum ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-513](#))

The draft opinion was not discussed due to lack of time.

5.5. E 413 Tragacanth ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00512](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5.6. E 417 Tara gum ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00516](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5.7. E 406 Agar ([Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00507](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

6. Any Other Business

4. Agreement of the minutes.

The minutes were adopted on 2 December, 2015. The adopted minutes will be seen on the EFSA website:

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/ans/answgs.htm>

6.1 Meeting in 2016

3-4 February

13-14 April

3-4 May

15-16 June

1 July TC

21 September TC

12-13 October

23-24 November

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 13th Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from Natural Sources

Held on 10-11 November, 2015, Parma

Agreed on 11 November 2015

Participants

■ Working Group Experts:

- Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Ivan Stankovic, Leon Brimer, , Pierre Galtier, Dominique Parent-Massin, Pasquale Mosesso, Ine Waalkens (1st day), Jacqueline Wiesner and Alicja Mortensen(1st day).

■ **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:** Not present

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou, Lemmetyinen Juho.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Oliver Lindtner, Fernando Aguilar, Ruud Woutersen and Jean-Charles Leblanc.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests 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.

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

4. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting.

The minutes were adopted on 11 November, 2015. The adopted minutes will be seen on the EFSA website: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/ans/answgs.htm>

5. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

5.1 E E 406 Agar ([EFSA-Q-2011-00507](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5.2 E 322 Lecithins ([EFSA-Q-2011-00500](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5.3 E 400-E 404 Alginates

([EFSA-Q-2011-00501/502/503/504/505](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5.4 E 413 Tragacanth ([EFSA-Q-2011-00512](#))

The Working Group did not discuss the opinion due to lack of time.

5.5 E E 415 Xanthan gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00515](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Next meeting(s) in 2015

30 November, pm-2 December, am

6.2 Meeting in 2016

3-4 February

13-14 April

3-4 May

15-16 June

1 July TC

21 September TC

12-13 October

23-24 November

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 12th Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from Natural Sources

Held on 30 September-2 October, 2015, Parma

Agreed on 11 November 2015

Participants

■ Working Group Experts:

- Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Ivan Stankovic, Leon Brimer, Fernando Aguilar, Pierre Galtier, Dominique Parent-Massin, Pasquale Mosesso, Paul Peters, Ruud Woutersen, Jean-Charles Leblanc and Alicja Mortensen.

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives: Not present

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Olliver Lindtner and Jacqueline Wiesner. Paul Peters expressed his intention to resign from the work of this group due to personal reasons. As of 15 October 2015, he will not be a member of the working group on Gums and others substances from natural sources.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related

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

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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. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting.

The minutes were adopted on 10 July, 2015. The adopted minutes will be seen on the EFSA website: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/ans/answgs.htm>

5. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

5.1 E 416 Karaya gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00515](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5.2 E 412 Guar gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00511](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5.3 E 414 Acacia gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00513](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5.4 E 407 Carrageenan ([EFSA-Q-2011-00508](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5.5 E 400-E 405 Alginates ([EFSA-Q-2011-00501/502/503/504/505/506](#))

The Working Group discussed shortly the opinion. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Next meeting(s) in 2015

10-11 November, two full days
30 November, pm-2 December, am.

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 11th Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from Natural Sources

Held on 10 July, 2015, Teleconference

Agreed on 10 July 2015

Participants

■ Working Group Experts:

- Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Ivan Stankovic, Fernando Aguilar, Pierre Galtier, Oliver Lindtner, Dominique Parent-Massin, Pasquale Mosesso, Paul Peters and Alicja Mortensen.

■ Hearing Experts¹: Not present

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives: Not present

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Leon Brimer and Jacqueline Wiesner.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related

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³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

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. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting.

The minutes were adopted on 12 June, 2015. The adopted minutes will be seen on the EFSA website: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/ans/answgs.htm>

5. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

5.1 E 410 Locust bean gum([EFSA-Q-2011-00510](#))

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Next meeting(s) in 2015

29 September- 1 October, three full days

10-11 November, two full days

2-3 December, 2 full days

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 10th Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from Natural Sources

Held on 6 July, 2015, Teleconference

Agreed on 6 July 2015

Participants

■ Working Group Experts:

- Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Fernando Aguilar, Pierre Galtier, Dominique Parent-Massin, Pasquale Mosesso, Paul Peters and Alicja Mortensen.

■ Hearing Experts¹:

- Ine Waalkens (for item 5.1); Jeanne Stadler (for item 5.1);

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives: Not present

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Ruud Woutersen and Jacqueline Wiesner.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests³, EFSA screened the Annual

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³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests 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. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting.

The minutes were adopted on 12 June, 2015. The adopted minutes will be seen on the EFSA website: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/ans/answgs.htm>

5. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

5.1 Reproductive toxicity studies in a number of gums and other substances from natural sources: evaluation of the effects observed.

5.2 E 416 Karaya gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00515](#))

5.3 E 440 Alginates([EFSA-Q-2011-00501](#)-[EFSA-Q-2011-00505](#))

5.4 E 410 Locust bean gum([EFSA-Q-2011-00510](#))

5.5 E 407 Carrageenan([EFSA-Q-2011-00508](#))

5.6 E 322 Lecithins([EFSA-Q-2011-00500](#))

5.7 E 406 Agar([EFSA-Q-2011-00507](#))

5.8 E 412 Guar gum([EFSA-Q-2011-00511](#))

5.9 E 413 Tragacanth([EFSA-Q-2011-00512](#))

5.10 E 414 Acacia gum([EFSA-Q-2011-00513](#))

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Next meeting(s) in 2015

10 July, 9.30 to 13.30 (teleconference)
29 September- 1 October, three full days
10-11 November, two full days
2-3 December, two full days

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 9th Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from Natural Sources

Held on 5 June, 2015, Teleconference

Agreed on 12 June 2015

Participants

■ Working Group Experts:

- Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Ivan Stankovic (Vice-Chair), Pierre Galtier, Leon Brimer, Dominique Parent-Massin, Jean Charles Leblanc and Jacqueline Wiesner.

■ **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:** Not present

■ **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Pasquale Mosesso, Paul Peters, Alicja Mortensen, and Oliver Lindtner.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests 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.

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting.

The minutes were adopted on 6 May, 2015. The adopted minutes will be seen on the EFSA website: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/ans/answgs.htm>

5. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

5.1 E 406 Agar ([EFSA-Q-2011-00507](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5.2 E 412 Guar gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00511](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Next meeting(s) in 2015

06 July, 13.00 to 17.00 (teleconference)
10 July, 9.30 to 13.30 (teleconference)
29 September- 1 October, three full days
10-11 November, two full days
2-3 December, 2 full days

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 8th Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from Natural Sources

Held on 5-6 May, 2015, Parma

Agreed on 12 June 2015

Participants

■ Working Group Experts:

- Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Ivan Stankovic (Vice-Chair), Pierre Galtier (teleconference), Pasquale Mosesso, Dominique Parent-Massin, Paul Peters, Alicja Mortensen (teleconference), Leon Brimer, Ruud Woutersen, Ine Waalkens, Fernando Aguilar (teleconference), Oliver Lindtner (teleconference) and Jean Charles Leblanc (teleconference)

■ **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:** Not present

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou.

DATA Unit : Petra Gergelova

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Jacqueline Wiesner.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the

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

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

4. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting.

The minutes were adopted on 23th February, 2015. The adopted minutes will be seen on the EFSA website:
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5. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

5.1 E 410 Locust bean gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00510](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5.2 E 414 Acacia gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00513](#))

The Working Group did not discuss the draft opinion due to lack of time. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5.3 E 416 Karaya gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00515](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5.4 E 407 Carrageenan ([EFSA-Q-2011-00508](#))

The rapporteur presented the draft opinion and several issues were discussed by the WG. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5.5 E 406 Agar ([EFSA-Q-2011-00507](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5.6 E 413 Tragacanth ([EFSA-Q-2011-00512](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5.7 E 415 Xanthan gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00514](#))

The opinion was not discussed due to lack of time.

5.8 E 412 Guar gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00511](#))

The opinion was not discussed due to lack of time.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Next meeting(s) in 2015

- 5 June, 9.30 to 13.30 (teleconference)
- 6 July, 13.00 to 17.00 (teleconference)
- 10 July, 9.30 to 13.30 (teleconference)
- 29 September- 1 October, three full days
- 10-11 November, two full days
- 2-3 December, 2 full days

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

4. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting.

The minutes were adopted on 23th February, 2015. The adopted minutes will be seen on the EFSA website:
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5. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

5.1 E 410 Locust bean gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00510](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5.2 E 414 Acacia gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00513](#))

The Working Group did not discuss the draft opinion due to lack of time. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5.3 E 416 Karaya gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00515](#))

The Working Group discussed specific parts of the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5.4 E 407 Carrageenan ([EFSA-Q-2011-00508](#))

The rapporteur presented the draft opinion and several issues were discussed by the WG. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5.5 E 406 Agar ([EFSA-Q-2011-00507](#))

The Working Group did not discuss the draft opinion due to lack of time. The opinion will be discussed at the next Working Group meeting.

5.6 E 413 Tragacanth ([EFSA-Q-2011-00512](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5.7 E 415 Xanthan gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00514](#))

The opinion was not discussed due to lack of time.

5.8 E 412 Guar gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00511](#))

The opinion was not discussed due to lack of time.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Next meeting(s) in 2015

- 5 June, 9.30 to 13.30 (teleconference)
- 6 July, 13.00 to 17.00 (teleconference)
- 10 July, 9.30 to 13.30 (teleconference)
- 29 September- 1 October, three full days
- 10-11 November, two full days
- 2-3 December, 2 full days

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 7th Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from Natural Sources

Held on 27 April, 2015, Teleconference

Agreed on 6 May 2015

Participants

■ Working Group Experts:

- Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Ivan Stankovic (Vice-Chair), Pierre Galtier, Pasquale Mosesso, Dominique Parent-Massin, Paul Peters, Alicja Mortensen, Jacqueline Wiesner, Ruud Woutersen, and Oliver Lindtner.

■ **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:** Not present

■ **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Jean Charles Leblanc and Fernando Aguilar.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests 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.

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

4. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting.

The minutes were adopted on 6 May, 2015. The adopted minutes will be seen on the EFSA website: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/ans/answgs.htm>

5. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

5.1 E 416 Karaya gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00515](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5.2 E 410 Locust bean gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00510](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5.3 E 414 Acacia gum (Question N° EFSA-Q-2011-00513)

The Working Group did not discuss the draft opinion due to lack of time. The opinion will be discussed at the next Working Group meeting.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Next meeting(s) in 2015

5-6 May, two full days

6 July, 1 to 5 pm (teleconference)

29-30 September, two full days

10-11 November, two full days

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 6th Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from Natural Sources

Held on 3-5 March, 2015, Parma

Agreed on 6 May 2015

Participants

■ Working Group Experts:

- Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Ivan Stankovic (Vice-Chair), Pierre Galtier (teleconference), Pasquale Mosesso, Dominique Parent-Massin, Paul Peters, Alicja Mortensen (teleconference), Jacqueline Wiesner (teleconference), Ruud Woutersen, Ine Waalkens (hearing expert), Fernando Aguilar (teleconference) and Oliver Lindtner (teleconference).

■ **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:** Not present

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Jean Charles Leblanc and Leon Brimer.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the

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

4. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting.

The minutes were adopted on 23th February, 2015. The adopted minutes will be seen on the EFSA website: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/ans/answgs.htm>

5. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

5.1 E 413 Tragacanth ([EFSA-Q-2011-00512](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5.2 E 412 Guar gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00511](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5.3 E 416 Karaya gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00515](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5.4 E 322 Lecithin ([EFSA-Q-2011-00500](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5.5 E 410 Locust bean gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00510](#))

The Working Group did not discuss the draft opinion due to lack of time. The opinion will be discussed at the next Working Group meeting.

E 415 Xanthan gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00514](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5.6 E 406 Agar ([EFSA-Q-2011-00507](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Next meeting(s) in 2015

27 April, 1 to 5 pm (teleconference)

5-6 May, two full days

6 July, 1 to 5 pm (teleconference)

29-30 September, two full days

10-11 November, two full days

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from Natural Sources

Held on 23 February 2015, teleconference

Agreed on 23 February 2015

Participants

■ Working Group Experts:

- Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Ivan Stankovic (vice-Chair), Pierre Galtier, Pasquale Mosesso, Dominique Parent-Massin, Paul Peters, Leon Brimer, Alicja Mortensen and Jacqueline Wiesner.

■ **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:** Not present

■ **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Fernando Aguilar and Oliver Lindtner.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests 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.

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

4. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting.

The minutes were adopted on 21st January, 2015. The adopted minutes will be seen on the EFSA website: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/ans/answgs.htm>

5. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

5.1 E 413 Tragacanth ([EFSA-Q-2011-00512](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5.2 E 406 Agar ([EFSA-Q-2011-00507](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Next meeting(s) in 2015

3-5 March, lunch time to lunch time
27 April, 1 to 5 pm (teleconference)
5-6 May, two full days
6 July, 1 to 5 pm (teleconference)
29-30 September, two full days
10-11 November, two full days

**Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)
Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from
Natural Sources**

Held on 20-21 01 2015, Parma

Agreed on 21 January 2015

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Ivan Stankovic (vice-Chair), Fernando Aguilar, Pierre Galtier (TC), Oliver Lindtner (teleconference), Pasquale Mosesso, Dominique Parent-Massin, Paul Peters, Leon Brimer, Alicja Mortensen, Jacqueline Wiesner (TC) and Ruud Woutersen.
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:** Not present
- **EFSA:**
 - FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests 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.

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

4. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting.

This is the first meeting of the WG on Gums and other substances from natural sources. The adopted minutes will be seen on the EFSA website: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/ans/answgs.htm>

5. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

5.1 E 412 Guar gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00511](#))

The Working Group discussed the status of the draft opinion. The revised opinion will be discussed at the next Plenary meeting.

5.2 E 416 Karaya gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00515](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5.3 E 322 Lecithins ([EFSA-Q-2011-00500](#))

The Working Group discussed the additional information that would be needed in order to proceed with the risk assessment.

5.4 E 410 Locust gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00300/EFSA-Q-2011-00510](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at the forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5.5 E 415 Xanthan gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00514](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at the forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5.6 E 406 Agar ([EFSA-Q-2011-00507](#))

The draft opinion was not discussed due to lack of time and it will be discussed at the next Working Group meeting.

5.7 E 413 Tragacanth ([EFSA-Q-2011-00512](#))

The draft opinion was not discussed due to lack of time.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Next meeting(s) in 2015

23 February (teleconference)

3-5 March

27 April (teleconference)

5-6 May

6 July (teleconference)

29-30 September

10-11 November

**Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)
Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from
Natural Sources**

Held on 25-27 11 2014, Parma

Agreed on 27 November 2014

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Ivan Stankovic (vice-Chair), Fernando Aguilar, Paul Galtier, Oliver Lindtner (teleconference), Pasquale Mosesso, Dominique Parent-Massin, Paul Peters, Leon Brimer (2nd and 3rd day), Alicja Mortensen, and Ruud Woutersen (3rd day).
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:** Not present
- **EFSA:**
 - FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou, Alexandra Tard.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Jacqueline Wiesner.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests 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.

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

4. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting.

This is the first meeting of the WG on Gums and other substances from natural sources. The adopted minutes will be seen on the EFSA website: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/ans/answqs.htm>

5. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

5.1 E 412 Guar gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00511](#))

The Working Group discussed the status of the draft opinion. The revised opinion will be discussed at the next Plenary meeting.

5.2 E 416 Karaya gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00515](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at the next Working Group meeting.

5.3 E 322 Lecithins ([EFSA-Q-2011-00500](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed again at the next Working Group meeting.

5.4 E 407 Carrageenan ([EFSA-Q-2011-00508](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed again at the March Working Group meeting.

5.5 E 410 Locust gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00300/EFSA-Q-2011-00510](#))

The opinion was not discussed due to lack of time

5.6 E 415 Xanthan gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00514](#))

The opinion was not discussed due to lack of time

5.7 E 406 Agar ([EFSA-Q-2011-00507](#))

The opinion was not discussed due to lack of time

5.8 E 413 Tragacanth ([EFSA-Q-2011-00512](#))

The opinion was not discussed due to lack of time

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Next meeting(s)

20-21 January 2015

23 February (teleconference)

3-5 March

27 April (teleconference)

5-7 May (tbc)

6 July

29-30 September-1 October 2015 (tbc)

**Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)
Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from
Natural Sources**

Held on 28-29 10 2014, Parma

Agreed on 29 October 2014

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Ivan Stankovic (vice-Chair), Paul Galtier, Oliver Lindtner (1st), Pasquale Mosesso, Parent-Massin Dominique, Paul Peters, Brimer Leon, Alicja Mortensen and Ruud Woutersen (1st day).
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:** Wim Debeuckelaere
- **EFSA:**
 - FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou
 - PRAS Unit: Hermine Reich (2nd day)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Jacqueline Wiesner and Fernando Aguilar.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests 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. Agreement of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting on Gums and substances from natural sources held on 01-03 October 2014.

The participants in the 1st meeting of the WG on Gums and other substances from natural sources adopted the minutes on 3 October 2014. The adopted minutes will be seen on the EFSA website: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/ans/answgs.htm>

5. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

5.1 E 416 Karaya gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00515](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at the next Working Group meeting.

5.2 E 410 Locust gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00300/EFSA-Q-2011-00510](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed again at the next Working Group meeting.

5.3 E 415 Xanthan gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00514](#))

The opinion was not discussed due to lack of time.

5.4 E 406 Agar ([EFSA-Q-2011-00507](#))

The opinion was not discussed due to lack of time.

5.5 E 413 Tragacanth ([EFSA-Q-2011-00512](#))

The opinion was not discussed due to lack of time.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Next meeting(s)

25-27 November, 2014

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

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

**Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)
Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Working Group on Gums and other Substances from
Natural Sources**

Held on 01-03 10 2014, Parma

Agreed on 03 October 2014

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Birgit Dusemund (Chair), Ivan Stankovic (vice-Chair), Fernando Aguilar (1st and 2nd day), Pierre Galtier (TC), Oliver Lindtner (1st and 2nd day), Pasquale Mosesso, Parent-Massin Dominique, Paul Peters, Brimer Leon, Alicja Mortensen, Claude Labre (2nd day) and Ruud Woutersen (2nd day).
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:** Not present
- **EFSA:**
 - FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Jacqueline Wiesner.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests 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. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting.

This is the first meeting of the WG on Gums and other substances from natural sources. The adopted minutes will be seen on the EFSA website: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/ans/answgs.htm>

5. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

5.1 E 412 Guar gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00511](#))

The Working Group discussed the status of the draft opinion. The revised opinion will be discussed again at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5.2 E 417 Tara gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00516](#))

The Working Group discussed the status of the draft opinion. The revised opinion will be discussed again at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5.3 E 416 Karaya gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00515](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting

5.4 E 410 Locust gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00300/EFSA-Q-2011-00510](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed again at the next Working Group meeting.

5.5 E 415 Xanthan gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00514](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed again at the next Working Group meeting.

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5.6 E 414 Acacia gum ([EFSA-Q-2011-00513](#))

Additional information is needed and the draft questions have been agreed by the Working Group. Additional information is needed from interested parties.

5.7 E 406 Agar ([EFSA-Q-2011-00507](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion and agreed on the revisions proposed by the participants. The opinion will be discussed again at the next Working Group meeting.

5.8 E 413 Tragacanth ([EFSA-Q-2011-00512](#))

The Working Group did not discuss the draft opinion due to lack of time and the opinion will be discussed at the next Working Group meeting.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Next meeting

28 October and 29 October (morning), 2014