

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)
Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Working Group on Allura Red AC
Held on 18 March 2013, Parma
(Agreed on 31 March 2013)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Gabriele Aquilina; Georges Bories, Jürgen Gropp and Derek Renshaw.
 - Riccardo Crebelli, Metka Filipič, David Gott (Chair) and Rainer Gürtler have participated via teleconference.
- **EFSA:**
 - FIP Unit: Georges Kass and Camilla Smeraldi.
 - FEED Unit: Maria Vittoria Vettori.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Rudolf Antonius Woutersen.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with no 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.

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

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 5th Working Group meeting held on 6-7 March 2013, in Parma.

The minutes were agreed by the Working Group.

5. Discussion on the draft scientific output ([EFSA-Q-2012-00743](#))

The draft scientific output was discussed and further elaborated. The suggested changes will be implemented by EFSA secretariat into a revised version.

The revised version will be distributed to the members of the Working Group for approval before it is transmitted to the ANS Panel.

6. Distribution of tasks and timetable

Tasks were allocated to the different members of the Working Group and a revised draft will be distributed before the end of the week.

7. Any Other Business

No any other business was raised.

8. Next meeting(s)

No other meetings of this Working Group are planned.

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)
Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Working Group on Allura Red AC
Held on 6-7 03 2013, Parma
(Agreed on 18 03 2013)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Gabriele Aquilina, Metka Filipič, David Gott (Chair), Jürgen Gropp, Derek Renshaw and Rudolf Antonius Woutersen.
- **EFSA:**
 - FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi.
 - FEED Unit: Maria Vittoria Vettori.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Georges Bories, Riccardo Crebelli and Rainer Gürtler.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with the addition of the topics no 6 and 7.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 4th Working Group meeting held on 7-8 February 2013, in Parma.

The minutes were agreed by the Working Group.

5. Discussion on the draft scientific output ([EFSA-Q-2012-00743](#))

The draft scientific output was discussed and further elaborated. The suggested changes will be implemented by EFSA secretariat into a revised version.

The WG was of the opinion that further work is needed to complete the draft output, as this was currently deemed too premature for adoption by the Panel at its forthcoming plenary meeting.

6. Distribution of tasks and timetable

Tasks were allocated to the different members of the Working Group and a revised draft will be distributed at the beginning of the next week.

The WG expressed the need to hold an additional meeting to further elaborate recommendations and to this end, it was noted that an extension to the deadline for this self-task mandate would need to be requested.

7. Next meeting(s)

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Working Group will be scheduled on 18 March 2013 as a mixed physical meeting/webconference.

8. Any Other Business

No any other business was raised.

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)
Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Working Group on Allura Red AC
Held on 7-8 02 2013, Parma
(Agreed on 6 03 2013)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Gabriele Aquilina, Georges Bories, David Gott (Chair), Jürgen Gropp, Derek Renshaw and Rudolph Antonius Woutersen.
- **EFSA:**
 - FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi
 - FEED Unit: Maria Vittoria Vettori

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Riccardo Crebelli, Metka Filipič and Rainer Gürtler.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with the addition of point no 4 Agreement of minutes from the previous meeting.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting held on 24 January 2013, web-conference.

The minutes were agreed by the Working Group.

5. Discussion on draft opinion ([EFSA-Q-2012-00743](#))

The draft scientific output was discussed and further elaborated. The suggested changes will be implemented by EFSA secretariat into a revised version.

The members of the Working Group acknowledged the limited timescale for the completion of this mandate and agreed that for the initial discussion by the ANS Panel, an outline text accompanied by all the supporting evidence considered will be made available to the Panel Members.

6. Distribution of tasks and timetable

A revised version of the scientific output will be distributed to the members of the Working Group prior to its transmission to the ANS Panel for its first discussion at the Panel meeting in February. Feedback from the initial discussion by the ANS Panel will be provided to the members of the Working Group and will be taken into account for the finalisation of the output, which is scheduled for adoption by the end of March 2013.

7. Next meeting(s)

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Working Group will be scheduled on 6-7 March 2013 in Parma.

8. Any Other Business

None.

Parma, 7 February 2013

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND NUTRIENT SOURCES ADDED TO FOOD

Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group on Allura Red AC (E 129)

Audio/web conference 24 January 2013

EFSA/UNIT/FIP

Agreed by WG on 7 February 2013

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Gabriele Aquilina, Georges Bories, Riccardo Crebelli, Metka Filipič, David Gott (Chair), Jürgen Gropp, Derek Renshaw, Ruud Woutersen.

- **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi

FEED Unit: Maria Vittoria Vettori

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants to the third meeting of the Working Group. Apologies were noted from Rainer Guertler.

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 Processes regarding Declarations of Interests (DoIs) and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) 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 in the Oral Declaration of interest (ODOI) at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussion on the experts' contribution

The Working Group discussed a compilation of data on ADME available for Allura Red AC (E 129) and other structurally related sulphonated azo dyes together with an assessment of a recently published review on the toxicological significance of azo dyes metabolism by Feng et al. (2012). The data considered by the Working Group also included some information on the possible differences in the gastrointestinal microflora and the effect on azo dye metabolism in the rat and in the mouse.

Data on carcinogenicity of the same group of substances were also discussed by the Working Group. The Working Group confirmed its previous discussion on the genotoxicity data.

5. Agreement on general conclusions

The Working Group agreed on the outline of the scientific output and on some general conclusions and recommendations.

6. Distribution of tasks and timetable

Tasks were allocated among the members of the Working Group and EFSA.

7. Next meeting dates

The next meeting will be held in Parma on 7-8 February 2013.

8. AOB

None

Parma, 16 November 2012

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND NUTRIENT SOURCES ADDED TO FOOD

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group on Allura Red AC (E 129)

Audio/webconference 31 October 2012

EFSA/UNIT/FIP

Agreed by WG on 16 November 2012

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Gabriele Aquilina, Riccardo Crebelli, Metka Filipič, David Gott (Chair), Rainer Gürtler, Derek Renshaw, Ruud Woutersen.

- **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi

FEED Unit: Maria Vittoria Vettori

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants to the second meeting of the Working Group. Apologies were noted from Georges Bories and Jürgen Gropp.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Discussion on the experts' contribution

The Working Group discussed a compilation of data on genotoxicity available for Allura Red AC (E 129) and other structurally related sulphonated azo dyes (Amaranth, Tartrazine, Sunset Yellow, Ponceau 4R).

It was agreed that, as a next step, a similar exercise should be conducted also on the data from carcinogenicity studies and ADME for Allura Red AC (E 129) and the same substances included in the review on genotoxicity.

The outcome of these reviews will be discussed at the next meeting.

5. Distribution of tasks and timetable

Tasks were allocated among the members of the Working Group and EFSA.

6. Next meeting dates

The next meeting will be held as a physical meeting in the second half of January 2013 (date and place to be confirmed).

7. AOB

None

Parma, 30 September 2012

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND NUTRIENT SOURCES ADDED TO FOOD

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on Allura Red AC (E 129)

Parma, 13-14 September 2012

EFSA/UNIT/FIP

Agreed by WG on 30 September 2012

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Gabriele Aquilina, Georges Bories, Riccardo Crebelli, Metka Filipič, David Gott (Chair), Jürgen Gropp, Rainer Guertler, Derek Renshaw.

- **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi

FEED Unit: Claudia Roncancio Pena (1st day), Maria Vittoria Vettori

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants to the inaugural meeting of this newly established Working Group. Apologies were noted from Ruud Woutersen.

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 Processes regarding Declarations of Interests (DoIs) and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) 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 in the Oral Declaration of interest (ODOI) at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Tour de table of introductions from the experts

The members of the Working Group briefly introduced themselves to the other participants.

5. Presentation of the self-task mandate

The self-task mandate agreed by the ANS Panel in July 2012 and received from EFSA was reviewed and discussed.

6. Discussions

The Working Group discussed the background to the two opinions issued by the ANS Panel in 2009 and by the FEEDAP Panel in 2012, in particular as regards the different framework under which the two Panels operate.

The Terms of Reference included in the self-task mandate were reviewed and extensively discussed.

The Working Group agreed that, as a starting point, an appraisal of the available evidence from genotoxicity studies should be performed in parallel to a consideration of the available data on ADME (absorption, distribution, metabolism and excretion).

The Working Group acknowledged that, in order to fulfil the questions contained in the mandate, the scope of the assessment should not be limited to data on Allura Red AC (E 129) alone but should be broadened to allow comparison with some structurally related sulphonated azo dyes. It was however considered not appropriate to consider all and each of the azo dyes in the current mandate.

7. Distribution of tasks and timetable

Tasks were allocated among the members of the Working Group and EFSA.

8. Next meeting dates

The next meeting will be held as an audioweb conference in approximately 7-8 weeks time (date to be confirmed).

9. AOB

None
