



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON Food Additives and Flavorings

18th Working Group meeting on Re-evaluation of Miscellaneous Food Additives

2 February 2024

09:00-13:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 08 February 2024



Location: EFSA – Web-conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Maria José Frutos Fernandez (Chair), Alicja Mortensen, Dina Waalkens-Berendsen, Ruud Woutersen
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Federica Lodi, Elena Mazzoli, Josef Daniel Rasinger, Ana Maria Rincon, and Camilla Smeraldi.

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received by Riccardo Crebelli.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process.

IV. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Re-evaluation of Shellac (E 904) ([EFSA-Q-2011-00705](#); [EFSA-Q-2020-00327](#))

Feedback from the technical hearing held on 1 February 2024 with one of the interested business operators to discuss some aspects of the technical data, were provided to the experts of the Working Group. A discussion on the way forward took place.

The Biological and Toxicological section of the draft opinion was discussed and revised.

Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted.

Subject to these revisions a new document will be presented for discussion at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

V. AOB

None.



VI. Next meeting

Date to be confirmed.

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MINUTES OF THE 17TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE RE-EVALUATION OF MISCELLANEOUS FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 14th December 2021, web-conference

(Agreed on 14th December 2021)

Participants

■ Working Group Members (Toxicologists):

Riccardo Crebelli, Maria Jose Frutos Fernandez (Chair), Alicja Mortensen, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen (Vice Chair) and Ruud Woutersen

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

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Federica Lodi and Antonio Rivas Cornejo.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Metka Filipič and Hendrik Van Loveren.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

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

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



4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. **Shellac (E 904) (EFSA-Q-2011-00705)**

The WG discussed the toxicological part of the revised opinion. This agenda item will be discussed at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5. Any Other Business

5.1. Minutes of the 17th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of miscellaneous food additives held on 14th December 2021 were agreed.

5.2. Dates for next Working Group meetings: tbc