

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
Food Additives and Flavorings**
68th Working Group meeting on Specifications of
Food Additives



26th June 2024

9:30-18:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 26 June 2024

Location: Web conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Peter Fürst (Chair), Eric Gaffet, Jan Mast, Anna Undas,
- EFSA:
Agnieszka Mech, Ana Maria Rincon

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Katrin Löschner and Josefa Barrero.

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 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.

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

IV. Scientific topics for discussion

a. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silver (E 174) (EFSA-Q-2023-00169)

The Working Group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted

b. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silicates (E 552-553a,b) (EFSA-Q-2021-00560)

The Working Group discussed data available on talc (E 553b). The Working Group considered that further clarifications are needed to proceed with the assessment.

V. Any Other Business

None.

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



VI. Next meeting

No other meetings of this Working Group are planned.

VII. Agreement of the minutes of the 68th Working Group meeting held on the 26th of June 2024

The minutes were agreed.



Annex I

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

NO CONFLICT: With regard to this meeting, Dr. Jan Mast declared the following interest: involvement in a new research project not subject to private funding. In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁴, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was not deemed to represent a Conflict of Interest for the expert concerned.

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

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
Food Additives and Flavorings**
67th Working Group meeting on Specifications of
Food Additives



18th June 2024
09:00-16:00
MINUTES - Agreed on 18 June 2024

Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle, Karlien Cheyns, Peter Fürst (Chair), Manuela Mirat
- Hearing experts^{1,2}:
Fabio Alfieri (participated in agenda item IV)
- EFSA:
Ana Maria Rincon, Sam Vermeiren, Panagiota Zakidou

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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 Independence³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁴, 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.

IV. Scientific topics for discussion

a. Re-evaluation of Sucralose (E 955) (EFSA-Q-2011-00724)

The Working group discussed new data submitted by an IBO, for the technical part of the draft opinion. 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 on Sweeteners.

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² In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management, EFSA invited Fabio Alfieri (for agenda item IV b) to submit an ADoI. Their participation was limited to providing testimony, without the possibility to take on any role undertaken by members of the Working Group, in accordance with the applicable legal framework.

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V. Any Other Business

None.

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 26 June 2024 via web conference.

VII. Agreement of the minutes of the 67th Working Group meeting held on the 18th of June 2024

The minutes were agreed.

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
Food Additives and Flavorings**
66th Working Group meeting on Specifications of
Food Additives



29th May 2024

09:00-18:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 29 May 2024

Location: Web conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Peter Fürst (Chair), Eric Gaffet, Katrin Löschner, Jan Mast
- Hearing experts:
Mohammad Chaudhry¹, Hubert Rauscher¹ (participated in agenda item IV.a)
- EFSA:
Agnieszka Mech, Ana Maria Rincon, Panagiota Zakidou

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Anna Undas and Josefa Barrero.

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 Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, 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.

IV. Scientific topics for discussion

a. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silicates (E 552-553a,b) (EFSA-Q-2021-00560)

The Working Group discussed data available on talc (E 553b). Further clarifications based on the comments provided by the participants were noted.

b. Follow-up on the re-evaluation of silicon dioxide (E 551) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age and follow-up of the re-evaluation (EFSA-Q-2018-00526)

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The Working Group discussed new data submitted on aggregate size distribution and qualitative information on morphology of the aggregates for SAS used as E 551. Based on the comments provided by the participants a description of the available data will be included in the assessment of the food additive.

c. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silver (E 174) (EFSA-Q-2023-00169)

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion. Based on the comments provided by the participants a draft document will be presented for discussion at a forthcoming WG meeting.

V. Any Other Business

None.

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 26 June 2024 via web conference.

VII. Agreement of the minutes of the 66th Working Group meeting held on the 29th of May 2024

The minutes were agreed.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
Food Additives and Flavorings
65th Working Group meeting on Specifications of
Food Additives



21st May 2024

09:00-18:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 21 May 2024

Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle, Karlien Cheyns, Peter Fürst (Chair), Manuela Mirat
- Hearing experts¹:
Virginia Fernández Ruiz, Patricia Morales Gómez, Cortes Sánchez Mata (participated in agenda item IV.a)
- EFSA:
Federica Lodi, Ana Maria Rincon, Sam Vermeiren, Panagiota Zakidou

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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 Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, 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.

IV. Scientific topics for discussion

- a. **Re-evaluation of citric acid esters of mono- and diglycerides of fatty acids (E 472c) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age (E 472a-f) (EFSA-Q-2021-00674) and Follow-up on Re-evaluation of acetic acid, lactic acid, citric acid, tartaric acid, mono- and diacetyl tartaric acid, mixed acetic and tartaric acid esters of mono- and diglycerides of fatty acids (E 472a-f) as food additives (EFSA-Q-2023-00577)**

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The Working group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted. The Working group considered that additional clarifications would be needed to proceed with the assessment.

b. Re-evaluation of Shellac (E 904) as a food additive (EFSA-Q-2011-00705)

The Working group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted.

V. Any Other Business

None.

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 18 June 2024 via web conference.

VII. Agreement of the minutes of the 65th Working Group meeting held on the 21st of May 2024

The minutes were agreed.

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
Food Additives and Flavorings**
64th Working Group meeting on Specifications of
Food Additives



17 and 23rd April 2024
9:00-18:00
MINUTES - Agreed on 7 May 2024

Location: Web conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Peter Fürst (Chair), Eric Gaffet, Katrin Löschner, Jan Mast, Anna Undas,
- Hearing expert:
Ursula Gundert-Remy¹ (participated in agenda item IV.a)
- EFSA:
Stefania Barmaz, Agnieszka Mech, Ana Maria Rincon, Laura Ruggeri, Panagiota Zakidou

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Josefa Barrero.

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 topics for discussion

a. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silicon dioxide (E 551) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age and follow-up of the re-evaluation (EFSA-Q-2018-00526)

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion. Based on the comments provided by the participants a draft document will be presented for discussion at a forthcoming FAF Panel meeting.

b. Follow up on the re-evaluation of iron oxide (E 172) (EFSA-Q-2021-00178)

This item was not discussed due to lack of time.

c. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silicates (E 552-553a,b) (EFSA-Q-2021-00560)

This item was not discussed due to lack of time.

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



V. Any Other Business

The WG was informed that a written consultation related to the food additive carrageenan (E 407) (EFSA-Q-2018-00270) and food additive processed Eucheuma seaweed (E 407a) (EFSA-Q-2023-00576) will take place.

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 29 May 2024 via web conference.

VII. Agreement of the minutes of the 64th Working Group meeting held on the 17 and 23rd of April 2024

The minutes were agreed.

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
Food Additives and Flavorings**
63rd Working Group meeting on Specifications of
Food Additives



16th April 2024
09:00-18:00
MINUTES - Agreed on 16 April 2024

Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle, Karlien Cheyins, Peter Fürst (Chair), Manuela Mirat
- Hearing experts¹:
Virginia Fernández Ruiz, Patricia Morales Gómez, Cortes Sánchez Mata (participated in agenda item IV.c)
- EFSA:
Stefania Barmaz, Agnieszka Mech, Ana Maria Rincon, Laura Ruggeri, Sam Vermeiren, Panagiota Zakidou

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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IV. Scientific topics for discussion

a. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silicon dioxide (E 551) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age and follow-up of the re-evaluation (EFSA-Q-2018-00526)

The Working group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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 FAF Panel meeting.

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² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf
³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



b. Re-evaluation of saccharin (E954(i)) (EFSA-Q-2011-00736), sodium saccharin (E954(ii)) (EFSA-Q-2011-00737), calcium saccharin (E954(iii)) (EFSA-Q-2011-00738) and potassium saccharin (E954(iv)) (EFSA-Q-2011-00739)

The Working group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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 FAF Panel meeting.

c. Re-evaluation of citric acid esters of mono- and diglycerides of fatty acids (E 472c) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age (E 472a-f) (EFSA-Q-2021-00674) and Follow-up on Re-evaluation of acetic acid, lactic acid, citric acid, tartaric acid, mono- and diacetyl tartaric acid, mixed acetic and tartaric acid esters of mono- and diglycerides of fatty acids (E 472a-f) as food additives (EFSA-Q-2023-00577)

The Working group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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 WG meeting.

V. Any Other Business

The Working Group discussed and agreed on the appropriateness of replacing the word "soluble" and "solution" to "dispersible" and "dispersion" in the EU specifications for some hydrocolloids.

Based on the consideration that hydrocolloids form colloidal dispersions in water instead of true solutions, the FAF Panel recommended in recent Scientific Opinions on the follow-up to the re-evaluation of some hydrocolloids (i.e., locust bean gum (E 410), xanthan gum (E 415), sodium carboxy methyl cellulose (E 466)) changing the word 'soluble' to 'dispersible' and the word 'solution' to 'dispersion'. The European Commission asked EFSA whether this recommendation would be applicable also to other hydrocolloids food additives, namely acacia gum (E 414), pectin (E 440i), amidated pectin (E 440ii), microcrystalline cellulose (E 460 (i)), powdered cellulose (E 460 (ii)), methyl cellulose (E 461), ethyl cellulose (E 462), hydroxypropyl cellulose (E 463), low-substituted hydroxypropyl cellulose (L-HPC) (E 463a), hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose (E 464), ethyl methyl cellulose (E 465), cross-linked sodium carboxymethylcellulose (E 468), enzymatically hydrolysed carboxymethylcellulose (E 469) and starch sodium octenyl succinate (E 1450). Considering that these food additives are indeed hydrophilic macromolecules that form colloidal dispersions in water, the recommendation to use the words 'dispersible' and 'dispersion' is also applicable to these food additives.

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 21 May 2024 via web conference.

VII. Agreement of the minutes of the 63rd Working Group meeting held on the 16th of April 2024

The minutes were agreed.

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
Food Additives and Flavorings**
62nd Working Group meeting on Specifications of
Food Additives



14th March 2024

09:00-18:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 14 March 2024

Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle (Chair), Karlien Cheyns, Manuela Mirat

- EFSA:
Agnieszka Mech, Ana Maria Rincon, Panagiota Zakidou

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Peter Fürst.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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IV. Scientific topics for discussion

a. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silicates (E 552-553a,b) (EFSA-Q-2021-00560)

The Working group discussed technical data related to magnesium silicates (E553a).

b. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silicon dioxide (E 551) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age and follow-up of the re-evaluation (EFSA-Q-2018-00526)

The Working group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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.

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c. Re-evaluation of saccharin (E954(i)) (EFSA-Q-2011-00736), sodium saccharin (E954(ii)) (EFSA-Q-2011-00737), calcium saccharin (E954(iii)) (EFSA-Q-2011-00738) and potassium saccharin (E954(iv)) (EFSA-Q-2011-00739)

The Working group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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. Any Other Business

None

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 16 April 2024 via web conference.

VII. Agreement of the minutes of the 62nd Working Group meeting held on the 14th of March 2024

The minutes were agreed.

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
Food Additives and Flavorings**
61st Working Group meeting on Specifications of
Food Additives



20th February 2024
09:00-18:00
MINUTES - Agreed on 20 February 2024

Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle, Peter Fürst (Chair), Manuela Mirat
- Hearing experts^{1,2}:
Fabio Alfieri (participated in agenda item IV.b)
- EFSA:
Agnieszka Mech, Ana Maria Rincon

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Karlien Cheyns.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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IV. Scientific topics for discussion

a. Re-evaluation of silicon dioxide (E 551) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age and follow-up of the re-evaluation (EFSA-Q-2018-00526)

The Working group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted. Subject to these

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² In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management, EFSA invited Fabio Alfieri (for agenda item IV b) to submit an ADoI. Their participation was limited to providing testimony, without the possibility to take on any role undertaken by members of the Working Group, in accordance with the applicable legal framework.

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



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

b. Re-evaluation of Sucralose (E 955) (EFSA-Q-2011-00724)

The Working group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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. Any Other Business

None

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 14 of March 2024 via web conference.

VII. Agreement of the minutes of the 61st Working Group meeting held on the 20th of February 2024

The minutes were agreed.

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
Food Additives and Flavorings**
60th Working Group meeting on Specifications of
Food Additives



8th February 2024
9:00-18:00
MINUTES - Agreed on 8 February 2024

Location: Web conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Peter Fürst (Chair), Eric Gaffet, Katrin Löschner, Jan Mast, Anna Undas
- EFSA:
Stefania Barmaz, Agnieszka Mech, Ana Maria Rincon, Laura Ruggeri

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Josefa Barrero.

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 topics for discussion

a. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silicon dioxide (E 551) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age and follow-up of the re-evaluation (EFSA-Q-2018-00526)

Discussion on specific aspects on the characterization of synthetic amorphous silica (SAS) used as E551 relevant for the toxicological assessment of this food additive took place.

b. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silicates (E 552-553a,b) (EFSA-Q-2021-00560)

The Working group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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.

c. Follow up on the re-evaluation of iron oxide (E 172) (EFSA-Q-2021-00178)

This item was not discussed due to lack of time.



V. Any Other Business

None.

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 17 April 2024 via web conference.

VII. Agreement of the minutes of the 60th Working Group meeting held on the 8th of February 2024

The minutes were agreed.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
Food Additives and Flavorings
59th Working Group meeting on Specifications of
Food Additives



6th February 2024

09:00-18:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 6 February 2024

Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle, Karlien Cheyns, Peter Fürst (Chair), Manuela Mirat
- Hearing experts^{1,2}:
Fabio Alfieri (participated in agenda item IV.b)
- EFSA:
Agnieszka Mech, Ana Maria Rincon, Panagiota Zakidou

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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 Independence³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁴, 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.

IV. Scientific topics for discussion

a. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silicates (E 552-553a,b) (EFSA-Q-2021-00560)

The Working group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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.

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² In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management, EFSA invited Fabio Alfieri (for agenda item IV b) to submit an ADoI. Their participation was limited to providing testimony, without the possibility to take on any role undertaken by members of the Working Group, in accordance with the applicable legal framework.

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b. Re-evaluation of Sucralose (E 955) (EFSA-Q-2011-00724)

The Working group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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. Any Other Business

None

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 20th of February 2024 via web conference.

VII. Agreement of the minutes of the 59th Working Group meeting held on the 6th of February 2024

The minutes were agreed.

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
Food Additives and Flavorings**
58th Working Group meeting on Specifications of
Food Additives



17th January 2024

9.00-18.00

MINUTES - Agreed on 17 January 2024

Location: Web conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Peter Fürst (Chair), Eric Gaffet, Katrin Löschner, Jan Mast, Anna Undas
- Hearing experts^{1,2}:
Ursula Gundert-Remy, Alicja Mortensen, Maria Bastos were invited to present their views for agenda item IV a) of the present meeting
- Hearing experts representing interested business operators^{1,2}:
Caroline Andersson, Claus-Peter Drexel, Tobias Schuster, Juergen Nolde, Dietmar Richter, Jenny Franklin, Jacques-Aurélien Sergent and Frank Babick were invited to present their views for agenda item IV a) of the present meeting. They attended the meeting from 10:00 to 12:15 (CET time)
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Valeriu Curtui, Agnieszka Mech, Ana Maria Rincon, Camilla Smeraldi and Laura Ruggeri
MESE Unit: Maria Chiara Astuto

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Josefa Barrero.

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 topics for discussion

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

² In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management, EFSA invited hearing experts (for agenda item IV a) to submit an ADoI. Their participation was limited to providing testimony, without the possibility to take on any role undertaken by members of the Working Group, in accordance with the applicable legal framework.



a. Applicant’s technical hearing on the follow up on the re-evaluation of silicon dioxide (E 551) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age and follow-up of the re-evaluation (EFSA-Q-2018-00526)

Upon a request from EFSA, the representatives of the interested business operator were given the opportunity to clarify the data submitted previously to EFSA. Outstanding issues on the data submitted were discussed. After the technical hearing was finished, and the hearing experts representing the interested business operator left the meeting, the Working Group discussed the clarifications provided during the meeting. EFSA will follow up by providing the interested business operator with a written summary of the points discussed.

b. Follow up on the re-evaluation of iron oxide (E 172) (EFSA-Q-2021-00178)

This item was not discussed due to lack of time.

c. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silicates (E 552-553a,b) (EFSA-Q-2021-00560)

The Working group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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. Any Other Business

None.

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 8 February 2024 via web conference.

VII. Agreement of the minutes of the 58th Working Group meeting held on the 17th of January 2024

The minutes were agreed.

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
Food Additives and Flavorings**
57th Working Group meeting on Specifications of
Food Additives



16 and 18th January 2024
09:00-18:00
MINUTES - Agreed on 18 January 2023

Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle, Peter Fürst (Chair), Karlien Cheyns, Manuela Mirat
- Hearing experts^{1,2}:
Fabio Alfieri (participated in agenda item IV.a)
- EFSA:
Agnieszka Mech, Ana Maria Rincon, Sam Vermeiren, Panagiota Zakidou

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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 Independence³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁴, 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.

IV. Scientific topics for discussion

a. Re-evaluation of Sucralose (E 955) (EFSA-Q-2011-00724)

The Working group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted. Subject to these

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² In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management, EFSA invited Fabio Alfieri (for agenda item IV a) to submit an ADoI. Their participation was limited to providing testimony, without the possibility to take on any role undertaken by members of the Working Group, in accordance with the applicable legal framework.

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

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



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

b. Re-evaluation of saccharin (E954(i)) (EFSA-Q-2011-00736), sodium saccharin (E954(ii)) (EFSA-Q-2011-00737), calcium saccharin (E954(iii)) (EFSA-Q-2011-00738) and potassium saccharin (E954(iv)) (EFSA-Q-2011-00739)

The Working group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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.

c. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silicates (E 552-553a,b) (EFSA-Q-2021-00560)

The Working group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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.

d. Follow up on the re-evaluation of iron oxide (E 172) (EFSA-Q-2021-00178)

The Working group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted.

V. Any Other Business

The WG was informed that on 20 December 2023 a preparatory meeting to discuss the re-evaluation of Shellac (EFSA-Q-2011-00705) took place with Laurence Castle, Peter Fürst and Maria Jose Frutos (invited as a hearing expert).

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 6 and 20 February 2024 via web conference.

VII. Agreement of the minutes of the 57th Working Group meeting held on the 16 and 18th of January 2024

The minutes were agreed



**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
Food Additives and Flavorings**
56th Working Group meeting on Specifications of
Food Additives



7th December 2023

09:00-18:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 7 December 2023

Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle, Peter Fürst (Chair), Karlien Cheyns, Manuela Mirat
- Hearing experts:
Fabio Alfieri¹ (participated in agenda item IV.a)
- EFSA:
Stefania Barmaz, Agnieszka Mech, Ana Maria Rincon, Sam Vermeiren, Panagiota Zakidou

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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 Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, 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.

IV. Scientific topics for discussion

a. Re-evaluation of Sucralose (E 955) (EFSA-Q-2011-00724)

The Working Group discussed the first draft of the technical part of the opinion. Based on the comments provided by the participants a draft document will be presented for discussion at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

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

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



b. Re-evaluation of saccharin (E954(i)) (EFSA-Q-2011-00736), sodium saccharin (E954(ii)) (EFSA-Q-2011-00737), calcium saccharin (E954(iii)) (EFSA-Q-2011-00738) and potassium saccharin (E954(iv)) (EFSA-Q-2011-00739)

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion. Based on the comments provided by the participants a draft document will be presented for discussion at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

c. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silicates (E 552-553a,b) (EFSA-Q-2021-00560)

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion. Based on the comments provided by the participants a draft document will be presented for discussion at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

V. Any Other Business

None

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 16 and 18 January 2024 via web conference.

VII. Agreement of the minutes of the 56th Working Group meeting held on the 7th of December 2023

The minutes were agreed

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
Food Additives and Flavorings**
55th Working Group meeting on Specifications of
Food Additives



6th December 2023

9.00-18.00

MINUTES - Agreed on 6 December 2023

Location: Web conference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Peter Fürst (Chair), Eric Gaffet, Katrin Löschner, Jan Mast, Anna Undas
- EFSA:
Stefania Barmaz, Agnieszka Mech, Ana Maria Rincon, Laura Ruggeri

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Josefa Barrero.

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 topics for discussion

a. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silicon dioxide (E 551) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age and follow-up of the re-evaluation (EFSA-Q-2018-00526)

The Working Group was consulted on the protocols of sample preparation used in toxicity studies with special emphasis on dispersion.

b. Follow up on the re-evaluation of iron oxide (E 172) (EFSA-Q-2021-00178)

The Working group discussed the relevance of specific iron oxides for the assessment of E 172 considering specific properties as e.g. morphology.

c. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silicates (E 552-553a,b) (EFSA-Q-2021-00560)

The Working group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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. Any Other Business

None.

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 17 January 2024 via web conference.

VII. Agreement of the minutes of the 55th Working Group meeting held on the 6th of December 2023

The minutes were agreed.

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
Food Additives and Flavorings**
54th Working Group meeting on Specifications of
Food Additives



28th and 29th November 2023
09:00-18:00 and 9:00-13:00
MINUTES - Agreed on 29 November 2023

Location: In person, Parma

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle, Peter Fürst (Chair), Karlien Cheyns, Manuela Mirat
- Hearing experts:
Fabio Alfieri¹ (participated in agenda item IV.c)
- EFSA:
Agnieszka Mech, Ana Maria Rincon, Alexandra Tard, Panagiota Zakidou

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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 Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, 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.

IV. Scientific topics for discussion

a. Follow-up on the re-evaluation of Quillaia (E 999) (EFSA -Q-2022-00541) and safety assessment on its proposed extension of uses (EFSA-Q-2022-00475; EFSA-Q-2022-00476)

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion. Based on the comments provided by the participants a draft document will be presented for discussion at a forthcoming FAF Panel meeting.

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² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf
³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



b. Re-evaluation of saccharin (E954(i)) (EFSA-Q-2011-00736), sodium saccharin (E954(ii)) (EFSA-Q-2011-00737), calcium saccharin (E954(iii)) (EFSA-Q-2011-00738) and potassium saccharin (E954(iv)) (EFSA-Q-2011-00739)

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion. Based on the comments provided by the participants a draft document will be presented for discussion at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

c. Re-evaluation of Acesulfame-K (E950) (EFSA-Q-2011-00721) (EFSA-Q-2011-00727)

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion. Based on the comments provided by the participants a draft document will be presented for discussion at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

d. Re-evaluation of Neotame (E 961) (EFSA-Q-2011-00740)

The Working Group discussed additional technical data submitted by an interested business operator. Based on the comments provided by the participants a draft document will be presented for discussion at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

V. Any Other Business

None

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 7 December 2023 via web conference.

VII. Agreement of the minutes of the 54th Working Group meeting held on the 28th and 29th of November 2023

The minutes were agreed.

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
Food Additives and Flavorings**
53rd Working Group meeting on Specifications of
Food Additives



7-8th November 2023
14:00-18:00 and 9.00-13.00
MINUTES - Agreed on 8 November 2023

Location: In person, Parma

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Peter Fürst (Chair), Eric Gaffet, Jan Mast, Anna Undas
- Hearing expert:
Josefa Barrero¹
- EFSA:
Elena Mazzoli, Agnieszka Mech, Ana Maria Rincon, Sam Vermeiren, Panagiota Zakidou

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Katrin Löschner.

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 topics for discussion

a. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silicon dioxide (E 551) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age and follow-up of the re-evaluation (EFSA-Q-2018-00526)

The Working Group was consulted on the relevance of test materials used in toxicity studies identified in the literature.

b. Follow up on the re-evaluation of iron oxide (E 172) (EFSA-Q-2021-00178)

The Working group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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.

c. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silicates (E 552-553a,b) (EFSA-Q-2021-00560)

¹ Participated only on the second day of the meeting



The Working group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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. Any Other Business

None.

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 6 December 2023 via web conference.

VII. Agreement of the minutes of the 53rd Working Group meeting held on the 8th of November 2023

The minutes were agreed.

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
Food Additives and Flavorings**
52nd Working Group meeting on Specifications of
Food Additives



17th and 19th October 2023
09:00-18:00 each day
MINUTES - Agreed on 19 October 2023

Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle, Peter Fürst (Chair), Karlien Cheyns, Manuela Mirat
- Hearing experts:
Fabio Alfieri¹ (participated in agenda item IV.c)
- EFSA:
Agnieszka Mech, Ana Maria Rincon, Alexandra Tard, Panagiota Zakidou

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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 Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, 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.

IV. Scientific topics for discussion

a. Follow-up on the re-evaluation of Quillaia (E 999) (EFSA -Q-2022-00541) and safety assessment on its proposed extension of uses (EFSA-Q-2022-00475; EFSA-Q-2022-00476)

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion. Based on the comments provided by the participants a draft document will be presented for discussion at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

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² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf
³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



b. Re-evaluation of saccharin (E954(i)) (EFSA-Q-2011-00736), sodium saccharin (E954(ii)) (EFSA-Q-2011-00737), calcium saccharin (E954(iii)) (EFSA-Q-2011-00738) and potassium saccharin (E954(iv)) (EFSA-Q-2011-00739)

This item was not discussed due to the lack of time.

c. Re-evaluation of Acesulfame-K (E950) (EFSA-Q-2011-00721)

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion. Based on the comments provided by the participants a draft document will be presented for discussion at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

d. Follow up on the re-evaluation of vegetable carbon (E 153)(EFSA-Q-2022-00830)

Technical data related to impurities in E 153 submitted by an interested business operator were evaluated and discussed. Based on the comments provided by the participants a draft document will be presented for discussion at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

e. Re-evaluation of Neotame (E 961) (EFSA-Q-2011-00740)

The Working Group discussed additional technical data submitted by an interested business operator. Based on the comments provided by the participants a draft document will be presented for discussion at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

V. Any Other Business

None

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 28 and 29 November 2023.

VII. Agreement of the minutes of the 52nd Working Group meeting held on the 17th and 19th of October 2023

The minutes were agreed

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
Food Additives and Flavorings**
51st Working Group meeting on Specifications of
Food Additives



5th October 2023
09:00-18:00
MINUTES - Agreed on 5 October 2023

Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Peter Fürst (Chair), Eric Gaffet, Katrin Löschner, Jan Mast, Anna Undas
- Hearing expert:
Josefa Barrero
- EFSA:
Agnieszka Mech, Ana Maria Rincon

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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 topics for discussion

a. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silicon dioxide (E 551) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age and follow-up of the re-evaluation (EFSA-Q-2018-00526)

The Working Group was consulted on the relevance of test materials applied in toxicity studies.

b. Follow up on the re-evaluation of iron oxide (E 172) (EFSA-Q-2021-00178)

The Working group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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.

c. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silicates (E 552-553a,b) (EFSA-Q-2021-00560)

This item was not discussed due to lack of time.



V. Any Other Business

None.

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 7 and 8 November 2023 in Parma.

VII. Agreement of the minutes of the 51th Working Group meeting held on the 5th of October 2023

The minutes were agreed.

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
Food Additives and Flavorings**
50th Working Group meeting on Specifications of
Food Additives



19th September 2023

09:00-18:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 19 September 2023

Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Peter Fürst (Chair), Eric Gaffet, Katrin Löschner, Jan Mast, Anna Undas
- EFSA:
Agnieszka Mech, Ana Maria Rincon, Panagiota Zakidou

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Josefa Barrero.

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 topics for discussion

a. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silicon dioxide (E 551) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age and follow-up of the re-evaluation (EFSA-Q-2018-00526)

The Working Group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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.

b. Follow up on the re-evaluation of iron oxide (E 172) (EFSA-Q-2021-00178)

The Working group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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.

c. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silicates (E 552-553a,b) (EFSA-Q-2021-00560)

This item was not discussed due to lack of time.



V. Any Other Business

None.

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 5 October 2023 via web conference.

VII. Agreement of the minutes of the 50th Working Group meeting held on the 19th of September 2023

The minutes were agreed.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
Food Additives and Flavorings
49th Working Group meeting on Specifications of
Food Additives



5th and 6th September 2023
09:00-18:00 each day
MINUTES - Agreed on 6 September 2023

Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle, Peter Fürst (Chair), Karlien Cheyngs¹, Manuela Mirat
- Hearing experts:
Fabio Alfieri² (participated in agenda item IV.c)
- EFSA:
Stefania Barmaz, Agnieszka Mech, Ana Maria Rincon, Alexandra Tard, Panagiota Zakidou

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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 Independence³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁴, 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.

IV. Scientific topics for discussion

a. Follow-up on the re-evaluation of Quillaia (E 999) (EFSA -Q-2022-00541) and safety assessment on its proposed extension of uses (EFSA-Q-2022-00475; EFSA-Q-2022-00476)

The Working Group discussed the draft opinion. Based on the comments provided by the participants a draft document will be presented for discussion at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

¹ Participated only on 5th September 2023

² As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

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

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



b. Re-evaluation of saccharin (E954(i)) (EFSA-Q-2011-00736), sodium saccharin (E954(ii)) (EFSA-Q-2011-00737), calcium saccharin (E954(iii)) (EFSA-Q-2011-00738) and potassium saccharin (E954(iv)) (EFSA-Q-2011-00739)

The Working Group discussed the technical data submitted by interested business operators. Based on the comments provided by the participants a draft document will be presented for discussion at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

c. Re-evaluation of Acesulfame-K (E950) (EFSA-Q-2011-00721)

The Working Group discussed the technical data submitted by an interested business operator. Based on the comments provided by the participants a draft document will be presented for discussion at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

d. Follow up on the re-evaluation of iron oxide (E 172) (EFSA-Q-2021-00178)

The Working Group discussed the technical data submitted by interested business operators. Based on the comments provided by the participants a draft document will be presented for discussion at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

e. Follow up on the re-evaluation of vegetable carbon (E 153) (EFSA-Q-2022-00830)

This item was not discussed due to lack of time.

V. Any Other Business

None.

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 17 and 19 October 2023 via web conference.

VII. Agreement of the minutes of the 49th Working Group meeting held on 5th-6th September 2023

The minutes were agreed.

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
Food Additives and Flavorings**
48th Working Group meeting on Specifications of
Food Additives



4th July 2023

09:00-18:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 4 July 2023

Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle, Karlien Cheyens, Peter Fürst (Chair), Manuela Mirat
- EFSA:
Agnieszka Mech, Ana Maria Rincon, Panagiota Zakidou

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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 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.

IV. Scientific topics for discussion

a. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silicon dioxide (E 551) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age and follow-up of the re-evaluation (EFSA-Q-2018-00526)

The Working Group discussed the technical additional data submitted by interested business operators. The Working Group considered that further clarifications are needed to proceed with the assessment.

b. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silicates (E 552-553a,b) (EFSA-Q-2021-00560)

The Working Group discussed the technical additional data submitted by an interested business operator for talc (E 553b). The Working Group considered that further clarifications are needed to proceed with the assessment.

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



c. Re-evaluation of saccharin (E954(i)) (EFSA-Q-2011-00736), sodium saccharin (E954(ii)) (EFSA-Q-2011-00737), calcium saccharin (E954(iii)) (EFSA-Q-2011-00738) and potassium saccharin (E954(iv)) (EFSA-Q-2011-00739)

The Working Group discussed the technical data submitted by interested business operators for the assessment.

d. Follow up on the re-evaluation of iron oxide (E 172) (EFSA-Q-2021-00178)

The Working Group discussed the technical data submitted by interested business operators for the assessment.

V. Any Other Business

None.

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 5-6 September 2023 via web conference.

VII. Agreement of the minutes of the 48th Working Group meeting held on the 4th of July 2023

The minutes were agreed.

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
Food Additives and Flavorings**
47th Working Group meeting on Specifications of
Food Additives



14th June 2023
09:00-18:00
MINUTES - Agreed on 14 June 2023

Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Peter Fürst (Chair), Eric Gaffet, Katrin Löschner, Jan Mast, Anna Undas
- EFSA:
Agnieszka Mech, Ana Maria Rincon, Panagiota Zakidou

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Josefa Barrero.

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 topics for discussion

a. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silicon dioxide (E 551) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age and follow-up of the re-evaluation (EFSA-Q-2018-00526)

The Working Group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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

b. Follow up on the re-evaluation of iron oxide (E 172) (EFSA-Q-2021-00178)

The Working group discussed technical data submitted by an IBO and considered that further clarifications are needed to proceed with the assessment.

c. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silicates (E 552-553a,b) (EFSA-Q-2021-00560)

The Working group discussed technical data submitted by IBOs.

V. Any Other Business

None.



VI. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 19 September 2023 via web conference.

VII. Agreement of the minutes of the 47th Working Group meeting held on the 14th of June 2023

The minutes were agreed.

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
Food Additives and Flavorings**
46th Working Group meeting on Specifications of
Food Additives



13th June 2023
09:00-18:00
MINUTES - Agreed on 13 June 2023

Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle, Peter Fürst (Chair), Karlien Cheyns, Manuela Mirat
- EFSA:
Agnieszka Mech, Ana Maria Rincon, Panagiota Zakidou

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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 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.

IV. Scientific topics for discussion

a. Re-evaluation of Neotame (E 961) (EFSA-Q-2011-00740)

The Working Group discussed the technical data submitted by an interested business operator and considered that further clarifications are needed to proceed with the assessment.

b. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silicon dioxide (E 551) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age and follow-up of the re-evaluation (EFSA-Q-2018-00526)

The Working Group discussed relevant information for the assessment of the food additive.

c. Re-evaluation of saccharin (E954(i)) (EFSA-Q-2011-00736), sodium saccharin (E954(ii)) (EFSA-Q-2011-00737), calcium saccharin (E954(iii)) (EFSA-Q-2011-00738) and potassium saccharin (E954(iv)) (EFSA-Q-2011-00739)

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



The Working Group discussed the technical data submitted by interested business operators. Based on the comments provided by the participants a draft document will be presented for discussion at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

d. Follow up on the re-evaluation of Quillaia (E 999) (EFSA -Q-2022-00541)

The Working Group discussed the technical data submitted by interested business operators. Based on the comments provided by the participants a draft document will be presented for discussion at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

V. Any Other Business

None.

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 4 July 2023 via web conference.

VII. Agreement of the minutes of the 45th Working Group meeting held on the 13th of June 2023

The minutes were agreed.

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
Food Additives and Flavorings**
45th Working Group meeting on Specifications of
Food Additives



25th May 2023

09:00-18:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 25 May 2023

Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle, Peter Fürst (Chair), Karlien Cheyns, Manuela Mirat
- EFSA:
Agnieszka Mech, Ana Maria Rincon, Panagiota Zakidou

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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 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.

IV. Scientific topics for discussion

a. Follow-up on the re-evaluation of Quillaia (E 999) (EFSA -Q-2022-00541)

The Working Group discussed the technical additional data submitted by interested business operators. Based on the comments provided by the participants a draft document will be presented for discussion at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

b. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silicon dioxide (E 551) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age and follow-up of the re-evaluation (EFSA-Q-2018-00526)

This item was not discussed due to lack of time.

c. Follow up on the re-evaluation of vegetable carbon (E 153) (EFSA-Q-2022-00830)

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



The Working Group discussed the technical data submitted by interested business operators for the assessment.

d. Re-evaluation of Neotame (E 961) (EFSA-Q-2011-00740)

The Working Group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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. Any Other Business

None.

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 13 June via web conference.

VII. Agreement of the minutes of the 45th Working Group meeting held on the 25th of May 2023

The minutes were agreed.

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
Food Additives and Flavorings**
44th Working Group meeting on Specifications of
Food Additives



24th May 2023
09:00-18:00
MINUTES - Agreed on 24 May 2023

Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Peter Fürst (Chair), Eric Gaffet, Katrin Löschner, Jan Mast, Anna Undas
- Hearing expert:
Josefa Barrero
- EFSA:
Agnieszka Mech, Ana Maria Rincon, Panagiota Zakidou

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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 topics for discussion

a. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silver (E 174) (EFSA-Q-2023-00169)

The Working group discussed technical data submitted by an IBO and considered that further clarifications are needed to proceed with the assessment.

b. Follow up on the re-evaluation of iron oxide (E 172) (EFSA-Q-2021-00178)

The Working Group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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.

c. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silicates (E 552-553a,b) (EFSA-Q-2021-00560)

The Working group discussed technical data submitted by IBOs.

V. Any Other Business



None.

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 14 June 2023 via web conference.

VII. Agreement of the minutes of the 44th Working Group meeting held on the 24th of May 2023

The minutes were agreed.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
Food Additives and Flavorings
43rd Working Group meeting on Specifications of
Food Additives



25th April 2023

09:00-18:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 25 April 2023

Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle (Chair), Karlien Cheyns, Manuela Mirat
- Hearing experts:
Fabio Alfieri¹ (participated in agenda item IV.a)
- EFSA:
Agnieszka Mech, Ana Maria Rincon, Panagiota Zakidou

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Peter Fürst.

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 Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, 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.

IV. Scientific topics for discussion

a. Re-evaluation of maltitol (965(i)) and maltitol syrup (965(ii)) (EFSA-Q-2017-00490; EFSA-Q-2011-00755)

The Working Group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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.

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

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

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



b. Re-evaluation of calcium carbonate (E 170) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age and follow-up of the re-evaluation (EFSA-Q-2018-00088)

The Working Group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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.

c. Follow up on the re-evaluation of talc (E 553b) (EFSA-Q-2021-00560)

Additional technical data submitted by an IBO were discussed.

d. Re-evaluation of Neotame (E 961) (EFSA-Q-2011-00740)

This item was not discussed due to the lack of time.

V. Any Other Business

None.

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 25 May via web conference.

VII. Agreement of the minutes of the 43rd Working Group meeting held on the 25th of April 2023

The minutes were agreed.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
Food Additives and Flavorings
42nd Working Group meeting on Specifications of
Food Additives



20th April 2023
09:00-18:00
MINUTES - Agreed on 20 April 2023

Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Peter Fürst (Chair), Eric Gaffet, Katrin Löschner, Jan Mast, Anna Undas
- Hearing expert:
Josefa Barrero
- EFSA:
Agnieszka Mech, Ana Maria Rincon, Panagiota Zakidou

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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 topics for discussion

a. Follow up on re-evaluation of silicon dioxide (E 551) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age and follow-up of the re-evaluation (EFSA-Q-2018-00526)

The Working Group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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.

b. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silver (E 174) (EFSA-Q-2023-00169)

The Working group discussed technical data submitted by an IBO.

c. Follow up on the re-evaluation of iron oxide (E 172) (EFSA-Q-2021-00178)

The Working Group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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. Any Other Business

The Working Group was consulted regarding the data on particle size submitted for the re-evaluation of Neotame (E 961) (EFSA-Q-2011-00740).

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 24 May 2023 via web conference.

VII. Agreement of the minutes of the 42nd Working Group meeting held on the 20th of April 2023

The minutes were agreed.

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
Food Additives and Flavorings**
41st Working Group meeting on Specifications of
Food Additives



24th March 2023

09:00-18:00

MINUTES – Agreed on 24 March 2023

Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Eric Gaffet, Peter Fürst (Chair), Katrin Löschner, Jan Mast, Anna Undas
- Hearing expert:
Josefa Barrero
- EFSA:
Ana Maria Rincon, Agnieszka Mech, Panagiota Zakidou

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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 topics for discussion

a. Follow up on re-evaluation of silicon dioxide (E 551) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age and follow-up of the re-evaluation (EFSA-Q-2018-00526)

The Working Group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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.

b. Follow up on the re-evaluation of iron oxide (E 172) (EFSA-Q-2021-00178)

The Working Group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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.



c. Follow up on the re-evaluation of Silver (E 174) (EFSA-Q-2023-00169)

This item was not discussed due to lack of time.

d. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silicates (E 552-553a,b) (EFSA-Q-2021-00560)

Additional technical data on particle size and morphology on calcium silicate (E 552), magnesium silicate (E 553a(i)), magnesium trisilicate (E 553a(ii)) submitted by interested business operators were discussed

The Working Group considered that additional clarifications would be needed to proceed with the assessment

V. Any Other Business

The Working Group was consulted regarding the protocol of SEM analysis of Naringenin (EFSA-Q-2017-00001).

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 20 April 2023 via web conference.

VII. Agreement of the minutes of the 41th Working Group meeting held on the 24th of March 2023

The minutes were agreed.

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
Food Additives and Flavorings**
40th Working Group meeting on Specifications of
Food Additives



13th March 2023

09:00-18:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 13 March 2023

Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle (Chair), Karlien Cheyns, Manuela Mirat
- Hearing experts:
Fabio Alfieri¹ (participated in agenda item IV.a)
- EFSA:
Gabriele Gagliardi, Agnieszka Mech, Ana Maria Rincon, Alexandra Tard, Panagiota Zakidou

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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 Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, 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.

IV. Scientific topics for discussion

a. Re-evaluation of maltitol (965(i)) and maltitol syrup (965(ii)) (EFSA-Q-2017-00490; EFSA-Q-2011-00755)

The Working Group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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.

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

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



b. Follow up on the re-evaluation of Indigo carmine (E 132) as a food additive (EFSA-Q-2021-00180)

The Working Group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted.

The Working Group considered that additional clarifications are needed to proceed with the assessment.

c. Follow up on the re-evaluation of Glycerol esters of wood rosins (E 445) as a food additive (EFSA-Q- 2021-00564)

The Working Group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted.

d. Re-evaluation of calcium carbonate (E 170) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age and follow-up of the re-evaluation (EFSA-Q-2018-00088)

The Working Group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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. Any Other Business

None

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 25 April via web conference.

VII. Agreement of the minutes of the 40th Working Group meeting held on the 13th of March 2023

The minutes were agreed.

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
Food Additives and Flavorings**
39th Working Group meeting on Specifications of
Food Additives



28 February 2023

09:00-18:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 28 February 2023

Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Eric Gaffet, Peter Fürst (Chair), Katrin Löschner, Jan Mast, Anna Undas
- Hearing expert:
Josefa Barrero
- EFSA:
Agnieszka Mech, Ana Maria Rincon, Panagiota Zakidou

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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 topics for discussion

a. Follow up on the re-evaluation of gold (E 175) (EFSA-Q-2021-00562)

The Working Group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted.

b. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silicates (E 552-553a,b) (EFSA-Q-2021-00560)

Additional technical data on particle size and morphology on calcium silicate (E 552), magnesium silicate (E 553a(i)), magnesium trisilicate (E 553a(ii)) and talc (E 553b) submitted by interested business operators were discussed.

V. Any Other Business

The Working Group was consulted on considerations for assessment of liquid materials.

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 24 March 2023 via web conference.



VII. Agreement of the minutes of the 39th Working Group meeting held on the 28th of February 2023

The minutes were agreed.

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
Food Additives and Flavorings**
38th Working Group meeting on Specifications of
Food Additives



14 and 15 February 2023
09:00-18:00 each day
MINUTES - Agreed on 15 February 2023

Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle, Karlien Cheyns¹, Manuela Mirat, Peter Fürst (Chair)
- EFSA:
Stefania Barmaz, Agnieszka Mech, Ana Maria Rincon, Panagiota Zakidou

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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 Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, 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.

IV. Scientific topics for discussion

a. Follow up on the re-evaluation of Indigo carmine (E 132) as a food additive (EFSA-Q-2021-00180)

The Working Group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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.

b. Follow up on the re-evaluation of Glycerol esters of wood rosins (E 445) as a food additive (EFSA-Q- 2021-00564)

The Working Group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted. Subject to these

¹ Participated only on 14th February 2023

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

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



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

c. Re-evaluation of erythritol (E968) (EFSA -Q-2011-00730)

The Working Group discussed additional data submitted by one interested business operator.

d. Re-evaluation of sucrose esters of fatty acids (E 473) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age (EFSA-Q-2018-00101)

The Working Group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted. The document will be further considered for the assessment at the FAF Working Group on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age.

e. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silicates (E 552-553a,b) (EFSA-Q-2021-00560)

Technical data related to impurities in silicates (E552-553a) submitted by interested business operators were evaluated and discussed.

f. Re-evaluation of calcium carbonate (E 170) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age and follow-up of the re-evaluation (EFSA-Q-2018-00088)

The Working Group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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. Any Other Business

None

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 13 March via web conference.

VII. Agreement of the minutes of the 38th Working Group meeting held on the 14th and 15th of February 2023

The minutes were agreed

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
Food Additives and Flavorings**
37th Working Group meeting on Specifications of
Food Additives



19 and 25 January 2023
09:00-18:00 each day
MINUTES - Agreed on 25 January 2023

Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle, Karlien Cheyns¹, Manuela Mirat, Peter Fürst (Chair)
- EFSA:
Ana Maria Rincon, Agnieszka Mech, Panagiota Zakidou, Stefania Barmaz, Alex Tard

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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 Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, 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.

IV. Scientific topics for discussion

a. Re-evaluation of silicon dioxide (E 551) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age and follow-up of the re-evaluation (EFSA-Q-2018-00526)

The Working Group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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.

b. Follow up on the re-evaluation of Glycerol esters of wood rosins (E 445) as a food additive (EFSA-Q- 2021-00564)

The Working Group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted. Subject to these

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

The Working Group considered that additional clarifications from one of the interested business operators would be needed to proceed with the assessment.

c. Follow up on the re-evaluation of Indigo carmine (E132) as a food additive (EFSA-Q-2021-00180)

The Working Group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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.

d. Follow up on the re-evaluation of iron oxide (E 172) (EFSA-Q-2021-00178)

The Working Group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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.

e. Re-evaluation of sucrose esters of fatty acids (E 473) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age (EFSA-Q-2018-00101)

The Working Group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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.

f. Follow up on the re-evaluation of vegetable carbon (E 153)(EFSA-Q-2022-00830)

Technical data related to impurities in E 551 submitted by interested business operators were evaluated and discussed.

g. Re-evaluation of calcium carbonate (E 170) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age and follow-up of the re-evaluation (EFSA-Q-2018-00088)

The Working Group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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.

h. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silicates (E 552-553a,b) (EFSA-Q-2021-00560)

Due to the lack of time this agenda item was postponed to the next WG meeting.

V. Any Other Business

None

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 14 and 15 February 2023 via web conference.

VII. Agreement of the minutes of the 37th Working Group meeting held on the 19th and 25th of January 2023

The minutes were agreed

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
Food Additives and Flavorings**
36th Working Group meeting on Specifications of
Food Additives



17 and 26 January 2023
09:00-18:00 each day
MINUTES - Agreed on 26 January 2023

Location: Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Eric Gaffet, Peter Fürst (Chair), Katrin Löschner, Jan Mast, Anna Undas¹
- EFSA:
Ana Maria Rincon, Agnieszka Mech, Panagiota Zakidou

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Josefa Barrero

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.

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

IV. Scientific topics for discussion

a. Re-evaluation of silicon dioxide (E 551) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age and follow-up of the re-evaluation (EFSA-Q-2018-00526)

The Working Group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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.

The Working Group considered that additional clarifications would be needed to proceed with the assessment.

¹ She participated only on 17th January 2023



b. Follow up on the re-evaluation of iron oxide (E 172) (EFSA-Q-2021-00178)

Additional technical data submitted on iron oxide and hydroxides (E 172) by interested business operators were discussed and the assessment of the data was prepared.

c. Follow up on the re-evaluation of vegetable carbon (E 153)(EFSA-Q-2022-00830)

Technical data submitted by an interested business operator were discussed. The Working Group considered that additional clarifications would be needed to proceed with the assessment.

d. Follow up on the re-evaluation of gold (E 175) (EFSA-Q-2021-00562)

The Working Group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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.

e. Re-evaluation of calcium carbonate (E 170) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age and follow-up of the re-evaluation (EFSA-Q-2018-00088)

The Working Group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted.

f. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silicates (E 552-553a,b) (EFSA-Q-2021-00560)

Additional technical data on calcium silicate (E 552), magnesium silicate (E 553b(i)) magnesium trisilicate (E 553b(ii)) submitted by an interested business operator were discussed.

V. Any Other Business

None

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 28 February 2023 via web conference.

VII. Agreement of the minutes of the 36th Working Group meeting held on the 17th and 26th of January 2023

The minutes were agreed



Annex I

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

NO CONFLICT: With regard to this meeting, Jan Mast declared the following interest: new interest as membership of a scientific advisory entity and new research funding not declared in his previous ADOI (validity until 25th February 2023). In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interests above were not deemed to represent a Conflict of Interest for the expert concerned.

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

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 35th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 22nd and 24th of November 2022 (Web conference)

(Agreed on 24th of November 2022)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle, Karlien Cheyns, Manuela Mirat, Peter Fürst (Chair)
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Ana Maria Rincon, Agnieszka Mech.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related 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.

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4. Scientific topics for discussion

4.1. Re-evaluation of erythritol (E968) – EFSA -Q-2011-00730

Technical data submitted by interested business operators were evaluated and discussed. The Working Group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion, and further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted. The Working Group considered that additional clarifications are needed to proceed with the assessment.

4.2. Follow up on the re-evaluation of iron oxide (E 172) (EFSA-Q-2021-00178)

The Working Group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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.

4.3. Re-evaluation of silicon dioxide (E 551) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age (EFSA-Q-2018-00526)

Technical data related to impurities in E 551 submitted by interested business operators were evaluated and discussed.

4.4. Follow-up re-evaluation of Quillaia (E999) - EFSA -Q-2022-00541

Information submitted for the follow-up re-evaluation of Quillaia (E999) was evaluated and the Working Group considered that additional clarifications are needed to proceed with the assessment.

4.5. Follow up on the re-evaluation of Indigo carmine (E132) as a food additive (EFSA-Q-2021-00180)

Technical data submitted by the interested business operator was evaluated and discussed.

4.6. Follow up on the re-evaluation of Glycerol esters of wood rosins (E 445) as a food additive (EFSA-Q- 2021-00564)

Technical data submitted by an interested business operator was evaluated and discussed.

5. Any Other Business

Working group meeting dates in 2023 were agreed.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 35th Working Group meeting held on the 22nd and 24th of November 2022

The minutes were agreed.



Food Ingredients and Packaging Unit

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 34th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 15th of November 2022 (Webconference)

(Agreed on 15th of November 2022)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Peter Fürst (Chair), Eric Gaffet, Jan Mast, Katrin Löschner, Anna Undas.
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Federica Lodi, Agnieszka Mech, Ana Maria Rincon
- Hearing Experts:
Josefa Barrero (JRC)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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

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screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topics for discussion

4.1. Re-evaluation of locust bean gum (E 410) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age and follow-up of its re-evaluation as a food additive for uses in foods for all population groups (EFSA-Q-2018-00095)

Technical data submitted on locust bean gum (E410) by the interested business operators were discussed and the assessment of the data was prepared. The assessment of the data will be further considered for the re-evaluation of this food additive at the EFSA Working Group on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age.

4.2. Re-evaluation of Shellac (E 904) as a food additive (EFSA-Q-2011-00705)

Technical data submitted on Shellac (E904) by the interested business operators were evaluated and the Working Group considered that additional clarifications would be needed to proceed with the assessment.

4.3. Follow up on the re-evaluation of gold (E 175) (EFSA-Q-2021-00562)

Based on the characterisation of gold used as E 175, the Working Group identified gold materials that are not relevant for the safety assessment of this food additive.

4.4. Follow up on the re-evaluation of iron oxide and hydroxides (E 172) (EFSA-Q-2021-00178)

Additional technical data submitted on iron oxide and hydroxides (E 172) by an interested business operator were discussed and the assessment of the data was prepared. The Working Group considered that additional clarifications would be needed to proceed with the assessment.

4.5. Re-evaluation of silicon dioxide (E 551) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age and follow up on the re-evaluation (EFSA-Q-2018-00526)

Additional technical data submitted on silicon dioxide (E551) by the interested business operators were discussed and the assessment of the data was prepared. The Working Group considered that additional clarifications would be needed to proceed with the assessment

5. Any Other Business

The dates of the working group meetings in 2023 were agreed.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 34th Working Group meeting held 15.11.2022

The minutes were agreed.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 33rd MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 13th of October 2022 (Web conference)

(Agreed on 13th of October 2022)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle, Karlien Cheyns, Manuela Mirat, Peter Fürst (Chair)
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Marcello Laganaro, Ana Maria Rincon, Agnieszka Mech.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related 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.

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4. Scientific topics for discussion

4.1. **Re-evaluation of calcium carbonate (E 170) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age (EFSA-Q-2018-00088)**

The additional information on impurities submitted by interested business operators was evaluated and the Working Group considered that additional clarifications would be needed to proceed with the assessment.

4.2. **Re-evaluation of erythritol (E968) – EFSA -Q-2011-00730**

Information submitted by interested business operators was evaluated and discussed. The Working Group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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.

4.3. **Follow-up re-evaluation of Quillaia (E999) - EFSA -Q-2022-00541**

Information submitted for the follow-up re-evaluation of Quillaia (E999) was evaluated by the Working Group. The Working Group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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.

4.4. **Re-evaluation of silicon dioxide (E 551) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age and follow-up of the re-evaluation (EFSA-Q-2018-00526)**

This item was not discussed due to the lack of time and will be discussed in the forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5. Any Other Business

The agenda items for the next Working Group meeting scheduled on the 22nd and 24th of November were agreed.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 33rd Working Group meeting held on the 13th of October 2022

The minutes were agreed.



Food Ingredients and Packaging Unit

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 32nd MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 22nd of September 2022 (Webconference)

(Agreed on 22nd of September 2022)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Peter Fürst (Chair), Eric Gaffet, Jan Mast, Katrin Löschner, Anna Undas.
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Consuelo Civitella, Marcello Laganaro, Federica Lodi, Agnieszka Mech, Ana Maria Rincon,
- Hearing Experts:
Josefa Barrero (JRC)
Francesco Cubadda^{1,2}

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

¹ Agenda item 4.4

² As defined in Article 15 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work:

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



3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁴, 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.

4. Scientific topics for discussion

4.1 Re-evaluation of Neohesperidine DC (E 959) (EFSA-Q-2011-00726)

Data submitted on Neohesperidine DC (E 959) by the interested business operators were discussed and the assessment of the data was prepared. The assessment of the data will be further presented in a forthcoming FAF Panel Plenary

4.2. Re-evaluation of sodium carboxymethyl cellulose (E 466) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age (EFSA-Q-2018-00099)

Data submitted on sodium carboxymethyl cellulose (E 466) by an interested business operator were discussed and the assessment of the data was prepared. The assessment of the data will be further considered for the re-evaluation of this food additive at the EFSA Working Group on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age.

4.3. Follow up on the re-evaluation of gold (E 175) (EFSA-Q-2021-00562)

Data submitted on gold (E 175) were discussed. A draft technical part will be presented for discussion in a forthcoming WG meeting.

4.4. Re-evaluation of calcium carbonate (E 170) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age (EFSA-Q-2018-00088)

Data submitted related to dissolution rate tests with calcium carbonate (E 170) by an interested business operator were discussed.

5. Any Other Business

Feedback from previous discussion at the EFSA ccWG on Nanotechnology in July related to food additives with specific internal structure was provided.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 32nd Working Group meeting held 22.09.2022

The minutes were agreed.

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Food Ingredients and Packaging Unit

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 31st MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 15th and 20th of September 2022 (Web conference)

(Agreed on 20th of September 2022)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle, Karlien Cheyns, Manuela Mirat, Peter Fürst (Chair)
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Marcello Laganaro, Ana Maria Rincon, Agnieszka Mech.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related 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.

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4. Scientific topics for discussion

4.1. Updated scientific opinion on the safety of sulphur dioxide (E 220), sodium sulphite (E 221), sodium bisulphite (E 222), sodium metabisulphite (E 223), potassium metabisulphite (E 224), calcium sulphite (E 226), calcium bisulphite (E 227) and potassium bisulphite (E 228) – EFSA-Q-2021-00110 (EFSA-Q-2021-00110)

The Working Group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted. Subject to these revisions the document will be presented for discussion at a forthcoming FAF Panel meeting.

4.2. Follow up on the re-evaluation of Glycerol esters of wood rosins (E 445) as a food additive (EFSA-Q- 2021-00564)

Information submitted by an interested business operator was presented to the Working Group.

4.3. Re-evaluation of calcium carbonate (E 170) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age (EFSA-Q-2018-00088)

The additional information on impurities submitted by interested business operators was evaluated by the Working Group.

4.4. Re-evaluation of erythritol (E968) – EFSA -Q-2011-00730

Information submitted by interested business operators was evaluated and discussed. The Working Group discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. 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 WG meeting.

In addition, the Working Group considered that full copies of some studies would be needed to proceed with the assessment.

4.5. Follow-up re-evaluation of Quillaia (E999) - EFSA -Q-2022-00541

Information submitted for the follow-up re-evaluation of Quillaia (E999) was evaluated by the Working Group.

5. Any Other Business

The agenda items for the next Working Group meeting scheduled on the 13th of October were agreed.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 31st Working Group meeting held 15th and 20th September 2022

The minutes were agreed.





SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 30th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 6th of July 2022 (Webconference)

(Agreed on 6th of July 2022)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Peter Fürst (Chair), Eric Gaffet, Jan Mast, and Katrin Löschner.
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Daniele Comandella, Agnieszka Mech, Salvatore Multari and Ana Maria Rincon.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.
Apologies were received from Josefa Barrero.

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.

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4. Scientific topics for discussion

4.1 Follow up on the re-evaluation of silicates (E 552-553a,b) (EFSA-Q-2021-00560)

The Working Group discussed the information submitted on talc (E553b) by the interested business operators. Subject to these evaluations, a draft document will be prepared for further discussion in the forthcoming meetings.

4.2. Re-evaluation of shellac (E 904) (EFSA-Q-2011-00705)

The Working Group discussed the report submitted by an interested business operator. The WG considered that further clarifications are needed.

5. General scientific topics for discussion

General discussion related to the assessment of food additives containing a fraction of nanoparticles took place.

Feedback from previous discussion at the EFSA ccWG on Nanotechnology was provided.

6. Any Other Business

None

7. Agreement of the minutes of the 30th Working Group meeting held 6.07.2022

The minutes were agreed.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 29th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 5th and 7th of July 2022 (Web conference)

(Agreed on 7th of July 2022)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle, Karlien Cheyns, Peter Fürst (Chair)
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Marcello Laganaro, Ana Maria Rincon, Agnieszka Mech, Salvatore Multari.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.
Manuela Mirat sent her apologies.

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.

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4. Scientific topics for discussion

4.1. Updated scientific opinion on the safety of sulphur dioxide (E 220), sodium sulphite (E 221), sodium bisulphite (E 222), sodium metabisulphite (E 223), potassium metabisulphite (E 224), calcium sulphite (E 226), calcium bisulphite (E 227) and potassium bisulphite (E 228) – EFSA-Q-2021-00110 (EFSA-Q-2021-00110)

The Working Group discussed and agreed on the approach to be used for the exposure assessment of the potential impurities. The Working Group also discussed the technical part of the draft opinion. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted. Subject to these revisions, new draft documents will be prepared.

4.2. Follow up on the re-evaluation of Glycerol esters of wood rosins (E 445) as a food additive (EFSA-Q- 2021-00564)

Information submitted by two interested business operators was evaluated and the Working Group considered that additional clarifications would be needed to proceed with the assessment.

4.3. Re-evaluation of calcium carbonate (E 170) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age (EFSA-Q-2018-00088)

The additional information on impurities submitted by interested business operators was evaluated. Further discussion will take place in a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

4.4. Updates on Saccharin_Na_Ca_K (E954) – EFSA -Q-2011-00736-00739

The information submitted by interested business operators was evaluated and discussed. Further discussion will take place on the upcoming WG meetings.

4.5. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silicates (E 552-553a,b) (EFSA-Q-2021-00560)

The additional information submitted by an interested business operator on talc (E 553b) was evaluated and the Working Group considered that additional clarifications would be needed to proceed with the assessment.

4.6. Re-evaluation of silicon dioxide (E 551) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age (EFSA-Q-2018-00526)

A question submitted by an interested business operator was discussed and the Working Group prepared a response letter.

5. Any Other Business

The agenda items for the next Working Group meeting scheduled on the 15th of September were agreed.



6. Agreement of the minutes of the 29th Working Group meeting held 5th and 7th July 2022

The minutes were agreed.



Food Ingredients and Packaging Unit

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 28th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 10th May 2022 (Web conference)

(Agreed on 10th May 2022)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Peter Fürst (Chair), Laurence Castle, Karlien Cheyns, and Manuela Mirat
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Marcello Laganaro, Salvatore Multari, and Ana Maria Rincon
- European Commission:
DG SANTE: Katleen Baert

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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

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screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topics for discussion

4.1. Follow up on the re-evaluation of glycerol (E422) as a food additive (EFSA-Q-2019-00815)

The draft opinion was discussed. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted. Subject to these revisions, the draft document will be updated and prepared for discussion at a forthcoming FAF Panel meeting.

4.2. Updated scientific opinion on the safety of sulphur dioxide (E 220), sodium sulphite (E 221), sodium bisulphite (E 222), sodium metasilphite (E 223), potassium metasilphite (E 224), calcium sulphite (E 226), calcium bisulphite (E 227) and potassium bisulphite (E 228) – EFSA-Q-2021-00110

The technical part of the draft opinion was discussed. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted. Subject to these revisions, a new draft document will be prepared for discussion at the next meeting.

4.3. Re-evaluation of saccharin (E954i) (EFSA-Q-2011-00736), sodium saccharin (E954ii) (EFSA-Q-2011-00737), calcium saccharin (E954iii) (EFSA-Q-2011-00738) and potassium saccharin (E954 iv) (EFSA-Q-2011-00739)

Technical data submitted by IBOs for the re-evaluation of these food additives were presented. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted, and a draft document will be prepared for discussion at the next meeting.

5. Any Other Business

None

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 28th Working Group meeting held 10.05.2022

The minutes were agreed.



Food Ingredients and Packaging Unit

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 27th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 3rd May 2022 (Web conference)

(Agreed on 3rd May 2022)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Peter Fürst (Chair), Laurence Castle, and Karlien Cheyns
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Marcello Laganaro, Ana Maria Rincon, Agnieszka Mech, Valeriu-Gheorghe Curtui, and Salvatore Multari
- European Commission:
DG SANTE: Katleen Baert

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.
Apologies were received from Manuela Mirat.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topics for discussion

4.1. Follow up on the re-evaluation of glycerol (E422) as a food additive (EFSA-Q-2019-00815)

The draft opinion was discussed. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted. Subject to these revisions, a new draft document will be prepared for discussion at the next meeting.

4.2. Updated scientific opinion on the safety of sulphur dioxide (E 220), sodium sulphite (E 221), sodium bisulphite (E 222), sodium metasilphite (E 223), potassium metasilphite (E 224), calcium sulphite (E 226), calcium bisulphite (E 227) and potassium bisulphite (E 228) – EFSA-Q-2021-00110

Data submitted for the amendment of the EU specifications for these food additives were discussed. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted, and a draft document will be prepared for discussion at the next meeting.

5. Any Other Business

The agenda for the next WG meeting was agreed.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 27th Working Group meeting held 03.05.2022

The minutes were agreed.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 26th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 27th April 2022 (Web conference)

(Agreed on 27th April 2022)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Peter Fürst (Chair), Eric Gaffet, Jan Mast, Katrin Löschner
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Marcello Laganaro, Ana Maria Rincon, Agnieszka Mech, Salvatore Multari, Laura Ruggeri, Daniele Comandella.
- Hearing Experts:
Josefa Barrero (JRC)
- European Commission:
DG SANTE: Katleen Baert

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received by Ruud Peters.

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

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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.

4. Scientific topics for discussion

4.1. Re-evaluation of silicon dioxide (E 551) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age and follow-up to the 2018 ANS Panel opinion on the scientific opinion on the re-evaluation of silicon dioxide (E 551) as a food additive (EFSA-Q-2018-00526)

Information on the particles size and distribution submitted by interested business operators was evaluated by the Working Group. The Working Group agreed on a plan to proceed with the assessment. Further discussion will take place in a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

4.2. Re-evaluation of calcium carbonate (E 170) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age and follow-up to the re-evaluation this food additive (EFSA-Q-2018- 00526)

Information submitted by interested business operators was evaluated by the Working Group. The Working Group considered that additional clarifications would be needed to proceed with the assessment.

4.3. Follow up on the re-evaluation of gold (E 175) (EFSA-Q-2021- 00562))

Information submitted by interested business operators was evaluated by the Working Group. The Working Group considered that additional clarifications would be needed to proceed with the assessment.

4.4. Re-evaluation of neohesperidine dihydrochalcone (E 959) as food additive (EFSA-Q-2011-00726)

Information submitted by interested business operators was evaluated by the Working Group. The Working Group considered that additional clarifications would be needed to proceed with the assessment.

4.5. Follow up on the re-evaluation of iron oxide (E 172) (EFSA-Q-2021-00178)

Clarifications submitted by interested business operators was evaluated by the Working Group. Further evaluation will be performed once the additional information already requested by EFSA will be submitted by the interested business operators.

5. Any Other Business

The Working Group was updated on the dates for the forthcoming WG meetings.



6. Agreement of the minutes of the 26th Working Group meeting held 27.04.2022

The minutes were agreed.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 25th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 24 March 2022 (Web conference)

(Agreed on 24 March 2022)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Peter Fürst (Chair), Eric Gaffet, Jan Mast, and Katrin Löschner
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Marcello Laganaro, Ana Maria Rincon, Agnieszka Mech, Salvatore Multari, and Daniele Comandella
MESE Unit: Jose Vincente Tarazona
- Hearing Experts:
Josefa Barrero (JRC)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants and introduced the new members of the WG. Apologies for absence were received from Ruud Peters.

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

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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.

4. Scientific topics for discussion

4.1. Re-evaluation of silicon dioxide (E 551) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age and follow-up to the 2018 ANS Panel opinion on the scientific opinion on the re-evaluation of silicon dioxide (E 551) as a food additive (EFSA-Q-2018-00526)

The technical information submitted by interested business operators (IBOs) was discussed. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted and will be discussed in a further meeting.

4.2. The technical information submitted by interested business operators (IBOs) was discussed. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted and will be discussed in a further meeting. Re-evaluation of calcium carbonate (E 170) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age and follow-up to the re-evaluation this food additive (EFSA-Q-2018-00088)

The technical information submitted by interested business operators (IBOs) was discussed. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted and will be discussed in a further meeting.

4.3. Follow up on the re-evaluation of gold (E 175) (EFSA-Q-2021-00562)

The technical information submitted by interested business operators (IBOs) was discussed. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted and will be discussed in a further meeting.

4.4. Approach for the preparation and reporting scheme of the scientific opinions

A general discussion was held on how the information submitted by the IBOs for the assessments will be presented in the draft opinion.

5. Any Other Business

The Working Group agreed on the date for the next meeting 27th April 2022.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 25th Working Group meeting held 24.03.2022

The minutes were agreed.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 24th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 23 March 2022 (Webconference)

(Agreed on 23 March 2022)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle, Karlien Cheyns, Peter Fürst (Chair), Manuela Mirat
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Marcello Laganaro, Ana Maria Rincon, Agnieszka Mech, Salvatore Multari, Alexandra Tard
- European Commission:
DG SANTE: Katleen Baert

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topics for discussion

4.1. Follow up on the re-evaluation of polyglycerol polyricinoleate (E 476) as a food additive (EFSA-Q-2021-00559) and assessment of an extension of use for polyglycerol polyricinoleate (E 476) (EFSA-Q-2021-00400)

The draft opinion was discussed. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted. Subject to these revisions the new draft document was prepared for discussion at the next FAF panel.

5. Any Other Business

Information from the EC related to trans fatty acids was discussed.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 24th Working Group meeting held 23.03.2022

The minutes were agreed.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 23rd MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 10 March 2022 (Webconference)

(Agreed on 10 March 2022)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle, Karlien Cheyns, Peter Fürst (Chair), Manuela Mirat
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Marcello Laganaro, Ana Maria Rincon, Agnieszka Mech, Alexandra Tard, Salvatore Multari.
- European Commission:
DG SANTE: Katleen Baert

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topics for discussion

4.1. Follow up on the re-evaluation of polyglycerol esters of fatty acids (E 475) (EFSA-Q-2021-00563)

A draft opinion was discussed. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted. Subject to these revisions a new draft document will be prepared for discussion at the next FAF panel.

4.2. Follow up on the re-evaluation of polyglycerol polyricinoleate (E 476) (EFSA-Q-2021-00559) and assessment of an extension of use for polyglycerol polyricinoleate (E 476) (EFSA-Q-2021-00400)

A draft opinion was discussed. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted. Subject to these revisions a new draft document will be prepared for discussion at the next Working Group meeting.

4.3. Follow up on the re-evaluation of glycerol (E422) as a food additive (EFSA-Q-2019-00815)

This item was not discussed due to the lack of time.

4.4. Follow up on the re-evaluation of sulfur dioxide-sulphites (E 220-E228) as food additives (EFSA-Q-2021-00110)

This item was not discussed due to the lack of time.

5. Any Other Business

The Working Group was updated on the status of the Clarification Teleconferences between EFSA and the Interested Business Operators organized to follow up on the Additional Data Requests.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 23rd Working Group meeting held 10.03.2022

The minutes were agreed.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 22nd MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 10 February 2022 (Webconference)

(Agreed on 10 February 2022)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle, Karlien Cheyns, Peter Fürst (Chair), Manuela Mirat
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Marcello Laganaro, Ana Maria Rincon, Agnieszka Mech, Ale Tard.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topics for discussion

4.1. Follow up on the re-evaluation of polyglycerol esters of fatty acids (E 475) (EFSA-Q-2021-00563)

A draft opinion was discussed. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted. Subject to these revisions a new draft document will be scheduled for discussion at the next Working Group meeting.

4.2. Follow up on the re-evaluation of polyglycerol polyricinoleate (E 476) (EFSA-Q-2021-00559)

A draft opinion was discussed. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted. Subject to these revisions a new draft document will be scheduled for discussion at the next Working Group meeting

4.3. Follow up on the of iron oxide and hydroxides (E 172) (EFSA-Q-2021-00178)

The additional information on impurities submitted by interested business operators was evaluated. Further discussion will take place in a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5. Any Other Business

The agenda items to be discussed for the next Working Group meeting scheduled on the 10th of March were agreed.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 22nd Working Group meeting held 10.02.2022

The minutes were agreed.



Food Ingredients and Packaging Unit

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 21st MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 24 January 2022 (Webconference)

(Agreed on 24 January 2022)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle, Karlien Cheyns, Peter Fürst (Chair), Manuela Mirat
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Marcello Laganaro, Ana Maria Rincon, Agnieszka Mech.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related 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.

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4. Scientific topics for discussion

4.1. Re-evaluation of calcium carbonate (E 170) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age (EFSA-Q-2018-00088)

Information submitted by interested business operators was evaluated and the Working Group considered that additional clarifications on the impurities would be needed to proceed with the assessment.

4.2. Re-evaluation of silicon dioxide (E 551) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age (EFSA-Q-2018-00526)

Information submitted by interested business operators was evaluated and the Working Group considered that additional clarifications on the impurities would be needed to proceed with the assessment.

4.3. Follow up on the of iron oxide (E 172) (EFSA-Q-2021-00178)

The additional information on impurities submitted by interested business operators was evaluated. Further discussion will take place in a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

4.4. Follow up on the re-evaluation of Sulphur dioxide and sulphites (E220-E228) as a food additive (EFSA-Q-2021-00110)

The additional information on impurities submitted by interested business operators was evaluated and the Working Group considered that additional clarifications would be needed to proceed with the assessment.

5. Any Other Business

The agenda items to be discussed for the next Working Group meeting scheduled on the 10th of February were agreed.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 21st Working Group meeting held 24.01.2022

The minutes were agreed.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 20th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 21 December 2021 (Webconference)

(Agreed on 21 December 2021)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Peter Fürst (Chair), Eric Gaffet, Jan Mast
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Marcello Laganaro, Ana Maria Rincon

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related 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.

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4. Scientific topics for discussion

4.1. Follow up on the re-evaluation of iron oxides and hydroxides (E 172) (EFSA-Q-2021-00178)

Additional information submitted by an interested business operator was evaluated and the Working Group considered that additional clarifications would be needed to proceed with the assessment.

5. Any Other Business

None

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 20th Working Group meeting held 21.12.2021

The minutes were agreed.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 19th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 10 December 2021 (Webconference)

(Agreed on 10 December 2021)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle, Karlien Cheyns, Peter Fürst (Chair), Manuela Mirat
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Marcello Laganaro, Ana Maria Rincon

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related 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.

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4. Scientific topics for discussion

4.1. Follow up on the re-evaluation of Glycerol esters of wood rosins (E 445) as a food additive (EFSA-Q- 2021-00564)

Information submitted by interested business operators was evaluated and the Working Group considered that additional clarifications would be needed to proceed with the assessment.

4.2. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silicates (E 552-553a,b) (EFSA-Q-2021-00560)

Information submitted by interested business operators related to the presence of impurities in the food additives was evaluated and the Working Group decided that guidance will be sought from the FAF Panel about specific aspects in order to proceed with the assessment.

4.3. Re-evaluation of calcium carbonate (E 170) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age (EFSA-Q-2018-00088)

This item was not discussed due to the lack of time.

4.4. Re-evaluation of silicon dioxide (E 551) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age (EFSA-Q-2018-00526)

This item was not discussed due to lack of time.

4.5. E-3- Follow up on the re-evaluation of of iron oxide and hydroxides (E 172)

This item was not discussed due to lack of time.

4.6. Follow up on the re-evaluation of Sulphur dioxide and sulphites (E220-E228) as a food additive (EFSA-Q-2021-00110)

This item was not discussed due to lack of time.

5. Any Other Business

None.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 19th Working Group meeting held 10.12.2021

The minutes were agreed.



Food Ingredients and Packaging Unit

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 18th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 1 December 2021 (Webconference)

(Agreed on 1 December 2021)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Peter Fürst (Chair), Eric Gaffet, Jan Mast
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Marcello Laganaro, Ana Maria Rincon

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Josefa Barrero, Katrin Löschner and Ruud Peters

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.

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4. Scientific topics for discussion

4.1. Follow up on the re-evaluation of iron oxides and hydroxides (E 172) (EFSA-Q-2021-00178)

Additional information submitted by an interested business operator was evaluated and the Working Group considered that additional clarifications would be needed to proceed with the assessment.

4.2. Follow up on the re-evaluation of silicates (E 552-553a,b) (EFSA-Q-2021-00560)

Information submitted by interested business operators was evaluated and the Working Group considered that additional clarifications would be needed to proceed with the assessment.

4.3. Follow up on the re-evaluation of gold (E 175) (EFSA-Q-2021-00562)

Information submitted by an interested business operator was evaluated and the Working Group considered that additional clarifications would be needed to proceed with the assessment.

4.4. Re-evaluation of Neohesperidine DC (E 959) (EFSA-Q-2011-00726)

Information submitted by interested business operators was evaluated and the assessment of the data was prepared. The assessment of the data will be further considered for the re-evaluation of this food additive at the EFSA Working Group on Sweeteners.

4.5. E-3-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-N,N-diphenyl-2-propenamide (EFSA-Q-2020-00572)

Information submitted by the applicant was evaluated and the assessment of the data was prepared. The assessment of the data will be further considered for the evaluation of this application dossier at the EFSA Working Group on Flavourings.

5. Any Other Business

The Working Group discussed the purpose of the specifications of the food additives related to the risk assessment.

Dates for the next WG meetings were discussed.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 18th Working Group meeting held 1.12.2021

The minutes were agreed.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 17th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 22 November 2021 (Webconference)

(Agreed on 22 November 2021)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle, Karlien Cheyns, Peter Fürst (Chair), Manuela Mirat
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Marcello Laganaro, Ana Maria Rincon

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related 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.

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4. Scientific topics for discussion

4.1. Follow up on the re-evaluation of Indigo carmine (E132) as a food additive (EFSA-Q-2021-00180)

Information submitted by the interested business operators was evaluated and the Working Group considered that additional data and clarifications would be needed to proceed with the assessment.

4.2. Follow up on the re-evaluation of glycerol (E422) as a food additive (EFSA-Q-2019-00815)

Information submitted by the interested business operators was evaluated and the Working Group considered that additional data and clarifications would be needed to proceed with the assessment.

4.3. Follow up on the re-evaluation of Polyglycerol polyricinoleate (E 476) as a food additive (EFSA-Q-2021-00559)

Information submitted by the interested business operators was evaluated and the Working Group considered that the evaluation for this food additive will be schedule for a forthcoming working group.

4.4. Follow up on the re-evaluation of Polyglycerol esters of fatty acids (E 475) as a food additive (EFSA-Q-2021-00563)

Information submitted by the interested business operators was evaluated and the Working Group considered that the evaluation for this food additive will be schedule for a forthcoming working group.

4.5. Follow up on the re-evaluation of Glycerol esters of wood rosins (E 445) as a food additive (EFSA-Q- 2021-00564)

This item was not discussed due to the lack of time.

4.6. Follow up on the re-evaluation of Sulphur dioxide and sulphites (E220-E228) as a food additive (EFSA-Q-2021-00110)

This item was not discussed due to the lack of time.

5. Any Other Business

Dates for the next WG meetings were discussed.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 17th Working Group meeting held 22.11.2021

The minutes were agreed.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 16th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 14 September 2021 (Webconference)

(Agreed on 14 September 2021)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Eric Gaffet, Peter Fürst (Chair), Jan Mast, Ruud Peters

■ Hearing experts representing interested parties:

Valérie Moise, Claus-Peter Drexel, Juergen Nolde, Jenny Franklin, Jacques-Aurélien Sergent, Frank Babick and Caroline Andersson were invited to present their views regarding the agenda item 4.2 "Re-evaluation of silicon dioxide (E 551) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age (EFSA-Q-2018-00526)" of the present meeting. They attended the meeting from 14:00 to 16:00 (CET time).

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management, EFSA invited Valérie Moise, Claus-Peter Drexel, Juergen Nolde, Jenny Franklin, Jacques-Aurélien Sergent, Frank Babick and Caroline Andersson to submit an ADoI. Their participation was limited to providing testimony, without the possibility to take on any role undertaken by members of the Working Group, in accordance with the applicable legal framework.

■ Hearing expert (Joint Research Centre):

Josefa Barrero

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Marcello Laganaro, Ana Maria Rincon, Alkiviadis Stagkos-Georgiadis
SCER Unit: Jose Tarazona



1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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

4. Scientific topics for discussion

4.1. Re-evaluation of calcium carbonate (E 170) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age (EFSA-Q-2018-00088)

Information submitted by the interested business operators was evaluated and the Working Group considered that additional data and clarifications would be needed to proceed with the assessment.

4.2. Technical hearing with an interested party in relation to the Re-evaluation of silicon dioxide (E 551) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age (EFSA-Q-2018-00526)

Upon request from EFSA, the interested party was given the opportunity to clarify the data submitted previously to EFSA. The interested party presented its approach for the characterisation of the food additive. WG members provided their opinion regarding the presented approach. After the hearing was finished, and the hearing experts left the teleconference, the Working Group discussed the clarifications provided by the industry.

EFSA will follow up by providing the interested party with a written summary of the points discussed with the next steps.

5. Any Other Business

None.

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



6. Agreement of the minutes of the 16th Working Group meeting held 14.09.2021

The minutes were agreed.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 15th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 1 July 2021 (Webconference)

(Agreed on 1 July 2021)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Peter Furst (Chair), Laurence Castle, Karlien Cheyns, Manuela Mirat
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Galvin Eyong, Ana Maria Rincon, Giorgia Vianello

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related 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.

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



4. Scientific topics for discussion

4.1. Follow-up of the re-evaluation of iron oxide (E 172) (EFSA-Q-2021-00178)

Information submitted by the interested business operators was evaluated and the Working Group considered that additional data and clarifications would be needed to proceed with the assessment.

Follow-up re-evaluation of indigo carmine (E 132) (EFSA-Q-2021-00180)

Data submitted by the interested business operator on the level of toxic elements and unsulphonated primary aromatic amines in indigo carmine (E 132) was evaluated and the Working Group considered that additional data and clarification would be needed to proceed with the assessment.

4.2. Follow-up re-evaluation of sulphur dioxide-sulphites (E 220-228) (EFSA-Q-2021-00110)

Data submitted by the interested business operators on the level of toxic elements in sulphur dioxide and sulphites (E 220-228) was evaluated and the Working Group considered that additional data and clarification would be needed to proceed with the assessment.

5. Any Other Business

None.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 15th Working Group meeting held 1.07.2021

The minutes were agreed.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 14th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 11 June 2021 (Webconference)

(Agreed on 11 June 2021)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Peter Füst (Chair), Eric Gaffet, Jan Mast, Ruud Peters.
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Galvin Eyong, Ana Maria Rincon
- Representative of European Commission
Milada Schulzova

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.
Apologies were received from Josefa Barrero.

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

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



discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topics for discussion

4.1. Follow-up re-evaluation of iron oxide (E 172) (EFSA-Q-2021-00178)

Data submitted by the interested business operators on the particle size analysis of iron oxide (E 172) was evaluated and the Working Group considered that additional data and clarifications would be needed to proceed with the assessment.

5. Any Other Business

None.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 14th Working Group meeting held 11.06.2021

The minutes were agreed.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 13th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 21 April 2021 (Webconference)

(Agreed on 21 April 2021)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Peter Fürst (Chair), Eric Gaffet, Castle Laurence, Jan Mast, Ruud Peter.
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Galvin Eyong, Ana Maria Rincon, Giorgia Vianello

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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

4. Scientific topics for discussion

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



4.1. Evaluation of the safety of Carbomers (EFSA-Q-2020-00514)

Information and data submitted by the applicant on the solubility and particle size of carbomers, as well as the results of a simulated gastric and intestinal fluid test were assessed. When assessing the data, the Working Group considered that further discussion at the ccWG Nanotechnology on water-swelling substances is needed in order to address these kinds of substances in the draft EFSA "*Draft Guidance on technical requirement for regulated food and feed product applications*"³. The assessment of the available data in the application dossier will be further considered for the evaluation of this substance at the FAF Working Group Applications.

4.2. Re-evaluation of Neotame (E 961) (EFSA-Q-2011-00740)

Data submitted on the particle size of neotame from an interested business operator were discussed and the assessment of the data was prepared. The assessment of the data will be further considered for the re-evaluation of this food additive at the FAF Working Group on the Re-evaluation of Sweeteners.

4.3. Re-evaluation of calcium carbonate (E 170) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age (EFSA-Q-2018-00088)

A clarification on previous data submitted on a dissolution rate test of calcium carbonate (E 170) by the interested business operator was discussed. When assessing the data, the Working Group considered that further data are needed.

5. Any Other Business

None.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 13th Working Group meeting held 21.04.2021

The minutes were agreed.

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/consultation/consultation/Draft-Nano-Technical-Guidance-For-Public-Consultation.pdf>



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 12th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 14 October 2020 (Webconference)

(Agreed on 14 October 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Peter Fürst (Chair), Eric Gaffet and Jan Mast
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Galvin Eyong, Ana Maria Rincon, Giorgia Vianello
SCER: Jose Tarazona

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related 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 topics for discussion

4.1. Re-evaluation of Polydextrose (E 1200) (EFSA-Q-2011-00583)

Data submitted on the solubility of polydextrose (E 1200) by interested business operators were assessed. When assessing the data, the Working Group considered the proposed decision criteria described in the EFSA "*Draft Guidance on technical requirement for regulated food and feed product applications*" (available on the EFSA web-site)³, published for public consultation, to decide whether additional data are needed to demonstrate that consumers will not be exposed to small particles of polydextrose when used as E 1200. The assessment of the available data will be further considered for the re-evaluation of this food additive at the EFSA Working Group on the re-evaluation of miscellaneous food additives.⁴

4.2. Re-evaluation of Neohesperidine DC (E 959) (EFSA-Q-2011- 00726)

Data submitted on the solubility and particle size of the material from the different interested business operators were discussed and the assessment of the data was prepared. The assessment of the data will be further considered for the re-evaluation of this food additive at the EFSA Working Group on the re-evaluation of sweeteners.⁵

4.3. Re-evaluation of Sucralose (E 955) (EFSA-Q-2011-00724)

Data submitted on the solubility and particle size of the material from the different interested business operators were discussed and the assessment of the data was prepared. The assessment of the data will be further considered for the re-evaluation of this food additive at the EFSA Working Group on the re-evaluation of sweeteners.**Error! Bookmark not defined.**

4.4. Re-evaluation of Cyclamates (E 952) (EFSA-Q-2011-00733; EFSA-Q-2011-00734; EFSA-Q-2011-00735)

Data submitted on the solubility and particle size of the material from the different interested business operators were discussed and the assessment of the data was prepared. The assessment of the data will be further considered for the re-evaluation of this food additive at the EFSA Working Group on the re-evaluation of sweeteners.**Error! Bookmark not defined.**

4.5. Re-evaluation of calcium carbonate (E 170) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age (EFSA-Q-2018-00088)

Data submitted on dissolution rate and particle size of the material from an interested business operator were discussed and the assessment of the data was prepared. The assessment of the data will be further considered for the re-evaluation of this food additive

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/consultation/consultation/Draft-Nano-Technical-Guidance-For-Public-Consultation.pdf>

⁴ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/re-eval-miscellaneous-wg-min.pdf>



at the EFSA Working Group on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age.⁵

4.6. Re-evaluation of Silicon dioxide (E 551) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age (EFSA-Q-2018-00526)

Data submitted on particle size of the material from the different interested business operators were discussed and the assessment of the data was prepared. The assessment of the data will be further considered for the re-evaluation of this food additive at the EFSA Working Group on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age.⁵

5. Any Other Business

None.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 12th Working Group meeting held 14.10.2020

The minutes were agreed.

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wqs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/wg-foodadditivesinfants-m.pdf>



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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 11th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 10 July 2020 (Webconference)

(Agreed on 10 July 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Peter Fürst (Chair), Jan Mast and Ruud Peters
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Galvin Eyong, Federica Lodi, Ana Maria Rincon, Giorgia Vianello

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.
Apologies were received from Eric Gaffet

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.

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



4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. Re-evaluation of thaumatin (E 957) (EFSA-Q-2011-00725)

Data submitted on the particle size of thaumatin (E 957) by interested business operators were discussed and the assessment of the data was prepared. The assessment of the data will be further considered for the re-evaluation of this food additive at the EFSA Working Group on the re-evaluation of sweeteners.³

5. Any Other Business

None.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 11th Working Group meeting held 10.07.2020

The minutes were agreed.

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wqs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/sweeteners-m.pdf>



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 10th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 25th June 2020, (Webconference)

(Agreed on 25 June 2020)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Peter Fürst (Chair), Eric Gaffet, Jan Mast and Ruud Peters

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Galvin Eyong, Federica Lodi, Ana Maria Rincon, Camilla Smeraldi and Vianello Giorgia

■ Hearing experts representing interested parties:

Mary E Jacob, Christos Zacharis, Jakob Broberg Kristensen and Karen Vokes were invited to present their views to elaborate on the specific questions they were called upon to answer solely for the agenda item 4.1 "Re-evaluation of polydextrose (E 1200)" of the present meeting. They attended the meeting from 15:00 to 16:00 (CET time).

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA invited Mary E Jacob, Christos Zacharis, Jakob Broberg Kristensen and Karen Vokes to submit an ADoI. Their participation was limited to providing testimony, without the possibility to take on any role undertaken by members of the Working Group, in accordance with the applicable legal framework

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

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



The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. Technical hearing with an interested party in relation to the Re-evaluation of polydextrose (E 1200) (EFSA-Q-2011-00583)

Upon request from EFSA, the interested party was given the opportunity to answer the questions elaborated by the Working Group and submitted in advance to the interested party. Clarification to the points previously identified by the WG were provided during the meeting. After the hearing was finished, and the hearing experts left the teleconference, the Working Group discussed the clarifications provided by the applicant.

EFSA will follow up by providing the interested party with a written summary of the points discussed with the next steps.

5. Any Other Business

None

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 10th Working Group meeting held 25.06.2020

The minutes were agreed.



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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 9th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 03 June 2020 (Webconference)

(Agreed on 03 June 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Eric Gaffet, Peter Fürst (Chair), Jan Mast and Ruud Peters
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Ana Campos Fernandes, Galvin Eyong, Federica Lodi, Ana Maria Rincon, Giorgia Vianello

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.
Apologies received from Josefa Barrero.

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.

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



4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1 Specifications of Polydextrose (E 1200) (EFSA-Q-2011-00583)

Data submitted by an interested business operator on the solubility and particle size of polydextrose (E 1200) were discussed. An assessment of the solubility data was prepared. The Working Group considered that further clarifications on the particle size data submitted would be needed and agreed to organise a technical hearing with the interested business operator.

5. Any Other Business

The Working Group was informed of a new mandate on the assessment of titanium dioxide (E171).

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 9th Working Group meeting held 03.06.2020

The minutes were agreed.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 8th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 17 April 2020 (Webconference)

(Agreed on 17 April 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle, Karlien Cheyns, Peter Fürst (Chair), Manuela Mirat
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Galvin Eyong, Ana Maria Rincon, Giorgia Vianello

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.
Apologies received from Josefa Barrero.

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.

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



4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1 Specifications of glycerol (E 422) (EFSA-Q-2019-00815)

Data submitted on glycerol (E 422) by interested business operators were discussed and the WG considered that further clarifications were needed.

5. Any Other Business

The Working Group was informed about the outcome of the discussion at the EFSA Working Group on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age for items discussed at the 7th WG meeting.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 8th Working Group meeting held 17.04.2020

The minutes were agreed.



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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 7th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 14 April 2020 (Webconference)

(Agreed on 14 April 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Laurence Castle, Karlien Cheyns, Peter Fürst (Chair), Manuela Mirat
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Galvin Eyong, Ana Maria Rincon, Giorgia Vianello

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.
Apologies received from Josefa Barrero.

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. Re-evaluation of ascorbyl palmitate (E 304i) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age (EFSA-Q-2018-00089)³

Data submitted on ascorbyl palmitate (E 304i) by interested business operators on the presence of toxic elements and residual solvents were discussed and an assessment of the available data was prepared. The assessment of the data will be further considered for the re-evaluation of this food additive at the EFSA Working Group on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age.⁴

4.2. Re-evaluation of sodium octenyl succinate (E1 450) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age (EFSA-Q-2018-00102)⁵

Data submitted on sodium octenyl succinate (E 1450) by interested business operators on the presence of toxic elements, sulfur dioxide, and octenyl succinic acid were discussed and an assessment of the data was prepared. The assessment of the data will be further considered for the re-evaluation of this food additive at the EFSA Working Group on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age.⁴

5. Any Other Business

None

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 7th Working Group meeting held 14.04.2020

The minutes were agreed.

³ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00089>
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/wg-foodadditivesinfants-m.pdf>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00102>



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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 6th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 3 February 2020 (Webconference)

(Agreed on 3 February 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Eric Gaffet, Peter Fürst (Chair), Jan Mast and Ruud Peters
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Federica Lodi, Ana Maria Rincon, Giorgia Vianello

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.
Apologies were received from Josefa Barrero

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. Re-evaluation of polydextrose (E 1200) (EFSA-Q-2011-00583)³

Data submitted on the particle size of polydextrose (E 1200) by an interested business operator were discussed and the assessment of the data was prepared. The assessment of the data will be further considered for the re-evaluation of this food additive at the EFSA Working Group on the re-evaluation of miscellaneous food additives.⁴

4.2. Re-evaluation of calcium carbonate (E 170) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age (EFSA-Q-2018-00088)⁵

Data submitted on the particle size of calcium carbonate (E 170) by an interested business operator were discussed and the assessment of the data was prepared. The assessment of the data will be further considered for the re-evaluation of this food additive at the EFSA Working Group on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age.⁶

5. Any Other Business

The impact of a lower cut-off level when performing particle size distribution measurements was discussed.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 6th Working Group meeting held 3.02.2020

The minutes were agreed.

³ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2011-00583>

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/re-eval-miscellaneous-wg-min.pdf>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00088>

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/wg-foodadditivesinfants-m.pdf>



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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 5th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 19 June 2019 (Webconference)

(Agreed on 19 June 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Eric Gaffet, Peter Fürst (Chair), Jan Mast and Ruud Peters
- Hearing experts:
Josefa Barrero and Stephane Jomini
- Observers:
Tuomas Aitasalo, Laurent Devoille, Silvia Mazzega
- European Commission:
Guillermo Cardon
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Ana Maria Rincon

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members



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

4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. Proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive titanium dioxide (E171) (EFSA-Q-2018-00625)³

A revised draft scientific document was presented to the Working Group. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted. Subject to these revisions a new draft document will be scheduled for presentation in a forthcoming FAF Panel meeting.

5. Any Other Business

None

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 5th Working Group meeting held 19.06.2019

The minutes were agreed.

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

³ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00625>



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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 4th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 11 June 2019 (Webconference)

(Agreed on 11 June 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Eric Gaffet, Peter Fürst (Chair), Jan Mast and Ruud Peters
- Hearing experts:
Josefa Barrero and Stephane Jomini
- Observers:
Silvia Mazzega
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Ana Maria Rincon

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues

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



discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. Proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive titanium dioxide (E171) (EFSA-Q-2018-00625)³

A draft scientific document was presented to the Working Group. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted. Subject to these revisions a new draft document will be scheduled for presentation in a forthcoming WG meeting.

5. Any Other Business

None

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 4th Working Group meeting held 11.06.2019

The minutes were agreed.

7. Next meeting

19 June 2019 (webconference)

³ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00625>

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 3rd MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 24 May 2019, (Webconference)

(Agreed on 24 May 2019)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Peter Fürst (Chair), Eric Gaffet, Jan Mast and Ruud Peters

■ Representatives of the European Commission:

Guillermo Cardon

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Federica Lodi, Ana Maria Rincon, Claudia Roncancio-Peña and Camilla Smeraldi

■ Hearing experts representing interested parties:

David Brizzolara, Tony Jones, Michaela Müller, Petr Pikal and Brett Pinker were invited to present their views to elaborate on the specific questions they were called upon to answer solely for the agenda item 4.1" Proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive titanium dioxide (E171)" of the present meeting. They attended the meeting from 14:00 to 16:00 (CET time).

In accordance with the EFSA's Independence Policy 2017 and implementing rules¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director of the European Food Safety Authority on Competing Interest Management², EFSA invited David Brizzolara, Tony Jones, Michaela Müller, Petr Pikal and Brett Pinker to submit an ADoI. Their participation was limited to providing testimony, without the possibility to take on any role undertaken by members of the Panel, in accordance with the applicable legal framework

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

¹EFSA's Independence Policy 2017 and implementing rules:

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/consultation/110707b.pdf>

² Decision of the Executive Director of the European Food Safety Authority on Competing Interest Management:

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/corporate/pub/independencepolicy17>



The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁴, 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.

4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. **Technical hearing with interested parties for the assessment on Proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive titanium dioxide (E171) (EFSA-Q-2018-00625)**⁵

Upon request from EFSA, the interested parties were given the opportunity to answer the questions elaborated by the WG and submitted in advance to the interested parties. Clarification to the points previously identified by the WG were provided during the meeting. EFSA will follow up by providing the interested parties with a written summary of the points discussed with the next steps and relative timelines.

5. Any Other Business

None

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting held 24.05.2019

The minutes were agreed.

7. Next meeting

11 June 2019 (webconference)

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

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

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00625>



Food Ingredients and Packaging Unit

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

MINUTES OF THE 2nd MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFICATIONS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Held on 15 May 2019, Brussels (Belgium)

(Agreed on 15 May 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Peter Fürst (Chair), Jan Mast and Ruud Peters
Eric Gaffet has participated via teleconference
- Hearing experts:
Josefa Barrero
Stephane Jomini participated via teleconference
- Observers:
Tuomas Aitasalo, Milton Bonelli, Camelia Constantin, Pawel Figiel, Silvia Mazzega and Dominique Masset participated via teleconference
- Representatives of the European Commission:
Guillermo Cardon and Jiri Sochor
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Ana Maria Rincon

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants and thanks Mr. Benoit Horion for hosting the working group meeting at the FPS (Federal Public Service) Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment, Eurostation II (Brussels).

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.

4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. Proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive titanium dioxide (E171) (EFSA-Q-2018-00625)³

The additional data submitted by interested parties as well as their proposed amendment of the EU specifications for titanium dioxide (E 171) were discussed.

The Working Group evaluated the available data and considered that additional clarifications would be needed to proceed with the assessment. The Working Group would like to invite the interested parties to a technical hearing to address these clarifications.

A draft scientific document was presented to the Working Group. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted. Subject to these revisions a new draft document will be scheduled for presentation in a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

5. Any Other Business

None

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting held 15.05.2019

The minutes were agreed.

7. Next meeting

24 May 2019 (webconference)

11 June 2019 (webconference)

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

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Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Flavourings

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on specifications of food additives

Held on 18th December 2018, Brussels (Belgium)

(Agreed on 18th December 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Eric Gaffet, Peter Fürst (Chair), Jan Mast and Ruud Peters.

- **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Ana Maria Rincon

- **Hearing experts:**

Josefa Barrero

Stephane Jomini participated via teleconference

- **Observers:**

Milton Bonelli and Dominique Masset participated via teleconference

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants and thanks Mr. Benoit Horion for hosting the working group meeting at the FPS (Federal Public Service) Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment, Eurostation II (Brussels).

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.

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Proposed amendment of the specifications of the food additive titanium dioxide (E 171) ([EFSA-Q-2018-00625](#))

Data submitted by interested parties as well as their proposed amendment of the EU specifications for titanium dioxide (E 171) were discussed.

The Working Group evaluated the available data and considered that additional data and clarifications would be needed to proceed with the assessment.

5. Any Other Business

None.

6. Agreement of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 18.12.2018

The minutes were agreed.

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

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