



## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON Food Additives and Flavorings

38th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

21 June 2024

13.30-17.30

MINUTES - Agreed on 11 July 2024



**Location:** Web meeting

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members: Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair), Laurence Castle, Birgit Dusemund, Alicja Mortensen.
- Hearing experts representing interested business operators<sup>1,2</sup> (from 14.30-16.30 for agenda item IV) : Kristina Elvebakken, Ibrahim Armagan, Juliane Wischnewski, Jeffrey Pitt, Manfred Lützow, Bill Blakemore, Carla Saunders, Karima Kendall, Florian Nettesheim, Jan Willem Van Den Berg, Jesper Wichmann
- EFSA: Stefania Barmaz, Agnieszka Mech, Camilla Smeraldi
- DG-SANTE: -

### I. Welcome and apologies for absence

No apologies were received.

### II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

### III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, 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

#### **Applicant's technical hearing on the re-evaluation of carrageenan (E 407) (EFSA-Q-2018-00270) and Eucheuma seaweed (E 407a) (EFSA-Q-2023-00576)**

Upon 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. In addition, the interested business operator study plan for the generation of additional data, and the timelines for the submission of the additional data were discussed. After the technical hearing was finished, and the hearing experts representing the

<sup>1</sup> 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>

<sup>2</sup> 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.

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<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



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.

## **V. Agreement of the minutes of the 38th Working Group meeting held on the 21 June 2024**

The minutes will be agreed via written procedure.

## **VI. Any Other Business**

None.



## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON

### Food Additives and Flavorings

37th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

4 April-5 April 2024

09:00-17:00; 09:00-13:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 5 April 2024



**Location:** Physical meeting

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members: Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair), Laurence Castle, Birgit Dusemund, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen, Peter Fürst (online), Alicja Mortensen, Dominique Turck (first day only), Detlef Wölflle.
- EFSA: Stefania Barmaz, Agnieszka Mech, Alexandra Tard
- DG-SANTE: Katleen Baert (second day only)

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Dominique Turck for the second day.

## II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

## III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, 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

### **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 ([EFSA-Q-2021-00674](#))**

The Working Group (WG) discussed the additional data provided by the interested business operator. It was agreed to ask for further clarifications.

### **Re-evaluation of tocopherol-rich extract (E 306), $\alpha$ tocopherol (E 307), $\gamma$ tocopherol (E 308), $\delta$ -tocopherol (E 309) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age ([EFSA-Q-2018-00090](#), [EFSA-Q-2018-00091](#), [EFSA-Q-2018-00092](#), [EFSA-Q-2018-00093](#))**

The WG discussed the approach to be taken for the safety assessment. It was agreed to ask for further clarifications. Further discussion will be planned in a forthcoming WG meeting.

### **Re-evaluation of carrageenan (E 407) ([EFSA-Q-2018-00270](#)) and Eucheuma seaweed (E 407a) ([EFSA-Q-2023-00576](#))**

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## MEETING MINUTES – 4-5 April 2024

37th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age



The WG discussed the available data and the planning for further testing proposed by the interested business operator. The Working Group will continue with the assessment.

### **V. Planning and updates**

An update on the planning was provided. The next meeting will be on the 27 May 2024.

### **VI. Agreement of the minutes of the 37th Working Group meeting held on the 4-5 April 2024**

The minutes were agreed.

### **VII. Any Other Business**

None.

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## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON Food Additives and Flavorings

36th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

29 February-1 March 2024

09:00-13:00; 09:00-13:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 15 March 2024



**Location:** Webconference

### **Attendees:**

- Working Group Members: Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair), Laurence Castle, Birgit Dusemund (only first day), Ine Waalkens-Berendsen, Peter Fürst (on the first day only), Alicja Mortensen (only second day), Dominique Turck, Detlef Wölfe.
- EFSA: Stefania Barmaz, Agnieszka Mech, Alexandra Tard, Camilla Smeraldi, Ana Maria Rincon (second day only), Laura Ruggeri (second day only)
- DG-SANTE: -

## **I. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Dominique Turck and Alicja Mortensen for the first day of the meeting and from Peter Fürst for the afternoon of the second day.

## **II. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted.

## **III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, 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.

One member of the Working Group (Peter FÜRST) declared that he was involved in the inspections for a case of guar gum contamination in India between 2007-2011. This activity does not refer to any part of the publications, opinions, paper, study, test or protocol which the mandate requires to review and therefore was not considered to constitute a conflict of interest.

## **IV. Scientific topics for discussion**

### **Re-evaluation of guar gum (E 412) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age (EFSA-Q-2018-00096)**

The Working Group (WG) finalised the draft opinion. Further discussion will be held in a forthcoming FAF Panel plenary meeting.

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**Re-evaluation of carrageenan (E 407) (EFSA-Q-2018-00270) and Eucheuma seaweed (E 407a) (EFSA-Q-2023-00576)**

The WG discussed the available data and the planning for further testing proposed by the interested business operator. The WG proposed to have an exchange with the FAF Panel on the approach to be followed.

**Re-evaluation of silicon dioxide (E 551) (EFSA-Q-2018-00526)**

The WG discussed the approach to be taken for the safety assessment for infants and young children. The WG proposed to have an exchange with the FAF Panel on the approach to be followed.

## **V. Planning and updates**

An update on the planning was provided. The next meeting will be on the 4-5 April 2024.

## **VI. Agreement of the minutes of the 36th Working Group meeting held on the 29 February-1 March 2024**

The minutes will be agreed via written procedure.

## **VII. Any Other Business**

None.

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# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON Food Additives and Flavorings

35th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

29-30 January 2024

09:00-17:00; 09:00-13:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 30 January 2024



**Location:** Webconference

## **Attendees:**

- Working Group Members: Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair), Laurence Castle, Birgit Dusemund (only first day), Ine Waalkens-Berendsen, Peter Fürst (on the first day only AM), Alicja Mortensen (only first day), Dominique Turck (only first day), Detlef Wölfe.
- EFSA: Stefania Barmaz, Agnieszka Mech, Alexandra Tard
- DG-SANTE: Katleen Baert

## **I. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Birgit Dusemund, Dominique Turck and Alicja Mortensen for the second day of the meeting and from Peter Fürst for the afternoon of the first day.

## **II. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted.

## **III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, 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.

One member of the Working Group (Peter FÜRST) declared that he was involved in the inspections for a case of guar gum contamination in India between 2007-2011. This activity does not refer to any part of the publications, opinions, paper, study, test or protocol which the mandate requires to review and therefore was not considered to constitute a conflict of interest.

## **IV. Scientific topics for discussion**

### **Re-evaluation of guar gum (E 412) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age (EFSA-Q-2018-00096)**

The Working Group (WG) discussed all sections of the draft opinion. Further discussion will be held in a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

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**Re-evaluation of carrageenan (E 407) (EFSA-Q-2018-00270) and Eucheuma seaweed (E 407a) (EFSA-Q-2023-00576)**

The WG discussed the available data and the planning for further testing proposed by the interested business operator. The WG proposed to have an exchange with the FAF Panel on the approach to be followed.

**Call for data on modified starches**

The European Commission is considering a call for data on the permitted food additives oxidised starch (E 1404), monostarch phosphate (E 1410), distarch phosphate (E 1412), phosphated distarch phosphate (E 1413), acetylated distarch phosphate (E 1414), acetylated starch (E 1420), acetylated distarch adipate (E 1422), hydroxypropyl starch (E 1440), hydroxypropyl distarch phosphate (E 1442), acetylated oxidised starch (E 1451) and starch aluminium octenyl succinate (E 1452) and an exchange took place.

## **V. Planning and updates**

An update on the planning was provided. The next meeting will be on the 29 February and 1 March 2024.

## **VI. Agreement of the minutes of the 35th Working Group meeting held on the 29-30 January 2024**

The minutes were agreed.

## **VII. Any Other Business**

None.

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## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON

### Food Additives and Flavorings

34th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

9 November 2023

09:00 -16:30

MINUTES - Agreed on 9 November 2023



**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members: Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair), Laurence Castle, Birgit Dusemund, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen, Peter Fürst, Alicja Mortensen, Dominique Turck, Detlef Wölflé.
- EFSA: Stefania Barmaz, Agnieszka Mech, Camilla Smeraldi
- DG-SANTE: Katleen Baert (AM)

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No Apologies were received.

## 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<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, 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

### **Re-evaluation of carrageenan (E 407) (EFSA-Q-2018-00270) and Eucheuma seaweed (E 407a) (EFSA-Q-2023-00576)**

The Working Group discussed the available data and the planning for further testing proposed by the interested business operator. The need to request additional clarifications to the interested business operators was identified. Further discussion will be held in a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

### **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 (EFSA-Q-2021-00674)**

The Working Group discussed the biological and toxicological section of the draft opinion. Tasks were allocated to proceed with the assessment. The need to request additional clarifications to the interested business operators was identified. Further discussion will be held in a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

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## **V. Planning and updates**

An update on the planning was provided. The next meeting will be on the 29-30 January 2024.

## **VI. Agreement of the minutes of the 34th Working Group meeting held on the 9 November 2023**

The minutes were agreed.

## **VII. Any Other Business**

None.



## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON

### Food Additives and Flavorings

33rd Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

4 September 2023

09:30-17:30

MINUTES - Agreed on 8 September 2023



**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members: Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair), Laurence Castle, Birgit Dusemund, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen, Peter Fürst, Alicja Mortensen, Dominique Turck, Detlef Wölfle.
- EFSA: Stefania Barmaz, Agnieszka Mech, Camilla Smeraldi
- DG-SANTE: -

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No Apologies were received.

## 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<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, 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.

One member of the Working Group (Peter FÜRST) declared that he was involved in the inspections for a case of guar gum contamination in India between 2007-2011. This activity does not refer to any part of the publications, opinions, paper, study, test or protocol which the mandate requires to review and therefore was not considered to constitute a conflict of interest.

## IV. Scientific topics for discussion

### **Re-evaluation of guar gum (E 412) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age ([EFSA-Q-2018-00096](#))**

The Working Group discussed the technical section of the draft opinion. Further discussion will be held in a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

### **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 ([EFSA-Q-2021-00674](#))**

The Working Group discussed the biological and toxicological section of the draft opinion. Tasks were allocated to proceed with the assessment. The working group also discussed the approach

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to be followed in the safety assessment and agreed to ask steering from the FAF Panel. The need to request additional information to the interested business operators was identified. Further discussion will be held in a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

**Re-evaluation of carrageenan (E 407) ([EFSA-Q-2018-00270](#)) and Eucheuma seaweed (E 407a) ([EFSA-Q-2023-00576](#))**

The Working Group started to discuss the technical part for the food additives E 407 and E 407a. The need to request additional information to the interested business operators was identified.

## **V. Planning and updates**

An update on the planning was provided. The next meeting will be on the 9 November 2023.

## **VI. Agreement of the minutes of the 33rd Working Group meeting held on the 4 September 2023**

The minutes will be agreed via written procedure.

## **VII. Any Other Business**

None.

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## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON Food Additives and Flavorings

32<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

22 May 2023

09:00-17:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023



**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members: Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair), Laurence Castle, Birgit Dusemund, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen, Dominique Turck, Detlef Wölfe
- EFSA: Stefania Barmaz, Agnieszka Mech, Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard
- DG-SANTE: Katleen Baert

### I. Welcome and apologies for absence

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

### 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<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, 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

**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 Working Group discussed all sections of the draft opinion. The draft opinion will be discussed in a forthcoming FAF Panel plenary meeting.

### V. Planning and updates

Item postponed

### VI. Agreement of the minutes of the 32nd Working Group meeting held on the 22 May 2023

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## MEETING MINUTES – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023

32<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age



The minutes will be agreed via written procedure

### **VII. Any Other Business**

None.

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## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON

### Food Additives and Flavorings

31st Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

4<sup>th</sup> April 2023

09:00-17:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 4 April 2023



**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members: Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair), Laurence Castle, Birgit Dusemund, Peter Fürst, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen, Alicja Mortensen (AM), Dominique Turck (AM), Detlef Wölflé
- EFSA: Stefania Barmaz, Agnieszka Mech, Camilla Smeraldi, Ana Maria Rincon, Alexandra Tard
- DG-SANTE: -

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

## 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

### **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 Working Group discussed the technical, exposure and biological and toxicological sections of the draft opinion. The WG also discussed the approach to be followed in the safety assessment. Tasks were allocated to proceed with the assessment. Further discussion will be held in a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

### **Re-evaluation of carrageenan (E 407) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age ([EFSA-Q-2018-00270](#))**

The WG discussed the data received during the call for data ([link](#)) and the next steps to be followed in the assessment.

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## **V. Agreement of the minutes of the 31<sup>st</sup> Working Group meeting held on the 4 April 2023**

The minutes were agreed.

## **VI. Planning and updates**

The WG discussed and agreed on a tentative planning. The next meeting will be held on 22 May 2023, via webconference.

## **VII. Any Other Business**

None.





## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON

### Food Additives and Flavorings

30th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

28th February 2023

09:00-17:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 28 February 2023



**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members: Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair), Laurence Castle, Birgit Dusemund, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen, Alicja Mortensen, Detlef Wölfe
- EFSA: Stefania Barmaz, Christina Kyrkou, Agnieszka Mech (afternoon), Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard, Panagiota Zakidou (morning)
- DG-SANTE: Katleen Baert (afternoon), Jiri Sochor (afternoon)

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

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

## 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

### **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 Specifications of food additives has been consulted for the technical part of the draft opinion. The Working Group discussed and revised all sections of the draft opinion. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted. A revised document will be transmitted for discussion and possible adoption at a forthcoming FAF Panel plenary meeting.

### **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 Working Group Specifications of food additives has been consulted for the technical part of the draft opinion. The WG discussed the approach to be followed in the safety assessment. Tasks

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were allocated to proceed with the assessment. Further discussion will be held in a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

## **V. Agreement of the minutes of the 30th Working Group meeting held on the 28th of February 2023**

The minutes were agreed.

## **VI. Planning and updates**

The WG discussed and agreed on a tentative planning. The next meeting will be held on 4 April 2023 via webconference.

## **VII. Any Other Business**

None

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## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON

### Food Additives and Flavorings

29th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

6th February 2023

09:00-17:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 10 February 2023



**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members: Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair); Laurence Castle; Birgit Dusemund; Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Dominique Turck; Alicja Mortensen
- EFSA: Stefania Barmaz, Christina Kyrkou, Agnieszka Mech, Alexandra Tard, Panagiota Zakidou.

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

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

## 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<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, 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

### **Re-evaluation of xanthan gum (E 415) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age ([EFSA-Q-2018-00097](#))**

The Working Group discussed and finalised the draft opinion. The opinion will be presented for discussion at a forthcoming Food Additives and Flavorings (FAF) Panel plenary meeting.

### **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 exposure assessment and revised the draft opinion. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted. The Working Group Specifications of food additives has been consulted for the technical part of the draft opinion. A revised document will be presented for discussion at a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

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

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

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The Working Group Specifications of food additives has been consulted for the technical part of the draft opinion. An update on the progress of this assessment was provided. Tasks were allocated to proceed with the assessment. Further discussion will be held in a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

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

The minutes will be agreed via written procedure.

### **VI. Planning and updates**

The WG discussed and agreed on a tentative planning. The next meeting will be held on 28 February 2023 via webconference.

### **VII. Any Other Business**

None

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## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

### MINUTES OF THE 28<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**Tele-meeting 21 November 2022  
(Agreed on 1 December 2022)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair); Laurence Castle; Birgit Dusemund; Peter Fürst, Detlef Wölfe; Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Dominique Turck; Alicja Mortensen

EFSA: FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz; Christina Kyrkou; Agnieszka Mech; Camilla Smeraldi; Alexandra Tard

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

#### 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 Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, 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

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#### **4.1. Re- evaluation of locust bean gum (E 410) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age ([EFSA-Q-2018-00095](#))**

The draft scientific opinion was finalised and will be presented in the forthcoming plenary meeting of the FAF Panel, for possible adoption.

### **5. Any Other Business**

#### **5.1. Planning and updates**

- Re-evaluation of calcium carbonate (E 170) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age ([EFSA-Q-2018-00088](#))- update and tasks allocation

This item was postponed due to lack of time.

- 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](#))- data from the call for data

This item was postponed due to lack of time.

#### **5.2. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be on the 6 February 2023.

#### **5.3. Agreement on the minutes of the 28<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November 2022**

The minutes will be agreed via written procedure.



## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

### MINUTES OF THE 27<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**Tele-meeting 21 October 2022  
(Agreed on 21 October 2022)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair); Laurence Castle; Birgit Dusemund;  
EFSA: FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz; Agnieszka Mech

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Alicja Mortensen.

#### 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 Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, 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. 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](#))**

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The draft scientific opinion was finalised considering the feedback from the Food Additives and Flavouring (FAF) Panel and its Working Group (WG) on Specifications of Food Additives and of the Scientific Committee Working Group on nanotechnologies. The draft opinion will be presented in the forthcoming plenary meeting of the FAF Panel, for possible adoption.

## 5. Any Other Business

### 5.1. Planning and updates

The WG discussed and agreed on a tentative planning.

### 5.2. Next meeting

The next meeting will be on the 21 November 2022.

### 5.3. Agreement on the minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 2022

The minutes were agreed.



## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

### MINUTES OF THE 26<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**Tele-meeting 1 September 2022  
(Agreed on 19 September 2022)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair); Laurence Castle; Birgit Dusemund; Alicja Mortensen; Dominique Turck; Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; and Detlef Wölflé
- EFSA: FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz; Christina Kyrkou; Agnieszka Mech; Camilla Smeraldi; and Alexandra Tard

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Laurence Castle<sup>1</sup>, and Peter Fürst.

#### 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 Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, 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. Agreement of the minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 10 June, via tele-conference.

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<sup>1</sup> Absence in the last two hours

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<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



The minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 21 June 2022.<sup>5</sup>

## 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 5.1. 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](#))

The drafting of this scientific opinion is requiring support from the Food Additives and Flavouring (FAF) Panel Working Group (WG) on Specifications of Food Additives with respect to the assessment of part of the technical data. The current WG was informed that additional information has been submitted by the interested business operators (IBOs) in response to earlier requests from EFSA and is going to be discussed by the WG on Specifications of Food Additives at one of their forthcoming meetings.

At the current meeting, the WG discussed and revised the other sections of the draft scientific opinion. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants of the current WG were noted. Subject to these revisions, selected sections of the draft opinion will be finalised for transmission to a forthcoming plenary meeting of the FAF Panel, for possible endorsement.

### 5.2. Re-evaluation locust bean gum (E 410) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age ([EFSA-Q-2018-00095](#))

The drafting of this scientific opinion is requiring support from the WG on Specifications of Food Additives with respect to the assessment of part of the technical data. The current WG was informed that additional information to be submitted by the IBOs in response to earlier requests from EFSA is awaited. Feedback will be provided in advance of the next WG meeting, for inclusion in the draft opinion, and further discussion will take place in the next WG meeting.

## 6. Any Other Business

### 6.1. Planning and updates

The WG discussed and agreed on a tentative planning.

The WG was updated on the progress of the WG Specifications of Food Additives in the assessment of technical data received for calcium carbonate E 170 as required by the EFSA *Guidance on technical requirements for regulated food and feed product applications to establish the presence of small particles including nanoparticles (EFSA SC Guidance on particle-TR)*.

### 6.2. Next meeting

The next meeting will be agreed via written procedure.

### 6.3. Agreement on the minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2022

The minutes were agreed via written procedure.

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<sup>5</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/wg-foodadditivesinfants-m.pdf>



## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

### MINUTES OF THE 25<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**Tele-meeting 10 June 2022**

**(Agreed on 21 June 2022)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair); Laurence Castle; Birgit Dusemund; Alicja Mortensen<sup>1</sup>; Dominique Turck; Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; and Detlef Wölflé<sup>2</sup>
- EFSA: FIP Unit: Christina Kyrkou; Agnieszka Mech; Camilla Smeraldi; and Alexandra Tard

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Alicja Mortensen, Peter Fürst, and Detlef Wölflé.

#### 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 Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, 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

<sup>1</sup> Present for the first 3 hours

<sup>2</sup> Present for the first half of the meeting

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<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](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. Agreement of the minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 8 April, via tele-conference.**

The minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 22 April 2022.<sup>5</sup>

#### **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

##### **5.1. Re- evaluation of locust bean gum (E 410) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age ([EFSA-Q-2018-00095](#))**

The draft opinion was discussed, and the Working Group (WG) addressed the comments provided by the members of the WG. Further discussion will take place in the next meetings.

##### **5.2. Re- evaluation of xanthan gum (E 415) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age ([EFSA-Q-2018-00097](#))**

The draft opinion was discussed, and the WG addressed the comments provided by the members of the WG. Further discussion will continue within the next WG meetings.

##### **5.3. 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](#))**

The draft opinion was discussed. Final revisions and discussions will take place in the next WG meeting.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

##### **6.1. Planning and updates**

The WG discussed and agreed on a tentative planning.

##### **6.2. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2022, via teleconference.

##### **6.3. Agreement on the minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2022**

The minutes were agreed via written procedure.

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<sup>5</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/wg-foodadditivesinfants-m.pdf>

# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

## MINUTES OF THE 24<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**Tele-meeting 08 April 2022**

**(Agreed on 22 April 2022)**

### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair); Laurence Castle; Birgit Dusemund; Peter Fürst; Dominique Turck; Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; and Detlef Wölfle
- EFSA: FIP Unit: Jaime Aguilera Entrena (item 6.1)<sup>1</sup>; Christina Kyrkou; Agnieszka Mech; Salvatore Multari; Marcello Laganaro; Camilla Smeraldi; and Alexandra Tard
- Hearing experts: Lieve Herman (item 6.1)<sup>2</sup>

### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received by Alicja Mortensen.

### 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 Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, 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

<sup>1</sup> Participation in the first 1.5 hours

<sup>2</sup> Participation in the first 1.5 hours

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<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](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. Agreement of the minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 26 November 2021, via tele-conference.**

The minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 06 December 2021.<sup>5</sup>

#### **5. Hearing Expert (s)**

The expert Lieve Herman was invited to present her views on a subtopic of the item 6.1 of the present meeting.

#### **6. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

##### **6.1. Re-evaluation of xanthan gum (E 415) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age ([EFSA-Q-2018-00097](#))**

The available technical and biological and toxicological data that have been assessed and included in the draft opinion were discussed within the Working Group (WG). The need for additional information on the technical data in order to continue the assessment was identified.

##### **6.2. Re-evaluation of locust bean gum (E 410) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age ([EFSA-Q-2018-00095](#))**

The technical data as well as part of the toxicological data included in the draft opinion were discussed. The WG will continue the discussion within the next WG meetings.

#### **7. Any Other Business**

##### **7.1. Planning and updates**

The WG discussed and agreed on a tentative planning.

##### **7.2. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2022, via teleconference.

##### **7.3. Agreement on the minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April 2022**

The minutes were agreed via written procedure.

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<sup>5</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/wg-foodadditivesinfants-m.pdf>

# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

## MINUTES OF THE 23<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**Tele-meeting 26 November 2021**

**(Agreed on 06 December 2021)**

### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair); Laurence Castle; Birgit Dusemund<sup>1</sup>; Peter Fürst<sup>2</sup>; Alicja Mortensen; Dominique Turck; Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; and Detlef Wölfe
- EFSA: FIP Unit: Christina Kyrkou; Ana Maria Rincon; Camilla Smeraldi; Jose Vicente Tarazona; Alexandra Tard; Giorgia Vianello
- Hearing experts: Melania Manco participated in the topic 6.3

### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

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

### 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 Independence<sup>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, 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

<sup>1</sup> Apologies for absence in the morning

<sup>2</sup> Apologies for absence in the morning

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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. Agreement of the minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 20 October 2021, via tele-conference**

The minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 26 October 2021.<sup>5</sup>

#### **5. Hearing Expert(s)**

Prof. Melania Manco was invited to present her views for the topic 6.3 of the present meeting.

#### **6. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

##### **6.1. 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](#))**

An update on the status of this re-evaluation was provided. The need for clarifications on the information received from the data providers was identified.

##### **6.2. 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](#))**

As a follow-up of the discussion at the last Food Additives and Flavourings (FAF) Panel Plenary meeting, a draft call for additional information to complete the assessment was prepared, discussed and agreed. The call will be published on the EFSA website.

##### **6.3. Re-evaluation of locust bean gum (E 410) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age ([EFSA-Q-2018-00095](#))**

The toxicological data included in the draft opinion were discussed. The need for additional information to continue the assessment was identified.

##### **6.4. Re-evaluation of xanthan gum (E 415) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age ([EFSA-Q-2018-00097](#))**

The WG started the discussion on the draft opinion. The need for additional information to continue the assessment was identified.

##### **6.5. Re-evaluation of guar gum (E 412) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age ([EFSA-Q-2018-00096](#))**

The WG had a preliminary discussion on the technical data provided in response to the call for data and included in the draft opinion. The need for additional information to continue the assessment was identified.

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<sup>5</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/wg-foodadditivesinfants-m.pdf>





**6.6. Call for technical and toxicological data on citric acid esters of mono- and diglycerides of fatty acids (E 472c) for uses as a food additive in foods for all population groups including infants below 16 weeks of age**

The draft call for data on citric acid esters of mono- and diglycerides of fatty acids (E 472c) for uses as a food additive in foods for all population groups including infants below 16 weeks of age has been discussed and agreed via written procedure. The call will be published on the EFSA website.

**7. Any Other Business**

**7.1. Planning and updates**

The WG discussed and agreed on a tentative planning.

**7.2. Next meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be agreed via written procedure.

**7.3. Agreement on the minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November 2021**

The minutes will be agreed via written procedure.

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

### MINUTES OF THE 22<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**Tele-meeting 20 October 2021**

**(Agreed on 26 October 2021)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair); Laurence Castle; Birgit Dusemund; Peter Fürst; Alicja Mortensen; Dominique Turck; Ine Waalkens-Berendsen
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: Jiri Sochor (only in the morning)
- EFSA: FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz; Christina Kyrkou; Ana Maria Rincon (only in the morning); Camilla Smeraldi; Alexandra Tard; Giorgia Vianello

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Detlef Wölflé.

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

#### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, 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.

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

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## 4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 4.1. 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 draft opinion was discussed and revised accordingly. The need for additional information to complete the assessment was identified.

### 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](#))

An update on the status of this re-evaluation and on the next steps in the assessment was provided. It was reported that E 466 was discussed at the EFSA cross cutting working group on nanotechnologies.

### 4.3. Re-evaluation of locust bean gum (E 410) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age ([EFSA-Q-2018-00095](#))

The draft opinion was discussed and revised. The need for additional information to complete the assessment was identified.

### 4.4. Call for technical and toxicological data on citric acid esters of mono- and diglycerides of fatty acids (E 472c) for uses as a food additive in foods for all population groups including infants below 16 weeks of age

Because of shortage of time, the WG will receive the draft call for written comments.

## 5. Any Other Business

### 5.1. Planning and updates

The WG discussed and agreed on a tentative planning.

### 5.2. Next meeting

The next meeting will be on the 26 November 2021, via teleconference.

### 5.3. Agreement on the minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October 2021

The minutes will be agreed via written procedure.



## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

### MINUTES OF THE 21<sup>ST</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**Tele-meeting 8 September 2021**

**(Agreed on 14 September 2021)**

#### 1<sup>st</sup> day

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Laurence Castle; Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölflé; Dominique Turck; Alicja Mortensen; Peter Fürst; Birgit Dusemund
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -
- EFSA: FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard (only in the morning), Camilla Smeraldi

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

#### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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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. Re-evaluation of mono and di-glycerides of fatty acids (E 471) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age ([EFSA-Q-2018-00100](#))**

The draft opinion was discussed and revised. The draft opinion will be further discussed in a forthcoming FAF Panel meeting.

**4.2. 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 WG discussed the data received in the context of the call for data and the related clarifications from the interested business operators. This item will be further discussed in a forthcoming WG meeting.

**4.3. 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](#))**

An update on the status of this re-evaluation and on the next steps in the assessment was provided. This item will be further discussed in a forthcoming WG meeting.

#### 5. Any Other Business

**5.1. Planning and updates**

The WG discussed and agreed on a tentative planning.

**5.2. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be on the 20 October 2021, via teleconference.

**5.3. Agreement on the minutes of the 21st Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 8 September 2021**

The minutes will be agreed via written procedure.



## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

### MINUTES OF THE 20<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**Tele-meeting 9-10 June 2021**

**(Agreed on 21 June 2021)**

#### 1<sup>st</sup> day

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Laurence Castle; Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölfe; Dominique Turck; Alicja Mortensen; Peter Fürst; Birgit Dusemund
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -
- EFSA: FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard, Giorgia Vianello

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

#### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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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. Re-evaluation of mono and di-glycerides of fatty acids (E 471) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age ([EFSA-Q-2018-00100](#))**

The draft opinion was discussed and revised. The draft opinion will be further discussed in a forthcoming WG meeting.

##### **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](#))**

The WG discussed the data received in the context of the call for data and in the related clarifications from the interested business operator. This item will be further discussed in a forthcoming FAF plenary meeting.

#### 5. Any Other Business

##### **5.1. Planning and updates**

The WG discussed and agreed on a tentative planning.

##### **5.2. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be on the 8 September 2021, via teleconference.

##### **5.3. Agreement on the minutes of the 20th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 9 June 2021**

The minutes will be agreed via written procedure.

#### **6. Re-evaluation of locust bean gum (E 410) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age (EFSA-Q-2018-00095): technical hearing with interested business operators-preparatory meeting**

The WG held a short discussion in preparation of the upcoming technical hearing on locust bean gum (E 410).



## 2<sup>nd</sup> day

### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Dominique Turck
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -
- EFSA: FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Camilla Smeraldi
- Applicant representatives: Evangelia Mavromichali (Senior Scientific and Regulatory affairs Manager, Specialised Nutrition Europe); Martin Andersen (Senior Scientist and Program Leader, Danone); Leo Meunier (Toxicologist & Food Safety Scientist, Ingredients & Food Contact Materials, Danone); Ingrid Renes (Senior Team Leader Gut Biology, Danone); Anne-Sophie Garreau (Head of scientific department, United Pharmaceuticals); Jeffrey Pitt (Lead Toxicologist, IFF)

### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all the participants.

### 2. Scope of the applicants' hearing

The Applicant have been explained the scope of the meeting.

### 3. Issue for discussion

#### **3.1 Re-evaluation of locust bean gum (E 410) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age (EFSA-Q-2018-00095)**

The WG discussed relevance of the available study on neonatal piglet for the age group under evaluation and the intended use of locust bean gum (E 410).

The applicant agreed to provide additional data considered by the WG necessary to progress with the assessment of the safety locust bean gum (E 410).

### 4. Closing of the applicant's hearing

The applicant will receive a follow-up communication summarising the main points discussed.





## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

### MINUTES OF THE 19<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**Tele-meeting 13 April 2021**

**(Agreed on 13 April 2021)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Laurence Castle; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölflé; Dominique Turck; Alicja Mortensen; Peter Fürst; Birgit Dusemund
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -
- EFSA:  
FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard, Giorgia Vianello, Ana Maria Rincon (morning), Jaime Aguilera Entrena (afternoon)

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

#### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## 4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 4.1 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](#))

The draft opinion was discussed and revised. The draft opinion will be further discussed in a forthcoming WG meeting.

### 4.2 Re-evaluation of mono and di-glycerides of fatty acids (E 471) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age: preliminary discussion on the approach ([EFSA-Q-2018-00100](#))

The WG discussed the data received in the context of the call for data and the next steps in the evaluation.

### 4.3 Re-evaluation of xanthan gum (E 415) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age: preliminary discussion on the approach ([EFSA-Q-2018-00097](#))

The WG discussed the data received in the context of the call for data and the next steps in the evaluation.

### 4.4 Re-evaluation of locust bean gum (E 410) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age: preliminary discussion on the approach ([EFSA-Q-2018-00095](#))

The WG discussed the data received in the context of the call for data and the next steps in the evaluation.

## 5. Any Other Business

### 5.1. Planning and updates

The WG discussed and agreed on a tentative planning.

### 5.2. Call for data

The WG discussed the call for data on E 472c.

### 5.3. Agreement on the minutes of the 19th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 13 April 2021

The minutes were agreed.

## 6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be on the 9-10 June 2021, via teleconference.



## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

### MINUTES OF THE 18<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**Tele-meeting 16 February 2021**

**(Agreed on 16 February 2021)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Laurence Castle; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölflé; Dominique Turck; Alicja Mortensen; Peter Fürst; Birgit Dusemund
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: Guillermo Cardon (morning)
- EFSA:  
FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard, Giorgia Vianello, Ana Maria Rincon (morning)

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

#### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## 4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 4.1 Re-evaluation of sodium carboxymethyl cellulose (E 466) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

The draft opinion was discussed and revised. The draft opinion will be further discussed in a forthcoming FAF Plenary meeting.

### 4.2 Re-evaluation of sucrose esters of fatty acid (E 473) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

The WG preliminary discussed the data received in the context of the call for data and the next steps in the evaluation. The WG considered necessary to ask the interested business operators for further clarifications.

### 4.3 Re-evaluation of mono and di-glycerides of fatty acids (E 471) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age: preliminary discussion on the approach

The WG preliminary discussed the data received in the context of the call for data and the next steps in the evaluation.

## 5. Any Other Business

### 5.1. Planning

The WG discussed and agreed on a tentative planning.

### 5.2. Agreement on the minutes of the 18th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 16 February 2021

The minutes were agreed.

## 6. Next meetings- tentative schedule for 2021

The next meeting will be on the 13 April 2021, via teleconference.

# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

## MINUTES OF THE 17<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**Tele-meeting 1 December 2020**

**(Agreed on 4 December 2020)**

### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Laurence Castle; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölflé; Dominique Turck; Alicja Mortensen; Peter Fürst (only in the morning)
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -
- EFSA:  
FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard, Giorgia Vianello

### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Birgit Dusemund.

### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## 4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 4.1 Re-evaluation of pectin (E 440i) and amidated pectin (E 440ii) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

The draft opinion was discussed and revised. The draft opinion will be further discussed in a forthcoming FAF Plenary meeting.

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

The draft opinion was discussed and revised. The draft opinion will be further discussed in a forthcoming FAF Plenary meeting.

## 5. Any Other Business

### 5.1. Planning

The WG discussed and agreed on a tentative planning.

### 5.2. Agreement on the minutes of the 17th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 1 December 2020

The minutes will be agreed via written procedure.

## 6. Next meetings- tentative schedule for 2021

Dates for the 2021 meetings were discussed and tentatively agreed.



## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

### MINUTES OF THE 16<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**Tele-meeting 5-6 November 2020**

**(Agreed on 13 November 2020)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Laurence Castle; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölflé; Birgit Dusemund; Dominique Turck; Alicja Mortensen; Peter Fürst
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -
- EFSA:  
FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard, Giorgia Vianello, Ana Maria Rincon (item 5)

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

#### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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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 Re-evaluation of pectin (E 440i) and amidated pectin (E 440ii) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age**

The draft opinion was discussed and revised. The draft opinion will be further discussed in a forthcoming FAF Plenary meeting.

##### **4.2 Re-evaluation of sodium carboxymethyl cellulose (E 466) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age**

The working group discussed the approach to be taken in the assessment of sodium carboxymethyl cellulose (E 466) considering the data submitted by the interested business operators. The draft opinion will be further discussed in a forthcoming working group meeting.

#### 5. Update from the Specification WG: calcium carbonate (E 170) and silicon dioxide (E 551)

An update on the discussion on calcium carbonate (E 170) and silicon dioxide (E 551) held at the Specification Working Group was provided.

#### 6. Any Other Business

##### **6.1. Planning**

The WG discussed and agreed on a tentative planning for the opinions' drafting.

##### **6.2. Agreement on the minutes of the 16th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 5-6 November 2020**

The minutes will be agreed via written procedure.

#### 7. Next meeting(s)

The next working group meeting will be on 1 December 2020, via teleconference.



## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

### MINUTES OF THE 15<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**Tele-meeting 6-7 October 2020**

**(Agreed on 7 October 2020)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Laurence Castle; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölflé; Birgit Dusemund; Dominique Turck; Alicja Mortensen
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: Guillermo Cardon (part of the second day)
- EFSA:  
FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

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

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

#### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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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 Re-evaluation of pectin (E 440i) and amidated pectin (E 440ii) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age**

The draft opinion was discussed and revised. The draft opinion will be further discussed in a forthcoming working group meeting.

##### **4.2 Re-evaluation of sodium carboxymethyl cellulose (E 466) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age**

The working group discussed the approach to be taken in the assessment of sodium carboxymethyl cellulose (E 466) considering the data submitted by the interested business operators.

#### 5. Any Other Business

##### **5.1. Overview of the responses received in the call for data and planning**

The WG discussed and agreed on a tentative planning for the opinions' drafting.

##### **5.2. Agreement on the minutes of the 15th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 6-7 October 2020**

The minutes were agreed.

#### 6. Next meeting(s)

The next working group meeting will be on the 5-6 November 2020, via teleconference.



## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

### MINUTES OF THE 14<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**Tele-meeting 10 September 2020**

**(Agreed on 10 September 2020)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Laurence Castle; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölflé; Birgit Dusemund; Dominique Turck; Alicja Mortensen
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -
- EFSA:  
FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Camilla Smeraldi, Giorgia Vianello

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

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

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

#### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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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 Re-evaluation of lecithins (E 422) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age**

The draft opinion was discussed and revised. The draft opinion will be discussed in a forthcoming FAF Panel Plenary meeting.

#### 5. Any Other Business

##### **5.1. Planning**

The WG discussed and agreed on a tentative planning for the opinions' drafting.

##### **5.2. Agreement on the minutes of the 14th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 10 September 2020**

The minutes were agreed.

#### 6. Next meeting(s)

The next working group meeting will be on the 6-7 October 2020, via teleconference.



## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

### MINUTES OF THE 13<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**Tele-meeting 1-2 September 2020**

**(Agreed on 8 September 2020)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Laurence Castle; Peter Fürst; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölfe; Birgit Dusemund; Dominique Turck; Alicja Mortensen
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -
- EFSA:  
FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard, Giorgia Vianello

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

#### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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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 Re-evaluation of lecithins (E 422) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age**

The draft opinion was discussed and revised. The draft opinion will be finalised in a follow up WG meeting and tabled for discussion in a forthcoming FAF Panel Plenary meeting.

#### 5. Overview of the responses received to the calls for data and planning

An overview of the responses received to the call for data and to the clarification requests was provided. The WG also discussed and agreed on a tentative planning for the opinions' drafting.

#### 6. Any Other Business

##### **6.1 Agreement on the minutes of the 13th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 1-2 September 2020**

The minutes will be agreed via written procedure.

#### 7. Next meeting(s)

The WG agreed to plan an additional working group meeting still in September 2020, via teleconference.



## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

### MINUTES OF THE 12<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**Tele-meeting 22 June 2020**

**(Agreed on 29 June 2020)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Laurence Castle; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölflé; Birgit Dusemund; Dominique Turck; Alicja Mortensen
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -
- EFSA:  
FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

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

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with a change in the order of the topics.

#### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, 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

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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 Re-evaluation of lecithins (E 422) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age**

The draft opinion was discussed. The draft will be tabled for discussion in a forthcoming working group meeting.

##### **4.2 Re-evaluation of SSOS (E 1450) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age**

The draft opinion revised following the FAF Panel discussion was presented. The draft opinion is planned for discussion at the 15<sup>th</sup> FAF Plenary meeting.

#### **5. Any Other Business**

##### **5.1 Agreement on the minutes of the 12th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 22 June 2020**

The minutes will be agreed via written procedure.

#### **6. Next meeting(s)**

The next working group meeting will be on the 1 and 2 September 2020, via teleconference.





## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

### MINUTES OF THE 11<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**Tele-meeting 30 April 2020**

**(Agreed on 30 April 2020)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Laurence Castle; Peter Fürst; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölfe; Birgit Dusemund; Dominique Turck; Alicja Mortensen

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard, Camilla Smeraldi, Ana Maria Rincon, Ndip Galvin Eyong, Ana Campos Fernandes

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with a change in the order of the topics.

#### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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

The draft opinion was discussed and finalised. The draft is planned to be tabled for discussion in a forthcoming FAF Panel plenary meeting.

#### 5. Any Other Business

##### **5.1 Agreement on the minutes of the 11th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 30 April 2020**

The minutes were agreed.

#### 6. Next meeting(s)

The next working group meeting will be on the 28-29 May 2020, via teleconference.

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

### MINUTES OF THE 10<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**Tele-meeting 15-16 April 2020**

**(Agreed on 20 April 2020)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Laurence Castle; Peter Fürst; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölfe; Birgit Dusemund; Dominique Turck; Alicja Mortensen

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard, Camilla Smeraldi, Ana Maria Rincon, Giorgia Vianello, Galvin Eyong

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with a change in the order of the topics.

#### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, 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

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

The draft opinion was discussed and some revisions were performed. The revision of the draft will continue in a forthcoming WG meeting. Thereafter, the draft is planned to be tabled for discussion in a forthcoming FAF Panel plenary meeting.

### 4.2. Revision of the opinion on the re-evaluation of starch sodium octenyl succinate (E 1450) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

The draft opinion was revised. The draft will be tabled for discussion in a forthcoming FAF Panel plenary meeting.

## 5. Feedback from the WG specifications on the approach to set the specifications for heavy metals.

Feedback was provided on the discussions held during the FAF WG on Specifications regarding the proposed specifications for ascorbyl palmitate (E 304i) and starch sodium octenyl succinate (E 1450). The outcome of the discussion of the FAF WG on Specifications was considered in the update of these two opinions (see items 4.1 and 4.2).

## 6. Overview of the responses received to the calls for data and planning

An overview of the responses received for the call for data was provided.

## 7. Any Other Business

### 7.1 Agreement on the minutes of the 10th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 15-16 April 2020

The minutes of this meeting will be agreed by written procedure.

## 8. Next meeting(s)

The next working group meeting will be on the 30 April 2020, via teleconference.

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

### MINUTES OF THE 9<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**Tele-meeting 12-13 February 2020**

**(Agreed on 13 February 2020)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Laurence Castle; Peter Fürst; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölfe; Birgit Dusemund, Dominique Turck, Alicja Mortensen

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard, Camilla Smeraldi, 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

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

The draft opinion was revised. It was noted that clarifications on the submitted data were requested from the interested parties; the responses will be considered in an updated version of the draft opinion. The draft will be tabled for discussion in a forthcoming FAF Panel plenary meeting.

### 4.2. Revision of the opinion on the re-evaluation of starch sodium octenyl succinate (E 1450) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

The comments received were discussed and the timetable for further elaboration on the changes to be made were agreed.

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

A preliminary discussion on the completeness of the data available was held.

## 5. Overview of the responses received to the calls for data

### 5.1. An overview of the ongoing call for data and of the responses received

An overview of the ongoing call for data and of the responses received so far was presented to the Working Group.

### 5.2. Allocation of the tasks for the re-evaluation of lecithins (E 322) ([EFSA-Q-2018-00094](#)), pectin (E 440(i)) and amidated pectin (E 440(ii)) ([EFSA-Q-2018-00098](#)), sodium carboxymethylcellulose (E 466) ([EFSA-Q-2018-00099](#)), sucrose esters of fatty acids (E 473) a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age ([EFSA-Q-2018-00101](#))

Tasks were distributed among the Working Group members in order to check the completeness of the data available

## 6. Any Other Business

### 6.1. Agreement on the minutes of the 9th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 12-13 February 2020

The minutes of this meeting had been agreed at the end of the meeting by the working group.

## 7. Next meeting(s)

The next working group meeting will be on the 15 April 2020 in Brussels.

# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

## MINUTES OF THE 8<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**Physical meeting 29 November 2019**

**(Agreed on 29 November 2019)**

### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Laurence Castle; Peter Fürst (via teleconference); Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölfle; Birgit Dusemund and Dominique Turck (via teleconference)
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: Guillermo Cardon, Jiri Sochor
- EFSA:  
FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard (via teleconference)

### 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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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. Template for the opinions on the re-evaluation of food additives used in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age**

This item was postponed.

#### **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

##### **5.1. Re-evaluation of ascorbyl palmitate (E 304i) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age<sup>3</sup>**

The draft opinion was finalised and will be tabled for possible adoption at the FAF Panel plenary meeting (28-30 January 2020).

##### **5.2. Revision of the opinion on the re-evaluation of starch sodium octenyl succinate (E 1450) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age**

The opinion was re-elaborated to account for the comments received and will be tabled for possible adoption at the FAF Panel plenary meeting (10-12 December 2019).

#### **6. Overview of the responses received to the calls for data**

##### **6.1. An overview of the ongoing call for data and of the responses received**

An overview of the ongoing call for data and of the responses received so far was presented to the Working Group.

The WG discussed and agreed the need for an additional expert in the field of ADME with experience in the evaluation of food additives.

##### **6.2. Allocation of the tasks for the re-evaluation of calcium carbonate (E 170) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age<sup>4</sup>**

Tasks were distributed among the Working Group members in order to progress with the drafting of the upcoming opinion.

#### **7. Any Other Business**

##### **7.1. Overview of the replies to questions from third parties on the ongoing calls for data**

An overview of the received questions and of the provided answers was provided.

<sup>3</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00089>

<sup>4</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00772>





**7.2. Agreement on the minutes of the 8th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 29 November 2019**

The minutes of this meeting were agreed at the end of the meeting by the working group.

**8. Next meeting(s)**

The working group agreed on tentative dates of the meetings for 2020.



## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

### MINUTES OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**WEB/TELE-conference 1-2 October 2019**

**(Agreed on 2 October 2019)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Laurence Castle; Peter Furst; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Dominique Turck; Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölfle; Birgit Dusemund and Dominique Turck
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: /
- EFSA:  
FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.  
Apologies were received from Alicja Mortensen.

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

#### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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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. Re-evaluation of acacia gum (E 414) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age <sup>3</sup>

The draft opinion was finalised and will be tabled for possible adoption at the next FAF Panel plenary meeting (12-14 November 2019).

### 4.2. Re-evaluation of ascorbyl palmitate (E 304i) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age <sup>4</sup>

Tasks were distributed among the Working Group members in order to progress with the drafting of the scientific opinion with the aim of having a first draft ready for the next WG meeting.

## 5. Overview of the responses received to the calls for data

### 5.1. An overview of the ongoing call for data and of the responses received

An overview of the ongoing call for data and of the responses received so far was presented to the Working Group. Tasks were distributed among the Working Group members in order to progress with the drafting of the upcoming opinion.

## 6. Any Other Business

### 6.1. Agreement on the minutes of the 7th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 1-2 October 2019

The minutes of this meeting agreed at the end of the meeting by the WG.

## 7. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held as a physical meeting (in Brussels) on 29 November 2019.

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<sup>3</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00525>

<sup>4</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00089>



## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

### MINUTES OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**Physical meeting, Parma (Italy) 28 August 2019**

**(Agreed on 28 August 2019)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Laurence Castle; Peter Furst; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Dominique Turck; Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölfle; Birgit Dusemund and Alicja Mortensen

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives: /

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz

#### 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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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. Re-evaluation of starch sodium octenyl succinate (E 1450) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age<sup>3</sup>**

The draft opinion was finalised and will be tabled for possible adoption at the next FAF Panel plenary meeting (24-26 September 2019).

##### **4.2. Re-evaluation of acacia gum (E 414) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age<sup>4</sup>**

The Working Group continued its assessment. Tasks were distributed among the Working Group members in order to progress with the drafting of the scientific opinion.

#### 5. Overview of the responses received to the calls for data

An overview of the ongoing call for data and of the responses received so far was presented to the Working Group. Tasks were distributed among the Working Group members in order to progress with the drafting of the upcoming opinion.

#### 6. Any Other Business

##### **6.1. Agreement on the minutes of the 6th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 28 August 2019**

The minutes of this meeting were drafted during the meeting agreed by the WG.

#### 7. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held as a teleconference in October 2019, exact date still to be agreed. A physical meeting will be held in November, exact date still to be agreed.

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<sup>3</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00102>

<sup>4</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00525>



## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

### MINUTES OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**WEB/TELE-conference, 24 May 2019**

**(Agreed on 18 June 2019)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Laurence Castle; Peter Furst; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Dominique Turck; Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölfle; Birgit Dusemund and Alicja Mortensen
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Not Applicable
- EFSA:  
FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi, Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.  
Apologies were received from Dominique Turck.

#### 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 Independence<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, 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. Agreement of the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 2 April 2019, Web-conference.

The minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting were agreed on 2 April 2019.<sup>3</sup>

#### 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

##### 5.1. Re-evaluation of starch sodium octenyl succinate (E 1450) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age<sup>4</sup>

Further to the discussion held at the previous meetings the Working Group continued its assessment. Tasks were distributed among the Working Group members in order to progress with the drafting of the scientific opinion.

##### 5.2. Re-evaluation of acacia gum (E 414) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age<sup>5</sup>

This agenda point was postponed to the next meeting.

#### 6. Any Other Business

##### 6.1. Overview of the responses received to the calls for data

This agenda point was postponed to the next meeting.

#### 7. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held as a physical meeting in September 2019, date still to be agreed.

#### 8. Short training for the pilot on opinion drafting

This agenda point was postponed.

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

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

<sup>4</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00102>

<sup>5</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00525>



## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

### MINUTES OF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**WEB/TELE-conference, 02 April 2019**

**(Agreed on 02 April 2019)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Laurence Castle; Peter Furst; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Dominique Turck; Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölflé
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Not Applicable
- EFSA:  
FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Birgit Dusemund and Alicja Mortensen

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

#### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members





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#### 4. Agreement of the minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 14 - February 2019, Web-conference.

The minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Working Group meeting were agreed on 14 February 2019.<sup>3</sup>

#### 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

##### 5.1. Re-evaluation of starch sodium octenyl succinate (E 1450) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age<sup>4</sup>

Further to the initial discussion held at the previous meeting and the clarifications received from the interested parties on the data provided in response to the specific call for data for the food additive starch sodium octenyl succinate (E 1450), the Working Group continued its assessment.

Tasks were distributed among the Working Group members in order to progress with the drafting of the scientific opinion.

##### 5.2. Re-evaluation of acacia gum (E 414) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age<sup>5</sup>

The Working Group held an initial discussion on the data submitted by the interested parties in response to the specific call for data for the food additive acacia gum (E 414).

Tasks were distributed among the Working Group members in order to progress with the drafting of the scientific opinion.

#### 6. Any Other Business

##### 6.1. Overview of the responses received to the calls for data

An overview of the responses received so far from interested parties was presented to the Working Group.

#### 7. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held as a teleconference in May 2019, date still to be agreed.

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/wg-foodadditivesinfants-m.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00564>

<sup>5</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00525>

# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

## MINUTES OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**WEB/TELE-conference, 14 February 2019**

**(Agreed on 14 February 2019)**

### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Laurence Castle; Birgit Dusemund; Peter Furst; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Claude Lambré; Alicja Mortensen; Dominique Turck; Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölfle
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Not Applicable
- EFSA:  
FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi

### 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 Independence<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by

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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. Agreement of the minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 17-18 October 2018, Parma.**

The minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting were agreed on 18 October 2018.<sup>3</sup>

#### **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

##### **5.1. Re-evaluation of starch sodium octenyl succinate (E 1450) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age<sup>4</sup>**

The Working Group had an initial discussion on the responses received from interested parties to the specific call for data for the food additive starch sodium octenyl succinate (E 1450).

The Working Group raised some questions on the data received and requests for clarifications will be sent to the relevant interested parties.

Tasks were distributed among the Working Group members in order to progress with the drafting of the scientific opinion.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

##### **6.1. Overview of the responses received to the calls for data**

An overview of the responses received so far from interested parties was presented to the Working Group.

#### **7. Next meeting(s)**

The next meeting will be held as a teleconference in April 2019, date still to be agreed.

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/wg-foodadditivesinfants-m.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00564>

## Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Flavourings (FAF)

### Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Working Group on Food Additives permitted in Foods for Infants below 16 weeks of age

**Held on 17 -18/10/2018 ,Parma (Italy)**

**(Agreed on 18/10/2018)**

#### **Participants**

<b>Working Group Members</b>	<b>Agenda points</b>	<b>Teleconference</b>
■ Gundert-Remy Ursula	■ all	■ <input type="checkbox"/>
■ Mortensen Alicja	■ all	■ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
■ Dusemund Birgit	■ all	■ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
■ Waalkens- Berendsen Ine	■ all	■ <input type="checkbox"/>
■ Lambré Claude	■ all	■ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
■ Wölfle Detlef	■ all	■ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
■ Castle Laurence	■ all	■ <input type="checkbox"/>
■ Fürst Peter	■ all	■ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
■ Turck Dominique	■ all	■ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> on 17 October

#### **Hearing Experts :**

Not Applicable

#### **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

None

#### **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou

## **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

## **2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted.

## **3. Declarations of interest**

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

## **4. Agreement of the notes of the previous Working Group meeting**

The notes were agreed.

## **5. Feedback from FAF Panel, EFSA and European Commission**

EFSA published the call for data agreed by the WG of the FAF Panel on 10/10/2018. Feedback from stakeholders is expected by 21/11/2018.

## **6. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion**

### **6.1 E 1450 Starch sodium octenyl succinate (Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00102)**

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

The Working Group discussed the draft document. Further discussion is foreseen in a forthcoming meeting.

## **7. Any Other Business**

### **7.1 Adoption of the minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting on Food Additives permitted in Foods for Infants below 16 weeks of age held on 17 - 18 October 2018, Parma.**

The minutes were adopted.

### **7.2 Next meeting in 2018**

No other meeting is foreseen

## Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Flavourings (FAF)

### Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Working Group on Food Additives permitted in Foods for Infants below 16 weeks of age

**Held on 10 -11/09/2018 ,Parma (Italy)**

**(Agreed on 11/09/2018)**

#### Participants

Working Members	Group	Agenda points	Teleconference
■ Gundert-Remy Ursula		■ all	■ <input type="checkbox"/>
■ Mortensen Alicja		■ Item 7.1 and 7.2	■ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
■ Dusemund Birgit		■ all	■ <input type="checkbox"/>
■ Waalkens-Berendsen Ine		■ Item 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3	■ <input type="checkbox"/>
■ Lambré Claude		■ all	■ <input type="checkbox"/>
■ Wölfle Detlef		■ Item 7.1 and 7.2	■ <input type="checkbox"/>
■ Castle Laurence		■ Item 7.1 and 7.2	■ <input type="checkbox"/>
■ Fürst Peter		■ Item 7.1 and 7.2	■ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

#### Hearing Experts :

Not Applicable

#### European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

None

## **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou

### **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

### **2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted.

### **3. Declarations of interest**

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### **4. Agreement of the notes of the previous Working Group meeting**

Not Applicable

### **5. Feedback from FAF Panel, EFSA and European Commission**

EFSA launched calls for data on seven additives in order to address data gaps identified in previous EFSA opinions and the safety of their use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age.

On 30 November, EFSA will organise a one-day workshop to update stakeholders and interested parties on the re-evaluation of food additives

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intended to be used in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age. The purpose of the workshop is EFSA and the Working Group experts to elaborate on the data requirements as they have been expressed in calls for data published by EFSA and to receive feedback from stakeholders on their data provision plans.

## 6. General issues

The progress of the draft opinion on phosphates was reported and issues related to the use of phosphates in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age were discussed.

## 7. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

### 7.1 E 306-E 309 Tocopherols (Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00090-EFSA-Q-2018-00093)

<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00090--00091-00092-00093>

The data requirements have been agreed by the WG

### 7.2 E 407 Carrageenan (Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00270)

<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00270>

The data requirements have been agreed by the WG

### 7.3 E 551 Silicon dioxide (Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00526)

<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00526>

The data requirements have been agreed by the WG

### 7.4 E 170 Calcium carbonate (Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00088)

<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00088>

The data requirements have been agreed by the WG

### 7.5 E 304i Fatty acid esters of ascorbyl palmitate (Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00089)

<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00089>

The data requirements have been agreed by the WG

### 7.6 E 471 Mono- and diglycerides of fatty acids (Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00100)

<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00100>

The data requirements have been agreed by the WG

**7.7 E 473 Sucrose esters of fatty acids (Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00101)**

<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00101>

The data requirements have been agreed by the WG

**7.8 E 414 Acacia gum (Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00525)**

<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00525>

The data requirements have been agreed by the WG

## **8. Any Other Business**

**8.1 Adoption of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting on Food Additives permitted in Foods for Infants and Young Children held on 10 - 11 September 2018, Parma.**

The minutes were adopted.

**8.2 Next meeting in 2018**

17-18 October 2018

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

### MINUTES OF THE 19<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**Tele-meeting 13 April 2021**

**(Agreed on 13 April 2021)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Laurence Castle; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölflé; Dominique Turck; Alicja Mortensen; Peter Fürst; Birgit Dusemund
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -
- EFSA:  
FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard, Giorgia Vianello, Ana Maria Rincon (morning), Jaime Aguilera Entrena (afternoon)

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

#### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## 4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 4.1 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](#))

The draft opinion was discussed and revised. The draft opinion will be further discussed in a forthcoming WG meeting.

### 4.2 Re-evaluation of mono and di-glycerides of fatty acids (E 471) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age: preliminary discussion on the approach ([EFSA-Q-2018-00100](#))

The WG discussed the data received in the context of the call for data and the next steps in the evaluation.

### 4.3 Re-evaluation of xanthan gum (E 415) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age: preliminary discussion on the approach ([EFSA-Q-2018-00097](#))

The WG discussed the data received in the context of the call for data and the next steps in the evaluation.

### 4.4 Re-evaluation of locust bean gum (E 410) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age: preliminary discussion on the approach ([EFSA-Q-2018-00095](#))

The WG discussed the data received in the context of the call for data and the next steps in the evaluation.

## 5. Any Other Business

### 5.1. Planning and updates

The WG discussed and agreed on a tentative planning.

### 5.2. Call for data

The WG discussed the call for data on E 472c.

### 5.3. Agreement on the minutes of the 19th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 13 April 2021

The minutes were agreed.

## 6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be on the 9-10 June 2021, via teleconference.



## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

### MINUTES OF THE 19<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**Tele-meeting 13 April 2021**

**(Agreed on 13 April 2021)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Laurence Castle; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölflé; Dominique Turck; Alicja Mortensen; Peter Fürst; Birgit Dusemund
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -
- EFSA:  
FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard, Giorgia Vianello, Ana Maria Rincon (morning), Jaime Aguilera Entrena (afternoon)

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

#### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## 4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 4.1 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](#))

The draft opinion was discussed and revised. The draft opinion will be further discussed in a forthcoming WG meeting.

### 4.2 Re-evaluation of mono and di-glycerides of fatty acids (E 471) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age: preliminary discussion on the approach ([EFSA-Q-2018-00100](#))

The WG discussed the data received in the context of the call for data and the next steps in the evaluation.

### 4.3 Re-evaluation of xanthan gum (E 415) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age: preliminary discussion on the approach ([EFSA-Q-2018-00097](#))

The WG discussed the data received in the context of the call for data and the next steps in the evaluation.

### 4.4 Re-evaluation of locust bean gum (E 410) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age: preliminary discussion on the approach ([EFSA-Q-2018-00095](#))

The WG discussed the data received in the context of the call for data and the next steps in the evaluation.

## 5. Any Other Business

### 5.1. Planning and updates

The WG discussed and agreed on a tentative planning.

### 5.2. Call for data

The WG discussed the call for data on E 472c.

### 5.3. Agreement on the minutes of the 19th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 13 April 2021

The minutes were agreed.

## 6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be on the 9-10 June 2021, via teleconference.



## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

### MINUTES OF THE 18<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**Tele-meeting 16 February 2021**

**(Agreed on 16 February 2021)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Laurence Castle; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölflé; Dominique Turck; Alicja Mortensen; Peter Fürst; Birgit Dusemund
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: Guillermo Cardon (morning)
- EFSA:  
FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard, Giorgia Vianello, Ana Maria Rincon (morning)

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

#### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## 4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 4.1 Re-evaluation of sodium carboxymethyl cellulose (E 466) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

The draft opinion was discussed and revised. The draft opinion will be further discussed in a forthcoming FAF Plenary meeting.

### 4.2 Re-evaluation of sucrose esters of fatty acid (E 473) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

The WG preliminary discussed the data received in the context of the call for data and the next steps in the evaluation. The WG considered necessary to ask the interested business operators for further clarifications.

### 4.3 Re-evaluation of mono and di-glycerides of fatty acids (E 471) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age: preliminary discussion on the approach

The WG preliminary discussed the data received in the context of the call for data and the next steps in the evaluation.

## 5. Any Other Business

### 5.1. Planning

The WG discussed and agreed on a tentative planning.

### 5.2. Agreement on the minutes of the 18th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 16 February 2021

The minutes were agreed.

## 6. Next meetings- tentative schedule for 2021

The next meeting will be on the 13 April 2021, via teleconference.



# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

## MINUTES OF THE 17<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**Tele-meeting 1 December 2020**

**(Agreed on 4 December 2020)**

### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Laurence Castle; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölflé; Dominique Turck; Alicja Mortensen; Peter Fürst (only in the morning)
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -
- EFSA:  
FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard, Giorgia Vianello

### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Birgit Dusemund.

### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## 4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 4.1 Re-evaluation of pectin (E 440i) and amidated pectin (E 440ii) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

The draft opinion was discussed and revised. The draft opinion will be further discussed in a forthcoming FAF Plenary meeting.

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

The draft opinion was discussed and revised. The draft opinion will be further discussed in a forthcoming FAF Plenary meeting.

## 5. Any Other Business

### 5.1. Planning

The WG discussed and agreed on a tentative planning.

### 5.2. Agreement on the minutes of the 17th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 1 December 2020

The minutes will be agreed via written procedure.

## 6. Next meetings- tentative schedule for 2021

Dates for the 2021 meetings were discussed and tentatively agreed.



## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

### MINUTES OF THE 16<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**Tele-meeting 5-6 November 2020**

**(Agreed on 13 November 2020)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Laurence Castle; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölflé; Birgit Dusemund; Dominique Turck; Alicja Mortensen; Peter Fürst
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -
- EFSA:  
FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard, Giorgia Vianello, Ana Maria Rincon (item 5)

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

#### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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#### 4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

##### **4.1 Re-evaluation of pectin (E 440i) and amidated pectin (E 440ii) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age**

The draft opinion was discussed and revised. The draft opinion will be further discussed in a forthcoming FAF Plenary meeting.

##### **4.2 Re-evaluation of sodium carboxymethyl cellulose (E 466) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age**

The working group discussed the approach to be taken in the assessment of sodium carboxymethyl cellulose (E 466) considering the data submitted by the interested business operators. The draft opinion will be further discussed in a forthcoming working group meeting.

#### 5. Update from the Specification WG: calcium carbonate (E 170) and silicon dioxide (E 551)

An update on the discussion on calcium carbonate (E 170) and silicon dioxide (E 551) held at the Specification Working Group was provided.

#### 6. Any Other Business

##### **6.1. Planning**

The WG discussed and agreed on a tentative planning for the opinions' drafting.

##### **6.2. Agreement on the minutes of the 16th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 5-6 November 2020**

The minutes will be agreed via written procedure.

#### 7. Next meeting(s)

The next working group meeting will be on 1 December 2020, via teleconference.



## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

### MINUTES OF THE 15<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**Tele-meeting 6-7 October 2020**

**(Agreed on 7 October 2020)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Laurence Castle; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölflé; Birgit Dusemund; Dominique Turck; Alicja Mortensen
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: Guillermo Cardon (part of the second day)
- EFSA:  
FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

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

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

#### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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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 Re-evaluation of pectin (E 440i) and amidated pectin (E 440ii) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age**

The draft opinion was discussed and revised. The draft opinion will be further discussed in a forthcoming working group meeting.

##### **4.2 Re-evaluation of sodium carboxymethyl cellulose (E 466) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age**

The working group discussed the approach to be taken in the assessment of sodium carboxymethyl cellulose (E 466) considering the data submitted by the interested business operators.

#### 5. Any Other Business

##### **5.1. Overview of the responses received in the call for data and planning**

The WG discussed and agreed on a tentative planning for the opinions' drafting.

##### **5.2. Agreement on the minutes of the 15th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 6-7 October 2020**

The minutes were agreed.

#### 6. Next meeting(s)

The next working group meeting will be on the 5-6 November 2020, via teleconference.



## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

### MINUTES OF THE 14<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**Tele-meeting 10 September 2020**

**(Agreed on 10 September 2020)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Laurence Castle; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölflé; Birgit Dusemund; Dominique Turck; Alicja Mortensen
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -
- EFSA:  
FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Camilla Smeraldi, Giorgia Vianello

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

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

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

#### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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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 Re-evaluation of lecithins (E 422) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age**

The draft opinion was discussed and revised. The draft opinion will be discussed in a forthcoming FAF Panel Plenary meeting.

#### 5. Any Other Business

##### **5.1. Planning**

The WG discussed and agreed on a tentative planning for the opinions' drafting.

##### **5.2. Agreement on the minutes of the 14th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 10 September 2020**

The minutes were agreed.

#### 6. Next meeting(s)

The next working group meeting will be on the 6-7 October 2020, via teleconference.





## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

### MINUTES OF THE 13<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**Tele-meeting 1-2 September 2020**

**(Agreed on 8 September 2020)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Laurence Castle; Peter Fürst; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölfe; Birgit Dusemund; Dominique Turck; Alicja Mortensen
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -
- EFSA:  
FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard, Giorgia Vianello

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

#### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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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 Re-evaluation of lecithins (E 422) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age**

The draft opinion was discussed and revised. The draft opinion will be finalised in a follow up WG meeting and tabled for discussion in a forthcoming FAF Panel Plenary meeting.

#### 5. Overview of the responses received to the calls for data and planning

An overview of the responses received to the call for data and to the clarification requests was provided. The WG also discussed and agreed on a tentative planning for the opinions' drafting.

#### 6. Any Other Business

##### **6.1 Agreement on the minutes of the 13th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 1-2 September 2020**

The minutes will be agreed via written procedure.

#### 7. Next meeting(s)

The WG agreed to plan an additional working group meeting still in September 2020, via teleconference.



## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

### MINUTES OF THE 12<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**Tele-meeting 22 June 2020**

**(Agreed on 29 June 2020)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Laurence Castle; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölflé; Birgit Dusemund; Dominique Turck; Alicja Mortensen
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -
- EFSA:  
FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

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

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with a change in the order of the topics.

#### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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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 Re-evaluation of lecithins (E 422) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age**

The draft opinion was discussed. The draft will be tabled for discussion in a forthcoming working group meeting.

##### **4.2 Re-evaluation of SSOS (E 1450) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age**

The draft opinion revised following the FAF Panel discussion was presented. The draft opinion is planned for discussion at the 15<sup>th</sup> FAF Plenary meeting.

#### 5. Any Other Business

##### **5.1 Agreement on the minutes of the 12th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 22 June 2020**

The minutes will be agreed via written procedure.

#### 6. Next meeting(s)

The next working group meeting will be on the 1 and 2 September 2020, via teleconference.



## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

### MINUTES OF THE 11<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**Tele-meeting 30 April 2020**

**(Agreed on 30 April 2020)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Laurence Castle; Peter Fürst; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölfe; Birgit Dusemund; Dominique Turck; Alicja Mortensen

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard, Camilla Smeraldi, Ana Maria Rincon, Ndip Galvin Eyong, Ana Campos Fernandes

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with a change in the order of the topics.

#### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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

The draft opinion was discussed and finalised. The draft is planned to be tabled for discussion in a forthcoming FAF Panel plenary meeting.

#### 5. Any Other Business

##### **5.1 Agreement on the minutes of the 11th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 30 April 2020**

The minutes were agreed.

#### 6. Next meeting(s)

The next working group meeting will be on the 28-29 May 2020, via teleconference.

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

### MINUTES OF THE 10<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**Tele-meeting 15-16 April 2020**

**(Agreed on 20 April 2020)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Laurence Castle; Peter Fürst; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölfe; Birgit Dusemund; Dominique Turck; Alicja Mortensen

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard, Camilla Smeraldi, Ana Maria Rincon, Giorgia Vianello, Galvin Eyong

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with a change in the order of the topics.

#### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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

The draft opinion was discussed and some revisions were performed. The revision of the draft will continue in a forthcoming WG meeting. Thereafter, the draft is planned to be tabled for discussion in a forthcoming FAF Panel plenary meeting.

### 4.2. **Revision of the opinion on the re-evaluation of starch sodium octenyl succinate (E 1450) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age**

The draft opinion was revised. The draft will be tabled for discussion in a forthcoming FAF Panel plenary meeting.

## 5. Feedback from the WG specifications on the approach to set the specifications for heavy metals.

Feedback was provided on the discussions held during the FAF WG on Specifications regarding the proposed specifications for ascorbyl palmitate (E 304i) and starch sodium octenyl succinate (E 1450). The outcome of the discussion of the FAF WG on Specifications was considered in the update of these two opinions (see items 4.1 and 4.2).

## 6. Overview of the responses received to the calls for data and planning

An overview of the responses received for the call for data was provided.

## 7. Any Other Business

### 7.1 **Agreement on the minutes of the 10th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 15-16 April 2020**

The minutes of this meeting will be agreed by written procedure.

## 8. Next meeting(s)

The next working group meeting will be on the 30 April 2020, via teleconference.



## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

### MINUTES OF THE 9<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**Tele-meeting 12-13 February 2020**

**(Agreed on 13 February 2020)**

#### Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Laurence Castle; Peter Fürst; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölfe; Birgit Dusemund, Dominique Turck, Alicja Mortensen

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard, Camilla Smeraldi, 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

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

The draft opinion was revised. It was noted that clarifications on the submitted data were requested from the interested parties; the responses will be considered in an updated version of the draft opinion. The draft will be tabled for discussion in a forthcoming FAF Panel plenary meeting.

### 4.2. Revision of the opinion on the re-evaluation of starch sodium octenyl succinate (E 1450) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

The comments received were discussed and the timetable for further elaboration on the changes to be made were agreed.

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

A preliminary discussion on the completeness of the data available was held.

## 5. Overview of the responses received to the calls for data

### 5.1. An overview of the ongoing call for data and of the responses received

An overview of the ongoing call for data and of the responses received so far was presented to the Working Group.

### 5.2. Allocation of the tasks for the re-evaluation of lecithins (E 322) ([EFSA-Q-2018-00094](#)), pectin (E 440(i)) and amidated pectin (E 440(ii)) ([EFSA-Q-2018-00098](#)), sodium carboxymethylcellulose (E 466) ([EFSA-Q-2018-00099](#)), sucrose esters of fatty acids (E 473) a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age ([EFSA-Q-2018-00101](#))

Tasks were distributed among the Working Group members in order to check the completeness of the data available

## 6. Any Other Business

### 6.1. Agreement on the minutes of the 9th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 12-13 February 2020

The minutes of this meeting had been agreed at the end of the meeting by the working group.

## 7. Next meeting(s)

The next working group meeting will be on the 15 April 2020 in Brussels.



## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

### MINUTES OF THE 8<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**Physical meeting 29 November 2019**

**(Agreed on 29 November 2019)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Laurence Castle; Peter Fürst (via teleconference); Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölfle; Birgit Dusemund and Dominique Turck (via teleconference)
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: Guillermo Cardon, Jiri Sochor
- EFSA:  
FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard (via teleconference)

#### 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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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. Template for the opinions on the re-evaluation of food additives used in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age**

This item was postponed.

#### **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

##### **5.1. Re-evaluation of ascorbyl palmitate (E 304i) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age<sup>3</sup>**

The draft opinion was finalised and will be tabled for possible adoption at the FAF Panel plenary meeting (28-30 January 2020).

##### **5.2. Revision of the opinion on the re-evaluation of starch sodium octenyl succinate (E 1450) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age**

The opinion was re-elaborated to account for the comments received and will be tabled for possible adoption at the FAF Panel plenary meeting (10-12 December 2019).

#### **6. Overview of the responses received to the calls for data**

##### **6.1. An overview of the ongoing call for data and of the responses received**

An overview of the ongoing call for data and of the responses received so far was presented to the Working Group.

The WG discussed and agreed the need for an additional expert in the field of ADME with experience in the evaluation of food additives.

##### **6.2. Allocation of the tasks for the re-evaluation of calcium carbonate (E 170) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age<sup>4</sup>**

Tasks were distributed among the Working Group members in order to progress with the drafting of the upcoming opinion.

#### **7. Any Other Business**

##### **7.1. Overview of the replies to questions from third parties on the ongoing calls for data**

An overview of the received questions and of the provided answers was provided.

<sup>3</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00089>

<sup>4</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00772>



**7.2. Agreement on the minutes of the 8th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 29 November 2019**

The minutes of this meeting were agreed at the end of the meeting by the working group.

**8. Next meeting(s)**

The working group agreed on tentative dates of the meetings for 2020.



## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

### MINUTES OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**WEB/TELE-conference 1-2 October 2019**

**(Agreed on 2 October 2019)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Laurence Castle; Peter Furst; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Dominique Turck; Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölfle; Birgit Dusemund and Dominique Turck
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: /
- EFSA:  
FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.  
Apologies were received from Alicja Mortensen.

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

#### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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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. Re-evaluation of acacia gum (E 414) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age <sup>3</sup>

The draft opinion was finalised and will be tabled for possible adoption at the next FAF Panel plenary meeting (12-14 November 2019).

### 4.2. Re-evaluation of ascorbyl palmitate (E 304i) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age <sup>4</sup>

Tasks were distributed among the Working Group members in order to progress with the drafting of the scientific opinion with the aim of having a first draft ready for the next WG meeting.

## 5. Overview of the responses received to the calls for data

### 5.1. An overview of the ongoing call for data and of the responses received

An overview of the ongoing call for data and of the responses received so far was presented to the Working Group. Tasks were distributed among the Working Group members in order to progress with the drafting of the upcoming opinion.

## 6. Any Other Business

### 6.1. Agreement on the minutes of the 7th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 1-2 October 2019

The minutes of this meeting agreed at the end of the meeting by the WG.

## 7. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held as a physical meeting (in Brussels) on 29 November 2019.

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<sup>3</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00525>

<sup>4</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00089>

## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

### MINUTES OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**Physical meeting, Parma (Italy) 28 August 2019**

**(Agreed on 28 August 2019)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Laurence Castle; Peter Furst; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Dominique Turck; Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölfle; Birgit Dusemund and Alicja Mortensen
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: /
- EFSA:  
FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz

#### 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 Independence<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, 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

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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. Re-evaluation of starch sodium octenyl succinate (E 1450) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age<sup>3</sup>**

The draft opinion was finalised and will be tabled for possible adoption at the next FAF Panel plenary meeting (24-26 September 2019).

##### **4.2. Re-evaluation of acacia gum (E 414) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age<sup>4</sup>**

The Working Group continued its assessment. Tasks were distributed among the Working Group members in order to progress with the drafting of the scientific opinion.

#### 5. Overview of the responses received to the calls for data

An overview of the ongoing call for data and of the responses received so far was presented to the Working Group. Tasks were distributed among the Working Group members in order to progress with the drafting of the upcoming opinion.

#### 6. Any Other Business

##### **6.1. Agreement on the minutes of the 6th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 28 August 2019**

The minutes of this meeting were drafted during the meeting agreed by the WG.

#### 7. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held as a teleconference in October 2019, exact date still to be agreed. A physical meeting will be held in November, exact date still to be agreed.

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<sup>3</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00102>

<sup>4</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00525>



## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

### MINUTES OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**WEB/TELE-conference, 24 May 2019**

**(Agreed on 18 June 2019)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Laurence Castle; Peter Furst; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Dominique Turck; Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölfle; Birgit Dusemund and Alicja Mortensen
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Not Applicable
- EFSA:  
FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi, Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.  
Apologies were received from Dominique Turck.

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

#### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members



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#### 4. Agreement of the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting held on 2 April 2019, Web-conference.

The minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting were agreed on 2 April 2019.<sup>3</sup>

#### 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

##### 5.1. Re-evaluation of starch sodium octenyl succinate (E 1450) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age<sup>4</sup>

Further to the discussion held at the previous meetings the Working Group continued its assessment. Tasks were distributed among the Working Group members in order to progress with the drafting of the scientific opinion.

##### 5.2. Re-evaluation of acacia gum (E 414) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age<sup>5</sup>

This agenda point was postponed to the next meeting.

#### 6. Any Other Business

##### 6.1. Overview of the responses received to the calls for data

This agenda point was postponed to the next meeting.

#### 7. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held as a physical meeting in September 2019, date still to be agreed.

#### 8. Short training for the pilot on opinion drafting

This agenda point was postponed.

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

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

<sup>4</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00102>

<sup>5</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00525>



## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

### MINUTES OF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**WEB/TELE-conference, 02 April 2019**

**(Agreed on 02 April 2019)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Laurence Castle; Peter Furst; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Dominique Turck; Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölflé
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Not Applicable
- EFSA:  
FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Birgit Dusemund and Alicja Mortensen

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

#### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members



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#### 4. Agreement of the minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 14 - February 2019, Web-conference.

The minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Working Group meeting were agreed on 14 February 2019.<sup>3</sup>

#### 5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

##### 5.1. Re-evaluation of starch sodium octenyl succinate (E 1450) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age<sup>4</sup>

Further to the initial discussion held at the previous meeting and the clarifications received from the interested parties on the data provided in response to the specific call for data for the food additive starch sodium octenyl succinate (E 1450), the Working Group continued its assessment.

Tasks were distributed among the Working Group members in order to progress with the drafting of the scientific opinion.

##### 5.2. Re-evaluation of acacia gum (E 414) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age<sup>5</sup>

The Working Group held an initial discussion on the data submitted by the interested parties in response to the specific call for data for the food additive acacia gum (E 414).

Tasks were distributed among the Working Group members in order to progress with the drafting of the scientific opinion.

#### 6. Any Other Business

##### 6.1. Overview of the responses received to the calls for data

An overview of the responses received so far from interested parties was presented to the Working Group.

#### 7. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held as a teleconference in May 2019, date still to be agreed.

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/wg-foodadditivesinfants-m.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00564>

<sup>5</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00525>

# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

## MINUTES OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**WEB/TELE-conference, 14 February 2019**

**(Agreed on 14 February 2019)**

### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Laurence Castle; Birgit Dusemund; Peter Furst; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Claude Lambré; Alicja Mortensen; Dominique Turck; Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölfle
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:  
Not Applicable
- EFSA:  
FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi

### 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 Independence<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by

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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. Agreement of the minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting held on 17-18 October 2018, Parma.**

The minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting were agreed on 18 October 2018.<sup>3</sup>

#### **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

##### **5.1. Re-evaluation of starch sodium octenyl succinate (E 1450) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age<sup>4</sup>**

The Working Group had an initial discussion on the responses received from interested parties to the specific call for data for the food additive starch sodium octenyl succinate (E 1450).

The Working Group raised some questions on the data received and requests for clarifications will be sent to the relevant interested parties.

Tasks were distributed among the Working Group members in order to progress with the drafting of the scientific opinion.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

##### **6.1. Overview of the responses received to the calls for data**

An overview of the responses received so far from interested parties was presented to the Working Group.

#### **7. Next meeting(s)**

The next meeting will be held as a teleconference in April 2019, date still to be agreed.

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/wg-foodadditivesinfants-m.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00564>

## Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Flavourings (FAF)

### Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Working Group on Food Additives permitted in Foods for Infants below 16 weeks of age

**Held on 17 -18/10/2018 ,Parma (Italy)**

**(Agreed on 18/10/2018)**

#### Participants

Working Group Members	Agenda points	Teleconference
■ Gundert-Remy Ursula	■ all	■ <input type="checkbox"/>
■ Mortensen Alicja	■ all	■ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
■ Dusemund Birgit	■ all	■ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
■ Waalkens- Berendsen Ine	■ all	■ <input type="checkbox"/>
■ Lambré Claude	■ all	■ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
■ Wölfle Detlef	■ all	■ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
■ Castle Laurence	■ all	■ <input type="checkbox"/>
■ Fürst Peter	■ all	■ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
■ Turck Dominique	■ all	■ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> on 17 October

#### Hearing Experts :

Not Applicable

#### European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

None

#### EFSA:

FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou



## **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

## **2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted.

## **3. Declarations of interest**

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

## **4. Agreement of the notes of the previous Working Group meeting**

The notes were agreed.

## **5. Feedback from FAF Panel, EFSA and European Commission**

EFSA published the call for data agreed by the WG of the FAF Panel on 10/10/2018. Feedback from stakeholders is expected by 21/11/2018.

## **6. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion**

### **6.1 E 1450 Starch sodium octenyl succinate (Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00102)**

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

The Working Group discussed the draft document. Further discussion is foreseen in a forthcoming meeting.

## **7. Any Other Business**

### **7.1 Adoption of the minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting on Food Additives permitted in Foods for Infants below 16 weeks of age held on 17 - 18 October 2018, Parma.**

The minutes were adopted.

### **7.2 Next meeting in 2018**

No other meeting is foreseen

## Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Flavourings (FAF)

### Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Working Group on Food Additives permitted in Foods for Infants below 16 weeks of age

**Held on 10 -11/09/2018 ,Parma (Italy)**

**(Agreed on 11/09/2018)**

#### Participants

Working Members	Group	Agenda points	Teleconference
■ Gundert-Remy Ursula		■ all	■ <input type="checkbox"/>
■ Mortensen Alicja		■ Item 7.1 and 7.2	■ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
■ Dusemund Birgit		■ all	■ <input type="checkbox"/>
■ Waalkens-Berendsen Ine		■ Item 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3	■ <input type="checkbox"/>
■ Lambré Claude		■ all	■ <input type="checkbox"/>
■ Wölfle Detlef		■ Item 7.1 and 7.2	■ <input type="checkbox"/>
■ Castle Laurence		■ Item 7.1 and 7.2	■ <input type="checkbox"/>
■ Fürst Peter		■ Item 7.1 and 7.2	■ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

#### Hearing Experts :

Not Applicable

#### European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

None

## **EFSA:**

FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou

### **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants.

### **2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted.

### **3. Declarations of interest**

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### **4. Agreement of the notes of the previous Working Group meeting**

Not Applicable

### **5. Feedback from FAF Panel, EFSA and European Commission**

EFSA launched calls for data on seven additives in order to address data gaps identified in previous EFSA opinions and the safety of their use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age.

On 30 November, EFSA will organise a one-day workshop to update stakeholders and interested parties on the re-evaluation of food additives

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<sup>1</sup>

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[http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

intended to be used in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age. The purpose of the workshop is EFSA and the Working Group experts to elaborate on the data requirements as they have been expressed in calls for data published by EFSA and to receive feedback from stakeholders on their data provision plans.

## 6. General issues

The progress of the draft opinion on phosphates was reported and issues related to the use of phosphates in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age were discussed.

## 7. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

### 7.1 E 306-E 309 Tocopherols (Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00090-EFSA-Q-2018-00093)

<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00090--00091-00092-00093>

The data requirements have been agreed by the WG

### 7.2 E 407 Carrageenan (Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00270)

<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00270>

The data requirements have been agreed by the WG

### 7.3 E 551 Silicon dioxide (Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00526)

<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00526>

The data requirements have been agreed by the WG

### 7.4 E 170 Calcium carbonate (Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00088)

<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00088>

The data requirements have been agreed by the WG

### 7.5 E 304i Fatty acid esters of ascorbyl palmitate (Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00089)

<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00089>

The data requirements have been agreed by the WG

### 7.6 E 471 Mono- and diglycerides of fatty acids (Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00100)

<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00100>

The data requirements have been agreed by the WG

**7.7 E 473 Sucrose esters of fatty acids (Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00101)**

<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00101>

The data requirements have been agreed by the WG

**7.8 E 414 Acacia gum (Question N° EFSA-Q-2018-00525)**

<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00525>

The data requirements have been agreed by the WG

## **8. Any Other Business**

**8.1 Adoption of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting on Food Additives permitted in Foods for Infants and Young Children held on 10 - 11 September 2018, Parma.**

The minutes were adopted.

**8.2 Next meeting in 2018**

17-18 October 2018



## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS

### MINUTES OF THE 19<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOODS FOR INFANTS BELOW 16 WEEKS OF AGE

**Tele-meeting 13 April 2021**

**(Agreed on 13 April 2021)**

#### Participants

- Working Group Members:  
Laurence Castle; Ursula Gundert Remy (Chair); Ine Waalkens-Berendsen; Detlef Wölflé; Dominique Turck; Alicja Mortensen; Peter Fürst; Birgit Dusemund
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives: -
- EFSA:  
FIP Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Alexandra Tard, Giorgia Vianello, Ana Maria Rincon (morning), Jaime Aguilera Entrena (afternoon)

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

#### 3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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## 4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

### 4.1 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](#))

The draft opinion was discussed and revised. The draft opinion will be further discussed in a forthcoming WG meeting.

### 4.2 Re-evaluation of mono and di-glycerides of fatty acids (E 471) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age: preliminary discussion on the approach ([EFSA-Q-2018-00100](#))

The WG discussed the data received in the context of the call for data and the next steps in the evaluation.

### 4.3 Re-evaluation of xanthan gum (E 415) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age: preliminary discussion on the approach ([EFSA-Q-2018-00097](#))

The WG discussed the data received in the context of the call for data and the next steps in the evaluation.

### 4.4 Re-evaluation of locust bean gum (E 410) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age: preliminary discussion on the approach ([EFSA-Q-2018-00095](#))

The WG discussed the data received in the context of the call for data and the next steps in the evaluation.

## 5. Any Other Business

### 5.1. Planning and updates

The WG discussed and agreed on a tentative planning.

### 5.2. Call for data

The WG discussed the call for data on E 472c.

### 5.3. Agreement on the minutes of the 19th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age held on the 13 April 2021

The minutes were agreed.

## 6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be on the 9-10 June 2021, via teleconference.





## SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON

### Food Additives and Flavorings

30th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age

28th February 2023

09:00-17:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 28 February 2023



**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

- Working Group Members: Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair), Laurence Castle, Birgit Dusemund, Ine Waalkens-Berendsen, Alicja Mortensen, Detlef Wölflé
- EFSA: Stefania Barmaz, Christina Kyrkou, Agnieszka Mech (afternoon), Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard, Panagiota Zakidou (morning)
- DG-SANTE: Katleen Baert (afternoon), Jiri Sochor (afternoon)

## I. Welcome and apologies for absence

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

## 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

### **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 Specifications of food additives has been consulted for the technical part of the draft opinion. The Working Group discussed and revised all sections of the draft opinion. Further clarifications and improvements based on the comments provided by the participants were noted. A revised document will be transmitted for discussion and possible adoption at a forthcoming FAF Panel plenary meeting.

### **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 Working Group Specifications of food additives has been consulted for the technical part of the draft opinion. The WG discussed the approach to be followed in the safety assessment. Tasks

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

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30th Working Group meeting on the re-evaluation of food additives permitted for use in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age



were allocated to proceed with the assessment. Further discussion will be held in a forthcoming Working Group meeting.

### **V. Agreement of the minutes of the 30th Working Group meeting held on the 28th of February 2023**

The minutes were agreed.

### **VI. Planning and updates**

The WG discussed and agreed on a tentative planning. The next meeting will be held on 4 April 2023 via webconference.

### **VII. Any Other Business**

None

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