

Participants

- Working Group (WG) Members:
Karl-Heinz Engel, John Kearney, Alexandre Maciuk, Carmen Pelaez, Henk van Loveren
EFSA staff: Wolfgang Gelbmann and Emanuela Turla
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission representatives:
Ivona Babic and Rafael Pérez Berbejal
- EFSA:
NIF Unit: Ermolaos Ververis

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

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

4. Update on new notifications on Traditional Foods from Third Countries (TF)

EFSA staff informed the WG Members that no new notifications on TF have been made available to EFSA through the European Commission e-submission portal since the last meeting.

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

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



5. Update of the Guidance on TF

On 16 June 2023, the European Commission asked EFSA to update the Guidance for notifications and applications for TF ([M-2023-00075](#)). The Guidance presents a common format for the organisation of the information to be presented for TF notifications and applications. As a follow-up of the 37th and 38th meetings of the WG on TF, which were held in October 2023, the WG finalised the update of the Guidance on TF. After amendments, the draft Guidance on TF will be presented at the NDA plenary meeting in January 2024 for further discussion and possible endorsement for public consultation.

6. Any Other Business

None.

Next meeting

No other meetings have been scheduled so far.

Participants

- Working Group (WG) Members:
Karl-Heinz Engel; John Kearney, Alexandre Maciuk, Carmen Pelaez, Henk van Loveren
EFSA staff: Wolfgang Gelbmann and Emanuela Turla
- Hearing Experts:
Virginia Kukula and Kirsten Pilegaard
- European Commission representatives:
Rafael Pérez Berbejal
- EFSA:
NIF Unit: Elisa Beneventi and Marcello Laganaro

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA staff (Chair) welcomed the participants. No apologies were received by any experts.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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5. Notification on 'bambara groundnut' (EFSA-Q-2023-00632 and NF 2019/1253). Applicant: WhatIF F&I Pte Ltd (Singapore)

The draft Technical Report on the TF 'bambara groundnut' was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. The draft Technical Report was revised and endorsed by the WG. The Technical Report will be submitted to EFSA for approval, and it will be published on the EFSA website.

6. Any Other Business

None.

Next meeting

The next meeting has been scheduled on 10 January 2024.

Participants

- Working Group (WG) Members:
John Kearney, Alexandre Maciuk, Carmen Pelaez, Henk van Loveren
EFSA staff: Wolfgang Gelbmann and Emanuela Turla
- Hearing Experts:
Virginia Kukula and Kirsten Pilegaard
- European Commission representatives:
Panagiotis Daskaleros and Rafael Pérez Berbejal
- EFSA:
NIF Unit: Elisa Beneventi and Marcello Laganaro

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA staff (Chair) welcomed the participants. Apologies were received by Karl-Heinz Engel.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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5. Notification on 'bambara groundnut' (EFSA-Q-2023-00632 ; NF 2019/1253). Applicant: WhatIF F&I Pte Ltd (Singapore)

The draft Technical Report on the TF above was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. After amendments, the draft Technical Report will be presented at the next meeting for further discussion.

6. Any Other Business

None.

7. Preparatory meetings

Since the last TF WG meeting, two preparatory meetings which were chaired by EFSA staff and related to the TF notification on 'bambara groundnut' (EFSA-Q-2023-00632; NF 2019/1253), were held on:

Date: 17/10/2023 Hearing Experts: Virginia Kukula and Kirsten Pilegaard
The discussion at the meeting focused on data retrieved by EFSA on bambara groundnut.

Date: 19/10/2023 WG member: Karl-Heinz Engel
The discussion at the meeting focused on the data submitted by the applicant on the above TF notification, in particular regarding identity, production process and compositional data.

Next meeting

The next meeting has been scheduled on 9 January 2024.

Participants

- Working Group (WG) Members:
Karl-Heinz Engel, John Kearney, Alexandre Maciuk, Carmen Pelaez, Henk van Loveren
EFSA staff: Wolfgang Gelbmann, Eirini Kouloura and Emanuela Turla
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission representatives:
Stella D'Amore, Panagiotis Daskaleros, Rafael Pérez Berbejal
- EFSA:
NIF Unit: Alejandra Munoz and Ermolaos Ververis

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA staff (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

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4. Update on new notifications on Traditional Foods from Third Countries (TF)

EFSA staff informed the WG Members that no new notifications on TF have been made available to EFSA through the European Commission e-submission portal since the last meeting.

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5. Update of the Guidance on TF

As a follow-up of the 37th meeting of the WG on TF, the WG continued the discussion on the update of the Guidance on TF, in particular in relation to the sections on 'Data from experience of continued use' and 'Proposed conditions of use for the EU market' (Mandate: [M-2023-00075](#)).

6. Any Other Business

None.

Next meeting

The next meetings have been scheduled on 4 December 2023 and 9 January 2024.

Participants

- Working Group (WG) Members:
Karl-Heinz Engel, John Kearney, Alexandre Maciuk, Carmen Pelaez, Henk van Loveren
EFSA staff: Wolfgang Gelbmann, Eirini Kouloura and Emanuela Turla
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission representatives:
Stella D'Amore, Panagiotis Daskaleros, Rafael Pérez Berbejal
- EFSA:
NIF Unit: Alejandra Munoz and Ermolaos Ververis

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

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

4. Update on new notifications on Traditional Foods from Third Countries (TF)

EFSA staff updated the WG Members on a new valid notification on TF which has been recently submitted to EFSA: notification on 'Bambara groundnut' ([EFSA-Q-2023-00632](#); NF 2019/1253).

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5. Update of the Guidance on TF

On 16 June 2023, the European Commission asked EFSA to update the guidance document for notifications and applications for authorisation of TF ([M-2023-00075](#)). The guidance presents a common format for the organisation of the information to be presented for TF notifications and applications. The WG discussed the new text to update the Guidance on TF.

6. Any Other Business

None.

Next meeting

The next meetings have been scheduled on 16 October, 4 December 2023 and 9 January 2024.

MINUTES OF THE 36TH MEETING OF THE EFSA WORKING GROUP ON TRADITIONAL FOODS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES

**Held on 30 September 2022, via web conference
(Agreed on 07 October 2022 by written procedure)**

Participants

- Working Group (WG) Members:
Karl-Heinz Engel, John Kearney, Alexandre Maciuk, Henk van Loveren.
EFSA staff: Wolfgang Gelbmann, Eirini Kouloura and Emanuela Turla
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission representatives:
Stella D'Amore, Ivona Babic, Panagiotis Daskaleros, Rafael Pérez Berbejal.
- EFSA:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA staff (Chair) welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Carmen Pelaez.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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. Update on new notifications on Traditional Foods from Third Countries (TF)

EFSA staff informed the WG Members that no new notifications on TF have been made available to EFSA through the European Commission e-submission portal since the last meeting.

5. Notification on Dried Kenari Nuts (*Canarium Amboinense* Hochr.) as TF (NF 2020/1665)

Applicant: Kawanasi Sehat Dasacatur, PT ([EFSA-Q-2020-00371](#))

The draft Technical Report on the TF was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. The draft Technical Report was revised and endorsed by the WG. The Technical Report will be submitted to EFSA for approval, and it will be published on the EFSA website.

6. Any Other Business

None.

7. Next meeting

For the moment no other meetings of the WG on the TF have been scheduled.

MINUTES OF THE 35TH MEETING OF THE EFSA WORKING GROUP ON TRADITIONAL FOODS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES

**Held on 6 September 2022, via web conference
(Agreed on 9 September 2022 by written procedure)**

Participants

- Working Group (WG) Members:
John Kearney, Alexandre Maciuk, Carmen Pelaez, Henk van Loveren
EFSA staff: Wolfgang Gelbmann, Eirini Kouloura and Emanuela Turla
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission representatives:
Stella D'Amore, Panagiotis Daskaleros, Rafael Pérez Berbejal
- EFSA:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA staff (Chair) welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Karl-Heinz Engel.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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

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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. Update on new notifications on Traditional Foods from Third Countries (TF)

EFSA staff informed the WG Members that no new notifications on TF have been made available to EFSA through the European Commission e-submission portal since the last meeting.

5. Notification on Dried Kenari Nuts (*Canarium Amboinense* Hochr.) as TF (NF 2020/1665)

Applicant: Kawanasi Sehat Dasacatur, PT ([EFSA-Q-2020-00371](#))

The draft Technical Report on the TF was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. After amendments, the draft Technical Report will be presented at the next meeting for further discussion.

6. Any Other Business

None.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting has been scheduled on 30 September 2022.



MINUTES OF THE 34TH MEETING OF THE EFSA WORKING GROUP ON TRADITIONAL FOODS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES

**Held on 04 July 2022, via web conference
(Agreed on 08 July 2022 by written procedure)**

Participants

- Working Group (WG) Members:
Karl-Heinz Engel, John Kearney, Alexandre Maciuk, Carmen Pelaez, Henk van Loveren
EFSA staff: Wolfgang Gelbmann, Eirini Kouloura and Emanuela Turla
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission representatives:
Panagiotis Daskaleros, Rafael Pérez Berbejal

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

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

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4. Update on new notifications on Traditional Foods from Third Countries (TF)

EFSA staff updated the WG Members on a new valid notification on TF which has been recently submitted to EFSA: Dried Kenari Nuts (*Canarium Amboinense* Hochr.) as traditional food (EFSA-Q-2022-00271) (NF 2020/1665)

5. Notification on Makhana - roasted and popped seed kernels of *Euryale ferox* Salisb. as TF (NF 2021/1875)

Applicant: Zenko Superfoods Pte. Ltd ([EFSA-Q-2022-00237](#))

The draft Technical Report on the TF was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. The draft Technical Report was revised and endorsed by the WG. The Technical Report will be subject to editorial changes and then submitted to EFSA for approval. The approved Technical Report will be published on the EFSA website.

5. Any Other Business

None.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting has been scheduled on 6 September.

MINUTES OF THE 33RD MEETING OF THE EFSA WORKING GROUP ON TRADITIONAL FOODS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES

**Held on 30 May 2022, via web conference
(Agreed on 01 June 2022 by written procedure)**

Participants

■ Working Group (WG) Members:

Karl-Heinz Engel, John Kearney, Alexandre Maciuk, Carmen Pelaez, Henk van Loveren

EFSA staff: Wolfgang Gelbmann, Eirini Kouloura and Emanuela Turla

Hearing Experts:

Not Applicable

■ European Commission representatives:

Ivona Babic, Panagiotis Daskaleros, Rafael Pérez Berbejal

■ EFSA:

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

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

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4. Update on new notifications on Traditional Foods from Third Countries (TF) and forthcoming meetings

EFSA staff informed the WG Members that no new notifications on TF have been made available to EFSA through the European Commission e-submission portal since the last meeting.

5. Notification on roasted and popped kernels from the seeds of *Euryale ferox* Salisb. as traditional food (NF 2021/1875)

Applicant: Zenko Superfoods Pte. Ltd. (EFSA-Q-2022-00237)

The draft Technical Report on the TF was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. After amendments, the draft Technical Report will be presented at the next meeting for further discussion.

6. Any Other Business

None.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting has been scheduled for 04 July 2022.

MINUTES OF THE 32ND MEETING OF THE EFSA WORKING GROUP ON TRADITIONAL FOODS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES

**Held on 04 April 2022, via web conference
(Agreed on 05 April 2022 by written procedure)**

Participants

- Working Group (WG) Members:
Karl-Heinz Engel, John Kearney, Alexandre Maciuk, Carmen Pelaez, Henk van Loveren
EFSA staff: Wolfgang Gelbmann, Eirini Kouloura and Emanuela Turla

- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable

- European Commission representatives:
Stella D'Amore, Ivona Babic, Panagiotis Daskaleros

- EFSA:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA staff (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

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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. Update on new notifications on Traditional Foods from Third Countries (TF) and forthcoming meetings

EFSA staff updated the WG Members on the new valid notifications on TF which have been recently submitted to EFSA: Makhana, roasted and popped seed kernels of *Euryale ferox* Salisb. (NF 2021/1875).

5. Notification on Pilinuts, Pili Nuts or Philippine Nuts as traditional food (NF 2019/0925)

Applicant: DOMENICODELUCIA SPA (EFSA-Q-2021-00757)

The draft Technical Report on the TF was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. The draft Technical Report has been revised and endorsed by the WG. The Technical Report will be submitted to EFSA for approval, and it will be published on the EFSA website.

6. Any Other Business

None.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting has been scheduled for 30 May 2022.

MINUTES OF THE 31ST MEETING OF THE EFSA WORKING GROUP ON TRADITIONAL FOODS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES

**Held on 18 March 2022, via web conference
(Agreed on 21 March 2022 by written procedure)**

Participants

- Working Group (WG) Members:
Karl-Heinz Engel, John Kearney, Alexandre Maciuk, Carmen Pelaez, Henk van Loveren
EFSA staff: Eirini Kouloura and Emanuela Turla

- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable

- European Commission representatives:
Stella D'Amore, Ivona Babic, Panagiotis Daskaleros, Rafael Pérez Berbejal

- EFSA:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA staff (Chair) welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Wolfgang Gelbmann.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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

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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. Notification on Pilinuts, Pili Nuts or Philippine Nuts as traditional food (NF 2019/0925)

Applicant: DOMENICODELUCIA SPA (EFSA-Q-2021-00757)

The draft Technical Report on the TF was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. After amendments, the draft Technical Report will be presented at the next meeting for further discussion and finalisation.

5. Any Other Business

None.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting has been scheduled for 04 April 2022.

MINUTES OF THE 30TH MEETING OF THE EFSA WORKING GROUP ON TRADITIONAL FOODS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES

**Held on 01 March 2022, via web conference
(Agreed on 03 March 2022 by written procedure)**

Participants

- Working Group (WG) Members:
Karl-Heinz Engel, John Kearney, Alexandre Maciuk, Carmen Pelaez, Henk van Loveren
EFSA staff: Wolfgang Gelbmann, Eirini Kouloura and Emanuela Turla
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission representatives:
Stella D'Amore, Ivona Babic, Panagiotis Daskaleros, Rafael Pérez Berbejal
- EFSA:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA staff (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 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. Update on new notifications on Traditional Foods from Third Countries (TF) and forthcoming meetings

EFSA staff informed the WG Members that no new notifications on TF have been made available to EFSA through the European Commission e-submission portal since the last meeting.

5. Notification on Pilinuts, Pili Nuts or Philippine Nuts as traditional food (NF 2019/0925)

Applicant: DOMENICODELUCIA SPA (EFSA-Q-2021-00757)

The draft Technical Report on the TF was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. After amendments, the draft Technical Report will be presented at the next meeting for further discussion.

6. Any Other Business

None.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting has been scheduled for 18 March 2022.

MINUTES OF THE 29TH MEETING OF THE EFSA WORKING GROUP ON TRADITIONAL FOODS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES

**Held on 02 February 2022, via web conference
(Agreed on 07 February 2022 by written procedure)**

Participants

■ Working Group (WG) Members:

Karl-Heinz Engel, John Kearney, Alexandre Maciuk¹, Carmen Pelaez, Henk van Loveren

EFSA staff: Wolfgang Gelbmann, Eirini Kouloura and Emanuela Turla

Hearing Experts:

Not Applicable

■ European Commission representatives:

Stella D'Amore, Panagiotis Daskaleros, Rafael Pérez Berbejal

■ EFSA:

NIF Unit: Paolo Colombo

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA staff (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 Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues

¹ Attended partially

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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. Update on new notifications on Traditional Foods from Third Countries (TF) and forthcoming meetings

EFSA staff informed the WG Members that no new notifications on TF have been made available to EFSA through the European Commission e-submission portal since the last meeting.

5. Notification on Xuta (edible variety of *Jatropha curcas* L.) roasted and ground seed kernels (NF 2020/2037) as traditional food

Applicant: Jatropower AG (EFSA-Q-2021-00584)

The draft Technical Report was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. The draft Technical Report has been revised and it will be submitted to EFSA for approval. The Technical Report will be published on the EFSA website.

6. Any Other Business

None.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting has been scheduled for 01 March 2022.

MINUTES OF THE 28TH MEETING OF THE EFSA WORKING GROUP ON TRADITIONAL FOODS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES

**Held on 11 January 2022, via web conference
(Agreed on 13 January 2022 by written procedure)**

Participants

- Working Group (WG) Members:
Karl-Heinz Engel, John Kearney, Alexandre Maciuk, Carmen Pelaez, Henk van Loveren
EFSA staff: Wolfgang Gelbmann, Eirini Kouloura and Emanuela Turla
- European Commission representatives:
Stella D'Amore, Ivona Babic, Panagiotis Daskaleros, Rafael Pérez Berbejal
- EFSA:
Nutrition and Food Innovation Unit: Ana Afonso, Paolo Colombo

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA staff (Chair) welcomed the participants. No apologies were received. EFSA introduced the WG to Ana Afonso, the new Head of Unit.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Update on new notifications on Traditional Foods from Third Countries (TF) and forthcoming meetings

EFSA staff informed the WG Members that no new TFs were submitted.

5. Notification on Xuta (edible variety of *Jatropha curcas* L.) roasted and ground seed kernels (NF 2020/2037)

Applicant: Jatropower AG ([EFSA-Q-2021-00584](#))

The draft Technical Report was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. After amendments, the draft Technical Report will be presented at the next meeting for further discussion and finalisation.

6. Any Other Business

None.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting has been scheduled for 02 February 2022.



NUTRITION UNIT

MINUTES OF THE 27TH MEETING OF THE EFSA WORKING GROUP ON TRADITIONAL FOODS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES

Held on 13 December 2021, via web conference
(Agreed on 15 December 2021 by written procedure)

Participants

Working Group Members:

Karl-Heinz Engel, John Kearney, Alexandre Maciuk, Carmen Pelaez, Henk van Loveren

EFSA staff: Wolfgang Gelbmann, Eirini Kouloura

Hearing Experts:

Not Applicable

European Commission representatives:

Panagiotis Daskaleros and Rafael Pérez Berbejal

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA staff (Chair) welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Emanuela Turla.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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

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

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



4. Update on new notifications on Traditional Foods from Third Countries (TF) and forthcoming meetings

EFSA staff informed the WG Members about a new notification on a TF that has been made available to EFSA through the European Commission e-submission portal since the last meeting: Notification on Pilinuts, Pili Nuts or Philippine Nuts as TF (NF 2019/0925) (EFSA-Q-2021-00757).

5. Notification on 'Dried flowers from *Clitoria ternatea* L. (butterfly pea)' as traditional food (NF 2020/2030)

Applicant: Sensient Technologies Europe GmbH and Tsujiko Co., Ltd.

(EFSA-Q-2021-00475)

The draft Technical Report was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. The draft Technical Report has been revised and it will be submitted to EFSA for approval. The Technical Report will be published on the EFSA website.

6. Notification on Xuta (edible variety of *Jatropha curcas* L.) roasted and ground seed kernels (NF 2020/2037)

Applicant: Jatropower AG (EFSA-Q-2021-00584)

The draft Technical Report was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. After amendments, the draft Technical Report will be presented at the next meeting for further discussion.

7. Any Other Business

None.

8. Next meeting

The next meeting has been scheduled for 11 January 2022.



NUTRITION UNIT

MINUTES OF THE 26TH MEETING OF THE EFSA WORKING GROUP ON TRADITIONAL FOODS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES

Held on 23 November 2021, via web conference
(Agreed on 25 November 2021 by written procedure)

Participants

Working Group Members:

Karl-Heinz Engel, John Kearney, Alexandre Maciuk, Carmen Pelaez, Henk van Loveren
EFSA staff: Wolfgang Gelbmann, Eirini Kouloura, Emanuela Turla

Hearing Experts:

Not Applicable

European Commission representatives:

Stella D'Amore, Panagiotis Daskaleros and Rafael Perez-Berbejal

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA staff (Chair) welcomed the participants. Apologies were not 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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

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

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



4. Update on new notifications on Traditional Foods from Third Countries (TF) and forthcoming meetings

EFSA staff informed the WG Members that no new TFs were submitted.

5. Notification on 'Dried flowers from *Clitoria ternatea* L. (butterfly pea)' as traditional food (NF 2020/2030)

Applicant: Sensient Technologies Europe GmbH, Tsujiko Co., Ltd.
(EFSA-Q-2021-00475)

The draft Technical Report was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. After amendments, the draft Technical Report will be presented at the next meeting for further discussion.

6. Any Other Business

None.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting has been scheduled for 13 December 2021.



NUTRITION UNIT

MINUTES OF THE 25TH MEETING OF THE EFSA WORKING GROUP ON TRADITIONAL FOODS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES

Held on 25 October 2021, via web conference
(Agreed on 28 October 2021 by written procedure)

Participants

Working Group Members:

Karl-Heinz Engel, John Kearney, Alexandre Maciuk, Carmen Pelaez, Henk van Loveren
EFSA staff: Wolfgang Gelbmann, Eirini Kouloura, Emanuela Turla

Hearing Experts:

Not Applicable

European Commission representatives:

Stella D'Amore, Ivona Babic, Panagiotis Daskaleros and Rafael Perez-Berbejal

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA staff (Chair) welcomed the participants. Apologies were not 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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

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

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



4. Update on new notifications on Traditional Foods from Third Countries (TF) and forthcoming meetings

EFSA staff informed the WG Members about the new notification on TF have been made available to EFSA through the European Commission e-submission portal since the last meeting: Notification on Xuta (edible variety of *Jatropha curcas* L) roasted and ground seed kernels (NF 2020/2037) ([EFSA-Q-2021-00584](#)).

5. Notification on 'Dried flowers from *Clitoria ternatea* L. (butterfly pea)' as traditional food (NF 2020/2030)

Applicant: *Sensient Technologies Europe GmbH, Tsujiko Co., Ltd.*
([EFSA-Q-2021-00475](#))

The draft Technical Report was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. After amendments, the draft Technical Report will be presented at the next meeting for further discussion.

6. Any Other Business

None.

7. Next meeting

The next meetings have been scheduled for 23 November and 13 December 2021.



NUTRITION UNIT

MINUTES OF THE 24TH MEETING OF THE EFSA WORKING GROUP ON TRADITIONAL FOODS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES

Held on 08 July 2021, via web conference
(Agreed on 12 July 2021 by written procedure)

Participants

Working Group Members:

Karl-Heinz Engel, John Kearney, Alexandre Maciuk, Carmen Pelaez, Henk van Loveren

EFSA staff: Eirini Kouloura, Emanuela Turla

Hearing Experts:

Not Applicable

European Commission representatives:

Stella D'Amore, Ivona Babic and Panagiotis Daskaleros

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA staff (Chair) welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Wolfgang Gelbmann.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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

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

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



4. Update on new notifications on Traditional Foods from Third Countries (TF) and forthcoming meetings

EFSA staff informed the WG Members that no new notifications on TF have been made available to EFSA through the European Commission e-submission portal since the last meeting.

5. Notification on Notification of 'dried coffee cherry' as a TF pursuant to Article 14 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 (NF 2019/1026)

Applicant: Luigi Lavazza SpA. (EFSA-Q-2021-00194)

The draft Technical Report was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. The draft Technical Report has been revised and it will be submitted to EFSA for approval. The Technical Report will be published on the EFSA website.

6. Any Other Business

None.

7. Next meeting

For the moment no other meetings of the WG on the TF have been scheduled.



NUTRITION UNIT

MINUTES OF THE 23RD MEETING OF THE EFSA WORKING GROUP ON TRADITIONAL FOODS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES

Held on 18 May 2021, via web conference
(Agreed on 20 May 2021 by written procedure)

Participants

Working Group Members:

Karl-Heinz Engel, John Kearney, Alexandre Maciuk, Carmen Pelaez, Henk van Loveren
EFSA staff: Wolfgang Gelbmann, Eirini Kouloura, Emanuela Turla

Hearing Experts:

Not Applicable

European Commission representatives:

Stella D'Amore, Panagiotis Daskaleros and Rafael Perez-Berbejal

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

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

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

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



4. Update on new notifications on Traditional Foods from Third Countries (TF) and forthcoming meetings

EFSA staff informed the WG Members that no new notifications on TF have been made available to EFSA through the European Commission e-submission portal since the last meeting.

5. Notification on GO Wolffia as traditional food (NF 2020/2033) *Applicant: GreenOnyx Ltd.* [\(EFSA-Q-2021-00053\)](#)

The draft Technical Report was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. The draft Technical Report has been revised and it will be submitted to EFSA for approval. The Technical Report will be published on the EFSA website.

6. Any Other Business

None.

7. Next meeting

For the moment no other meetings of the WG on the TF have been scheduled.



NUTRITION UNIT

MINUTES OF THE 22ND MEETING OF THE EFSA WORKING GROUP ON TRADITIONAL FOODS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES

Held on 10 May 2021, via web conference
(Agreed on 12 May 2021 by written procedure)

Participants

Working Group Members:

Karl-Heinz Engel, John Kearney, Alexandre Maciuk, Carmen Pelaez, Henk van Loveren

EFSA staff: Wolfgang Gelbmann, Eirini Kouloura, Emanuela Turla

Hearing Experts:

Not Applicable

European Commission representatives:

Stella D'Amore, Ivona Babic, Panagiotis Daskaleros and Rafael Perez-Berbejal

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

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

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

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



4. Update on new notifications on Traditional Foods from Third Countries (TF) and forthcoming meetings

EFSA staff informed the WG Members that no new notifications on TF have been made available to EFSA through the European Commission e-submission portal since the last meeting.

5. Draft technical report on the notification on GO Wolffia as traditional food (NF 2020/2033). *Applicant: GreenOnyx Ltd* (EFSA-Q-2021-00053)

The draft Technical Report was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. After amendments, the draft Technical Report will be presented at the next meeting for further discussion.

6. Any Other Business

None.

7. Next meeting

The next meetings of the WG on TF will held on 18 May 2021 via web conference.



NUTRITION UNIT

MINUTES OF THE 21ST MEETING OF THE EFSA WORKING GROUP ON TRADITIONAL FOODS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES

Held on 26 April 2021, via web conference
(Agreed on 29 April 2021 by written procedure)

Participants

n Working Group Members:

Karl-Heinz Engel, John Kearney, Alexandre Maciuk, Carmen Pelaez, Henk van Loveren

EFSA staff: Wolfgang Gelbmann, Eirini Kouloura, Emanuela Turla

n Hearing Experts:

Not Applicable

n European Commission representatives:

Stella D'Amore, Ivona Babic and Panagiotis Daskaleros

n EFSA:

Ermolaos Ververis (Nutrition Unit)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

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

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

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



4. Update on new notifications on Traditional Foods from Third Countries (TF) and forthcoming meetings

EFSA staff informed the WG Members that no new notifications on TF have been made available to EFSA through the European Commission e-submission portal since the last meeting.

5. Draft technical report on the notification of 'Coffee cherry pulp' as a TF pursuant to Article 14 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 (NF 2020/1762). *Applicant: Societe de Produits Nestlé SA. (EFSA-Q-2021-00004)*

The draft Technical Report was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. The draft Technical Report has been revised and it will be submitted to EFSA for approval. The Technical Report will be published on the EFSA website.

6. Any Other Business

None.

7. Next meeting

The next meetings of the WG on TF will held on, 10 May and 18 May 2021 via web conference.

MINUTES OF THE 20TH MEETING OF THE EFSA WORKING GROUP ON TRADITIONAL FOODS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES

Held on 09 April 2021, via web conference
(Agreed on 13 April 2021 by written procedure)

Participants

n Working Group Members:

Karl-Heinz Engel, John Kearney, Alexandre Maciuk, Carmen Pelaez, Henk van Loveren

EFSA staff: Eirini Kouloura, Wolfgang Gelbmann, Emanuela Turla

n Hearing Experts:

Not Applicable

n European Commission representatives:

Stella D'Amore, Ivona Babic and Panagiotis Daskaleros

n EFSA:

Ermolaos Ververis (Nutrition Unit)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

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

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

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



4. Update on new notifications on Traditional Foods from Third Countries (TF) and forthcoming meetings

EFSA staff informed the WG Members that a new notification on TF has been made available to EFSA through the European Commission e-submission portal since the last meeting: notification on 'DRIED COFFEE CHERRY of *Coffea* sp. (Cascara)' as TF (EFSA-Q-2021-001943 - NF 2019/1026).

5. Draft technical report on the notification of 'Coffee cherry pulp' as a TF pursuant to Article 14 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 (NF 2020/1762). *Applicant: Societe de Produits Nestlé SA. (EFSA-Q-2021-00004)*

The draft Technical Report was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. After amendments, the draft Technical Report will be presented at the next meeting for further discussion.

6. Any Other Business

None.

7. Next meeting

The next meetings of the WG on TF will held on 26 April, 10 May and 18 May 2021 via web conference.



NUTRITION UNIT

MINUTES OF THE 19TH MEETING OF THE EFSA WORKING GROUP ON TRADITIONAL FOODS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES

Held on 16 March 2021, via web conference
(Agreed on 18 March 2021 by written procedure)

Participants

Working Group Members:

Karl-Heinz Engel, John Kearney, Alexandre Maciuk, Carmen Pelaez, Henk van Loveren

EFSA staff: Eirini Kouloura, Wolfgang Gelbmann, Emanuela Turla

Hearing Experts:

Not Applicable

European Commission representatives:

Stella D'Amore, Panagiotis Daskaleros, Rafael Luis Perez Berbejal

EFSA:

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA staff (Chair) welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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

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

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



4. Update on new notifications on Traditional Foods from Third Countries (TF) and forthcoming meetings

EFSA staff informed the WG Members that no new notifications on TF have been made available to EFSA through the European Commission e-submission portal since the last meeting.

5. Draft technical report on the notification on 'GO Wolffia'. *Applicant: GreenOnyx Ltd.* (EFSA-Q-2021-00053)³

The draft Technical Report was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. After amendments, the draft Technical Report will be presented at the next meetings for further discussion.

6. Any Other Business

None.

7. Next meeting

The next meetings of the WG on TF will held on 9 April, 26 April, 10 May and 18 May 2021 via web conference.

³ Please be aware that EFSA's Register of Questions is unavailable from 21 January. The temporary suspension of the tool is necessary to allow us to implement the launch of our new OpenEFSA portal. We apologise for the inconvenience. Further information is available [here](#)



NUTRITION UNIT

MINUTES OF THE 18TH MEETING OF THE EFSA WORKING GROUP ON TRADITIONAL FOODS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES

Held on 22 February 2021, via web conference
(Agreed on 23 February 2021 by written procedure)

Participants

Working Group Members:

Karl-Heinz Engel, John Kearney, Alexandre Maciuk, Carmen Pelaez, Henk van Loveren

EFSA staff: Eirini Kouloura, Wolfgang Gelbmann, Emanuela Turla

Hearing Experts:

Not Applicable

European Commission representatives:

Ivona Babic, Stella D'Amore, Panagiotis Daskaleros

EFSA:

Nutrition Unit: Ermolaos Ververis

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA staff (Chair) welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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

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

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



4. Update on new notifications on Traditional Foods from Third Countries (TF) and forthcoming meetings

EFSA staff updated the WG Members on the new valid notifications on TF which have been recently submitted to EFSA: notification on 'Coffee cherry pulp' (EFSA-Q-2021-00004)³, which will be discussed at this meeting, and notification on 'GO Wolffia' (EFSA-Q-2021-00053)³ which will be discussed at the next WG TF meeting on 16 March 2021.

The forthcoming meeting dates for the WG on TF will be: 16 March, 9 April, 26 April, 10 May and 18 May 2021.

5. Draft technical report on the notification on 'Coffee cherry pulp'. *Applicant: Société de Produits Nestlé SA (EFSA-Q-2021-00004)*³

The draft Technical Report was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. After amendments, the draft Technical Report will be presented at the WG meeting on 9 April for further discussion.

6. Any Other Business

None.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting of the WG on TF will held on 16 March 2021 via web conference.

³ Please be aware that EFSA's Register of Questions is unavailable from 21 January until mid-February. The temporary suspension of the tool is necessary to allow us to implement the launch of our new OpenEFSA portal. We apologise for the inconvenience. Further information is available [here](#)



NUTRITION UNIT

MINUTES OF THE 17TH MEETING OF THE EFSA WORKING GROUP ON TRADITIONAL FOODS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES

Held on 06 March 2020, via web conference
(Agreed on 9 March 2020 by written procedure)

Participants

Working Group Members:

Karl-Heinz Engel, John Kearney, Alexandre Maciuk, Carmen Pelaez, Henk van Loveren
EFSA staff: Bernard Bottex, Wolfgang Gelbmann, Emanuela Turla

Hearing Experts:

Not Applicable

European Commission representatives:

Stella D'Amore, Panagiotis Daskaleros, Rafael Luis Perez Berbejal

EFSA:

Nutrition Unit: Valeriu Curtui, Eirini Kouloura

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA staff (Chair) welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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

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

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



4. Update on new notifications on Traditional Foods from Third Countries (TF)

EFSA staff informed the WG Members that no new notifications on TF have been made available to EFSA through the European Commission e-submission portal since the last meeting.

5. Draft technical report on the notification on 'roasted sachachi seeds'. Applicant: 1) Promperu; 2) Agroindustrias Osho SAC; 3) Amazon Health Products SAC; 4) Comercio Alternativo de Productos No Tradicionales y Desarrollo para Latino América Perú - Candela; 5) Shanantina SAC (EFSA-Q-2019-00700)

The draft Technical Report was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. The draft Technical Report has been revised and it will be submitted to EFSA for approval. The Technical Report will be published on the EFSA website.

6. Any Other Business

The next meeting of the WG on TF will be convened upon receipt of a new TF notification by EFSA.



NUTRITION UNIT

MINUTES OF THE 16TH MEETING OF THE EFSA WORKING GROUP ON TRADITIONAL FOODS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES

Held on 12 February 2020, via web conference
(Agreed on 14 February 2020 by written procedure)

Participants

n Working Group Members:

Karl-Heinz Engel, Alexandre Maciuk, Carmen Pelaez, Henk van Loveren
EFSA staff: Bernard Bottex, Wolfgang Gelbmann, Emanuela Turla

n Hearing Experts:

Not Applicable

n European Commission representatives:

Rafael Luis Perez Berbejal

n EFSA:

Nutrition Unit: Eirini Kouloura

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA staff (Chair) welcomed the participants. Apologies were received by John Kearney.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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

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

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



4. Update on new notifications on Traditional Foods from Third Countries (TF)

EFSA staff informed the WG Members that no new notifications on TF have been made available to EFSA through the European Commission e-submission portal since the last meeting.

5. Draft technical report on the notification on 'roasted sachu inchi seeds'. *Applicant: 1) Promperu; 2) Agroindustrias Osho SAC; 3) Amazon Health Products SAC; 4) Comercio Alternativo de Productos No Tradicionales y Desarrollo para Latino América Perú - Candela; 5) Shanantina SAC (EFSA-Q-2019-00700)*

The draft Technical Report was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. After amendments, the draft Technical Report will be presented at the WG meeting on 06 March 2020 for further discussion.

6. Any Other Business

The next meeting of the WG on TF will be held on 06 March 2020 via web conference.



NUTRITION UNIT

MINUTES OF THE 15TH MEETING OF THE EFSA WORKING GROUP ON TRADITIONAL FOODS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES

Held on 7 January 2020, via web conference
(Agreed on 9 January 2020 by written procedure)

Participants

n Working Group Members:

Karl-Heinz Engel, John Kearney, Alexandre Maciuk, Carmen Pelaez, Henk van Loveren
EFSA staff: Bernard Bottex, Wolfgang Gelbmann, Emanuela Turla

n Hearing Experts:

Not Applicable

n European Commission representatives:

Panagiotis Daskaleros

n EFSA:

Nutrition Unit: Eirini Kouloura

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA staff (Chair) welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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

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

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



4. Update on new notifications on Traditional Foods from Third Countries (TF)

EFSA staff informed the WG Members that no new notifications on TF have been made available to EFSA through the European Commission e-submission portal since the last meeting.

5. Draft technical report on the notification on 'herbal infusion made from coffee leaves'. *Applicant: AM Breweries (DK)* (EFSA-Q-2019-00594)

The draft Technical Report was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. The draft Technical Report has been revised and it will be submitted to EFSA for approval. The Technical Report will be published on the EFSA website.

6. Draft technical report on the notification on 'roasted sachu inchi seeds'. *Applicant: 1) Promperu; 2) Agroindustrias Osho SAC; 3) Amazon Health Products SAC; 4) Comercio Alternativo de Productos No Tradicionales y Desarrollo para Latino América Perú - Candela; 5) Shanantina SAC* (EFSA-Q-2019-00700)

The draft Technical Report was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. After amendments, the draft Technical Report will be presented at the WG meeting on 12 February 2020 for further discussion.

7. Any Other Business

The next meeting of the WG on TF will be held on 12 February 2020 via web conference.

MINUTES OF THE 14TH MEETING OF THE EFSA WORKING GROUP ON TRADITIONAL FOODS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES

Held on 5 December 2019, via web conference
(Agreed on 6 December 2019 by written procedure)

Participants

n Working Group Members:

Karl-Heinz Engel, John Kearney, Alexandre Maciuk, Carmen Pelaez, Henk van Loveren
EFSA staff: Wolfgang Gelbmann, Emanuela Turla

n Hearing Experts:

Not Applicable

n European Commission representatives:

Panagiotis Daskaleros

n EFSA:

Nutrition Unit: Eirini Kouloura

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA staff (Chair) welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Bernard Bottex.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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

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



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

4. Update on new notifications on Traditional Foods from Third Countries (TF)

EFSA staff informed the WG Members that no new notifications on TF have been made available to EFSA through the European Commission e-submission portal since the last meeting.

5. Draft technical report on the notification on 'herbal infusion made from coffee leaves'. Applicant: AM Breweries (DK) (EFSA-Q-2019-00594)

The draft Technical Report was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. After amendments, the draft Technical Report will be presented at the WG meeting on 7 January 2020 for further discussion.

6. Draft technical report on the notification on 'roasted sachu inchi seeds'. Applicant: 1) Promperu; 2) Agroindustrias Osho SAC; 3) Amazon Health Products SAC; 4) Comercio Alternativo de Productos No Tradicionales y Desarrollo para Latino América Perú - Candela; 5) Shanantina SAC (EFSA-Q-2019-00700)

The discussion of this Technical Report was postponed to the WG meeting on 7 January.

7. Any Other Business

EFSA staff provided feedback on the meeting of the EFSA Network on Novel Foods, in which the assessment of TF was discussed.

The next meeting of the WG on TF will be held on 7 January 2020 via web conference.



NUTRITION UNIT

MINUTES OF THE 13TH MEETING OF THE EFSA WORKING GROUP ON TRADITIONAL FOODS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES

Held on 6 November 2019, in Parma
(Agreed on 7 November 2019 by written procedure)

Participants

Working Group Members:

John Kearney¹, Alexandre Maciuk¹, Carmen Pelaez, Karl-Heinz Engel¹, Henk van Loveren
EFSA staff: Wolfgang Gelbmann, Emanuela Turla

Hearing Experts:

Not Applicable

European Commission representatives:

Not Applicable

EFSA:

Nutrition Unit: Eirini Kouloura

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA staff (Chair) welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Bernard Bottex.

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 Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues

¹ Participated via web conference.

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

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



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. Update on new notifications on Traditional Foods from Third Countries (TF)

EFSA staff informed the WG Members that no new notifications on TF have been made available to EFSA through the European Commission e-submission portal since the last meeting.

5. Draft technical report on the notification on 'herbal infusion made from coffee leaves'. *Applicant: AM Breweries (DK) (EFSA-Q-2019-00594)*

The draft Technical Report was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. After amendments, the draft Technical Report will be presented at the WG meeting on 5 December 2019 for further discussion.

6. Conclusion of the assessment of the notification on 'cocoa pulp (*Theobroma cacao* L.)' as TF. *Applicant: CABOSSE Naturals NV (BE) (EFSA-Q-2019-00395)*

EFSA informed the WG on the conclusion of the Member States' assessment of this TF notification.

7. Any Other Business

A meeting of the EFSA Scientific Network on Novel Foods and Traditional Foods from Third Countries will be held on 14 November 2019 in EFSA.

The next meeting of the WG on Traditional Foods from Third Countries will be held on 5 December 2019.

MINUTES OF THE 12TH MEETING OF THE EFSA WORKING GROUP ON TRADITIONAL FOODS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES

Held on 09 October 2019, web conference
(Agreed on 10 October 2019 by written procedure)

Participants

Working Group Members:

John Kearney, Alexandre Maciuk, Carmen Pelaez.

EFSA staff: Bernard Bottex, Wolfgang Gelbmann, Emanuela Turla

Hearing Experts:

Not Applicable

European Commission representatives:

Ivona Babic and Takis Daskaleros

EFSA:

Nutrition Unit: Eirini Kouloura

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA staff (Chair) welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Karl-Heinz Engel and Henk Van Loveren.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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

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

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



4. Update on new notifications on Traditional Foods from Third Countries (TF)

EFSA staff updated the WG Members on a new notification on TF which has been submitted to EFSA since the last meeting: notification on 'herbal infusion made from coffee leaves' as TF (EFSA-Q-2019-00594).

5. Draft technical report on the notification on 'cocoa pulp (*Theobroma cacao* L.)' as TF. Applicant: CABOSSE Naturals NV (BE) (EFSA-Q-2019-00395)

The draft Technical Report was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. The draft Technical Report has been revised and it will be submitted to EFSA for approval. The Technical Report will be published on the EFSA website.

6. Draft technical report on the notification on 'herbal infusion made from coffee leaves' as TF. Applicant: AM Breweries Naturals NV (BE) (EFSA-Q-2019-00594)

The draft Technical Report was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. After amendments, the draft Technical Report will be presented at the WG meeting on 6 November 2019 for further discussion.

7. Any Other Business

The next meeting of the WG on Traditional Foods from Third Countries will be held on 6 November 2019 in Parma.

MINUTES OF THE 11TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON TRADITIONAL FOODS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES

Held on 10 September 2019, web conference
(Agreed on 12 September 2019 by written procedure)

Participants

Working Group Members:

Karl-Heinz Engel, John Kearney, Alexandre Maciuk, Hendrik van Loveren
EFSA staff: Bernard Bottex, Wolfgang Gelbmann, Emanuela Turla

Hearing Experts:

Not Applicable

European Commission representatives:

Rafael Luis Perez Berbejal

EFSA:

Nutrition Unit: Eirini Kouloura

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA staff (Chair) welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Carmen Peláez.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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

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

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



4. Update on new notifications on Traditional Foods from Third Countries (TF)

No new notifications on TF have been made available to EFSA through the European Commission e-submission portal since the last meeting of the WG on TF.

5. Draft technical report on the notification on Cocoa Pulp (*Theobroma cacao* L.) as TF. Applicant: Nestec York Ltd (UK) (EFSA-Q-2019-00345)

The draft Technical Report was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. The draft Technical Report has been revised and it will be submitted to EFSA for approval. The Technical Report will be published on the EFSA website.

6. Draft technical report on the notification on Cocoa Pulp (*Theobroma cacao* L.) as TF. Applicant: CABOSSE Naturals NV (BE) (EFSA-Q-2019-00395)

The draft Technical Report was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. After amendments, the draft Technical Report will be presented at the WG meeting on 9 October 2019 for further discussion.

7. Any Other Business

The next meeting of the WG on Traditional Foods from Third Countries will be held on 9 October 2019, web-conference.

MINUTES OF THE 10TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON TRADITIONAL FOODS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES

Held on 17 July 2019, web conference
(Agreed on 19 July 2019 by written procedure)

Participants

Working Group Members:

Karl-Heinz Engel, John Kearney, Alexandre Maciuk, Carmen Peláez

EFSA staff: Bernard Bottex, Wolfgang Gelbmann, Emanuela Turla

Hearing Experts¹:

Not Applicable

European Commission:

Rafael Perez-Berbejal

EFSA:

Nutrition Unit: Valeriu Curtui, Eirini Kouloura

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA staff (Chair) welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Henk Van Loveren.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by

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

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



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. Update on new notifications on Traditional Foods from Third Countries (TF)

No new notifications on TF have been made available to EFSA through the European Commission e-submission portal since the last meeting of the WG on TF.

5. Draft technical report on Maqui berries (*Aristotelia chilensis*) as TF. Applicant: South Am Freeze Dry S.A. (Chile) (EFSA-Q-2019-00203)

The draft Technical Report was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. The draft Technical Report has been revised and it will be submitted to EFSA for approval. The Technical Report will be published on the EFSA website.

6. Notification on Cocoa Pulp (*Theobroma cacao* L.) as TF.

Applicant: Nestec York Ltd (UK) (EFSA-Q-2019-00345)

The draft Technical Report was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. After amendments, the draft Technical Report will be presented at the WG meeting on 10 September 2019 for further discussion.

7. Notification on Cocoa Pulp (*Theobroma cacao* L.) as TF. Applicant: CABOSSE Naturals NV (BE) (EFSA-Q-2019-00395)

The draft Technical Report was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. After amendments, the draft Technical Report will be presented at the WG meeting on 10 September 2019 for further discussion.

8. Any Other Business

The next meeting will be held on 10 September 2019, web conference.

MINUTES OF THE 9TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON TRADITIONAL FOODS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES

Held on 05 July 2019, web conference
(Agreed on 08 July 2019 by written procedure)

Participants

Working Group Members:

Karl-Heinz Engel, John Kearney, Alexandre Maciuk, Carmen Peláez, Hendrik van Loveren

EFSA staff: Wolfgang Gelbmann, Emanuela Turla

Hearing Experts¹:

Not Applicable

European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

None

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA staff (Chair) welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Bernard Bottex.

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 Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

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

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

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



4. Update on new notifications on Traditional Foods from Third Countries (TF)

No new notifications on TF have been made available to EFSA through the European Commission e-submission portal since the last meeting of the WG on TF.

5. Notification on Maqui berries (*Aristotelia chilensis*) as traditional food as TF (EFSA-Q-2019-00203)

The draft Technical Report was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. After amendments, the draft Technical Report will be presented at the next WG meeting for further discussion.

6. Any Other Business

The next meeting will be held on 17 July 2019, web conference.

MINUTES OF THE 8TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON TRADITIONAL FOODS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES

Held on 27 June 2019, web conference
(Agreed on 28 June 2019 by written procedure)

Participants

Working Group Members:

John Kearney and Hendrik van Loveren.

EFSA staff: Bernard Bottex, Wolfgang Gelbmann, Emanuela Turla.

Hearing Experts¹:

Not Applicable

European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

None

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA staff (Chair) welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Karl-Heinz Engel, Alexandre Maciuk and Carmen Peláez.

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 Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

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

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

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



4. Update on new notifications on Traditional Foods from third countries (TF)

EFSA staff updated the WG Members on a new notification on TF which was made available to EFSA through the European Commission e-submission portal (NF 2019/1014) since the last meeting: notification on 'Cocoa fruit pulp (*Theobroma cacao* L.)' as TF (EFSA-Q-2019-00395).

5. Notification on 'Moringa Stenopetala as traditional food as TF (EFSA-Q-2019-00128)

The draft Technical Report was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. The draft Technical Report has been revised and it will be submitted to EFSA for approval. The Technical Report will be published on the EFSA website.

6. Notification on 'Cocoa pulp (*Theobroma cacao* L.)' as TF. Applicant: Nestec York Ltd (UK) (EFSA-Q-2019-00345)

The draft Technical Report was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. After amendments, the draft Technical Report will be presented at the WG meeting on 17 July for further discussion.

7. Any Other Business

The next meeting will be held on 05 July, web conference.

MINUTES OF THE 7TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON TRADITIONAL FOODS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES

Held on 12 June 2019, web conference
(Agreed on 14 June 2019 by written procedure)

Participants

Working Group Members:

Karl-Heinz Engel, John Kearney, Alexandre Maciuk, Carmen Peláez.

EFSA staff: Bernard Bottex, Wolfgang Gelbmann, Emanuela Turla.

Hearing Experts¹:

Not Applicable

European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Rafael Luis Perez Berbejal

EFSA:

Nutrition Unit: Eirini Kouloura

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA staff (Chair) welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Hendrik van Loveren.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by

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

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



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. Update on new notifications on Traditional Foods from third countries (TF)

EFSA staff updated the WG Members on a new notification on TF which has been submitted to EFSA since the last meeting: notification on 'Cocoa pulp' as TF ([EFSA-Q-2019-00345](#)).

5. Notification on 'Maqui berries (*Aristotelia chilensis*)' as TF. Applicant: South Am Freeze Dry S.A. (Chile) ([EFSA-Q-2019-00203](#))

The draft Technical Report was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. After amendments, the draft Technical Report will be presented at the next WG meeting for further discussion

6. Any Other Business

The next meeting will be held on 27 June, web conference.

MINUTES OF THE 6TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON TRADITIONAL FOODS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES

Held on 16 May 2019, Parma
(Agreed on 20 May 2019)

Participants

n Working Group Members:

John Kearney, Alexandre Maciuk, Carmen Peláez, Hendrik van Loveren.

EFSA staff: Bernard Bottex, Wolfgang Gelbmann, Emanuela Turla.

n Hearing Experts¹:

Not Applicable

n European Commission representatives:

None

n EFSA:

Nutrition Unit: Eirini Kouloura

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA staff (Chair) welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Karl-Heinz Engel

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 Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by

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

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



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. Update on new notifications on Traditional Foods from Third Countries (TF)

No new notifications on TF have been submitted to EFSA since the last meeting of the WG on TF.

5. Draft Technical Report on leaf powder of *Moringa stenopetala* as TF. Applicant: Laura Manzano Outeiral (EFSA-Q-2019-00128)

The draft Technical Report was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. After amendments, the draft Technical Report will be presented at the next WG meeting for further discussion.

6. Draft Technical Report on Maqui (*Aristotelia chilensis*) berries as TF. Applicant: South Am Freeze Dry S.A. (EFSA-Q-2019-00203)

The draft Technical Report was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. After amendments, the draft Technical Report will be presented at the next WG meeting for further discussion.

7. Any Other Business

The next meeting will be held on 12 June 2019, web conference.

MINUTES OF THE 5TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON TRADITIONAL FOODS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES

Held on 24 April 2019, web conference
(Agreed on 26 April 2019)

Participants

n Working Group Members:

Karl-Heinz Engel, John Kearney, Alexandre Maciuk, Carmen Peláez, Hendrik van Loveren. EFSA staff: Bernard Bottex, Wolfgang Gelbmann, Emanuela Turla

n Hearing Experts¹:

Not Applicable

n European Commission representatives:

Rafael Luis Perez Berbejal

n EFSA:

Nutrition Unit: Valeriu Curtui

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA staff (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 Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the

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

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



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. Update on new notifications on Traditional Foods from Third Countries (TF)

EFSA staff updated the WG Members on a new notification on TF which has been submitted to EFSA since the last meeting: notification on Maqui (*Aristotelia chilensis*) as a TF (EFSA-Q-2019-00203).

5. Draft Technical Report on leaf powder of *Moringa stenopetala* as TF. Applicant: Laura Manzano Outeiral (EFSA-Q-2019-00128)

The draft Technical Report was discussed. The data provided in the TF notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. After amendments, the draft Technical Report will be presented at the next WG meeting for further discussion.

6. Any Other Business

The next meeting will be held on 16 May 2019.

Minutes of the 4th meeting of the EFSA Working Group on Traditional Foods from Third Countries

Web-conference, 13 July 2018

(Agreed on 17 July 2018)

Participants

Working Group Members:

Karl-Heinz Engel, John Kearney, Alexandre Maciuk, Carmen Peláez, Hendrik van Loveren. EFSA staff: Bernard Bottex, Wolfgang Gelbmann, Emanuela Turla

Hearing expert¹:

Not applicable

European Commission representative:

None

EFSA:

NUTRI Unit: Valeriu Curtui

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA staff (Chair) welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest of Working Group members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working

¹ As defined in Article 11 of the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest:
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

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

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

Group (WG) 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. Update on new notifications on Traditional Foods from Third Countries (TF)

No new notifications on TF have been submitted to EFSA since the last meeting.

5. Update on the assessed notifications on TF

EFSA staff gave an overview on the conclusion of the evaluation of the notifications on berries of *Lonicera caerulea L.* and grains of *Digitaria exilis* (Kippist) Stapf as TF.

6. Draft Technical Report on *Sorghum saccharatum* syrup as TF. Applicant: Sorghum Zrt. (EFSA-Q-2018-00342)

The draft Technical Report was discussed. The data provided in the notification and the references retrieved by EFSA were reviewed. After amendments, the draft Technical Report will be shared among the WG members for their final revision. The Technical Report will be submitted for approval and publication on the EFSA website.

7. Any other business

The next meeting of the WG on TF is scheduled on 27-28 September 2018.

Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the EFSA Working Group on Traditional Foods from Third Countries

Web-conference, 8 June 2018

(Agreed on 13 June 2018)

Participants

Working Group Members:

Karl-Heinz Engel, John Kearney, Alexandre Maciuk, Carmen Peláez, Hendrik van Loveren. EFSA staff: Bernard Bottex, Wolfgang Gelbmann, Emanuela Turla

Hearing expert¹:

Not applicable

European Commission representatives:

Ivona Babic, Rafael Perez-Berbejal, Takis Daskaleros

EFSA:

NUTRI Unit: Valeriu Curtui

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA staff (Chair) welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest of Working Group members

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group (WG) Members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Update on new notification on Traditional Foods from Third Countries (TF)

No new notifications on TF have been submitted to EFSA since the last meeting.

5. Draft Technical Report on berries of *Lonicera caerulea* L. as TF. Applicant: Soloberry Ltd (EFSA-Q-2018-00145)

The draft Technical Report was revised and it will be submitted for approval and publication on the EFSA website.

6. Draft Technical Report on grains of *Digitaria exilis* (Kippist) Stapf as TF. Applicant: Obà Food Srl. (EFSA-Q-2018-00144)

The draft Technical Report was revised and it will be submitted for approval and publication on the EFSA website.

7. Draft Technical Report on *Sorghum saccharatum* syrup as TF. Applicant: Sorghum Zrt. (EFSA-Q-2018-00342)

The draft Technical Report was discussed and, after amendments, it will be presented at the next WG meeting for further discussion.

8. Any other business

The next meeting of the WG on Traditional Foods from Third Countries will be held on 13 July 2018 (web-conference).

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the EFSA Working Group on Traditional Foods from Third Countries

Web-conference, 4 May 2018

(Agreed on 9 May 2018)

Participants

Working Group Members:

Karl-Heinz Engel, John Kearney, Alexandre Maciuk, Carmen Peláez, Hendrik van Loveren. EFSA staff: Bernard Bottex, Wolfgang Gelbmann, Emanuela Turla

Hearing expert¹:

Not applicable

European Commission representative:

None

EFSA:

NUTRI Unit: Valeriu Curtui

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

EFSA staff (Chair) welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest of Working Group members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working

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group (WG) Members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Update on new notification on Traditional Foods from Third Countries (TF)

EFSA staff updated the WG Members on a new notification on TF which has been submitted to EFSA since the last meeting: notification on sorghum syrup as a TF (EFSA-Q-2018-00342).

5. Draft Technical Report on berries of *Lonicera caerulea* L. as TF. Applicant: Soloberry Ltd (EFSA-Q-2018-00145)

The draft Technical Report was discussed and, after amendments, it will be presented at the next WG meeting for further discussion.

6. Draft Technical Report on grains of *Digitaria exilis* (Kippist) Stapf as TF. Applicant: Obà Food Srl. (EFSA-Q-2018-00144)

The draft Technical Report was discussed and, after amendments, it will be presented at the next WG meeting for further discussion.

7. Any other business

EFSA staff informed that, following the request raised at the WG meeting in April, the name of the WG has been officially changed from 'Working Group on Traditional Foods' to 'Working Group on Traditional Foods from Third Countries'.

The next meeting of the WG on Traditional Foods from Third Countries will be held on 8 June 2018 (web-conference).

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the EFSA Working Group on Traditional Foods from third countries

Held on 19-20 April 2018, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 24 April 2018)

Participants

Working Group Members:

Karl-Heinz Engel, John Kearney, Alexandre Maciuk, Carmen Pelaez, Hendrik van Loveren. EFSA staff: Bernard Bottex¹, Wolfgang Gelbmann, Emanuela Turla

Hearing expert²:

Not applicable

European Commission representative:

None

EFSA:

NUTRI Unit: Valeriu Curtui, Leng Heng

1. Welcome

EFSA staff (Chair) welcomed the participants to the first meeting of the Working Group on Traditional Foods from third countries. EFSA staff invited the participants to present themselves during a tour de table.

2. Apologies for absence

None.

3. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

¹ Participated on 20 April

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4. Declarations of interest of Working Group members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest⁴, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group (WG) Members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

5. Back-ground information on Traditional Foods from third countries

EFSA staff presented the legislative framework for Traditional Foods from third countries (TF) and the scientific requirements for TF notifications, as outlined in the EFSA guidance for the preparation of TF notifications⁵. EFSA staff described the workflow for the evaluation of TF notifications. The evaluation of TF will be reported in Technical Reports which will be published on the EFSA web-site.

6. Approach for assessment of TF

The WG Members discussed the general approach for the evaluation of notifications on TF (i.e. identification and characterisation of hazards which may pose a risk to human health).

7. Meeting dates for 2018

The WG Members agreed on the dates for the forthcoming meetings. The next WG meeting will be held on 4 May 2018.

8. Collaboration with the WG Compendium of botanicals

EFSA staff outlined the collaboration with the WG Compendium of botanicals of the Scientific Committee in the context of the evaluation of notifications on TF. The WG on Compendium of botanicals will support the

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⁵ EFSA NDA Panel (EFSA Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies), Turck D, Bresson J-L, Burlingame B, Dean T, Fairweather-Tait S, Heinonen M, Hirsch-Ernst KI, Mangelsdorf I, McArdle H, Naska A, Neuhäuser-Berthold M, Nowicka G, Pentieva K, Sanz Y, Siani A, Sjödin A, Stern M, Tome D, Vinceti M, Willatts P, Engel K-H, Marchelli R, Pötting A, Poulsen M, Schlatter J, Gelbmann W, de Sesmaisons-Lecarré A, Verhagen H and van Loveren H, 2016. Guidance on the preparation and presentation of the notification and application for authorisation of traditional foods from third countries in the context of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283. EFSA Journal 2016;14(11):4590, 16 pp. doi:10.2903/j.efsa.2016.4590

WG on TF in retrieving data for hazard identification and characterisation of TF consisting of, isolated from or produced from plants or their parts.

9. Draft Technical Report on berries of *Lonicera caerulea* L. as TF. Applicant: Soloberry Ltd (EFSA-Q-2018-00145)

The draft Technical Report was discussed and, after amendments, it will be presented at the next WG meeting for further discussion.

10. Draft Technical Report on grains of *Digitaria exilis* (Kippist) Stapf as TF. Applicant: Obà Food Srl. (EFSA-Q-2018-00144)

The draft Technical Report was discussed and, after amendments, it will be presented at the next WG meeting for further discussion.

11. Any other business

No other issues were discussed.