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Note on the establishment of a Standing Working Group on Dietary Reference Values for vitamins of the Scientific on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies (2015-2018)

The Nutrition Unit is requested to manage the administrative and scientific activities of the Standing Working Group on Dietary Reference Values for vitamins. The Nutrition Unit is also requested to organise the meetings of the Standing Working Group and assist in the preparation of the relevant EFSA scientific outputs in line with the tasks delegated to the Standing Working Group.

Background:

The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) is the keystone of European Union risk assessment regarding food and feed safety, animal health and welfare, nutrition, plant protection and plant health. In close collaboration with national authorities and in open consultation with its stakeholders, EFSA provides independent and transparent scientific advice and clear communication on existing and emerging risks associated with the food chain. On request from the European Commission, European Parliament and Member States or on its own initiative¹, EFSA provides scientific opinions on issues falling under its remit.

The Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies, which deals with questions in relation to the scientific substantiation of health claims, dietary reference values, the safety of novel foods, the safety and suitability of substances for use in infant formulae, the potential of certain food ingredients to cause allergic or intolerance reactions, upper tolerable intake levels for vitamins and minerals, and other generic questions in relation to nutrition, confirmed during its 67th Plenary Meeting the need of a Standing Working Group on Dietary Reference Values for vitamins.

Terms of reference:

The objective of the Standing Working Group on Dietary Reference Values for vitamins is to perform the preparatory work for consideration by the Scientific Panel in relation to scientific advice, as laid down in Reg. 178/2002 Art. 29 and Art. 31, in the area of Dietary Reference Values (i.e. elaboration of draft opinions related to the review of Population Reference Intakes by the Scientific Committee for Food in 1993 for vitamins B1, B2, B6, D, K, and choline). In order to fulfil its objective, the above-mentioned Standing Working Group shall consist of members with long-standing experience in the setting of Dietary Reference Values and expertise in the following scientific areas: human nutrition, nutrient requirements, human medicine, infant nutrition/paediatrics, public health nutrition, food consumption/dietary surveys, intake data/exposure assessment, biochemistry.

Members:

During the 67th Plenary Meeting of the Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies the Chair appointed (in consultation with EFSA) the Chair of the Standing Working Group on Dietary Reference Values for vitamins. The decision on the composition of the Standing Working Group was made by the Chair of the Standing Working Group upon proposal of the respective EFSA Head of Unit. The composition of the Standing Working Group on Dietary Reference Values for vitamins is available on the EFSA website².

¹ Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and the Council of 28 January 2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety (OJ, L 31, 1.2.2002, p. 1-24).

² <https://ess.efsa.europa.eu/doi/doiweb/doisearch>

Scope in EFSA's work and outsourcing programme:

The Standing Working Group will assess the available and relevant scientific information and data provided to EFSA by Member States and stakeholders, those submitted through the applicants' dossiers (when applicable), those collected through public calls for data, as well as those collected by EFSA itself. As appropriate, EFSA may outsource the collection, collation or analysis of scientific information, through its grant and procurement schemes, in order to support the scientific assessment of the Standing Working Group.

Timelines:

Provided the Standing Working Group on Dietary Reference Values for vitamins is not closed earlier, as a result of a period of inactivity, then its mandate will terminate 3 months after the inaugural meeting of the subsequent Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies (2018-2021).

Expected deliverables:

Draft EFSA scientific outputs, which will be submitted for consideration and possible adoption by the Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies.

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**Note on the nomination of one additional member
for the Standing Working Group on Dietary Reference Values for
Vitamins of the Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and
Allergies (NDA) (2015-2018)**

The Nutrition Unit is requested to manage the administrative and scientific activities of the Standing Working Group on Dietary Reference Values for Vitamins. The Nutrition Unit is also requested to organise the meetings of the Standing Working Group and assist in the preparation of the relevant EFSA scientific outputs in line with the tasks delegated to the Standing Working Group.

Background:

The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) is the keystone of European Union risk assessment regarding food and feed safety, animal health and welfare, nutrition, plant protection and plant health. In close collaboration with national authorities and in open consultation with its stakeholders, EFSA provides independent and transparent scientific advice and clear communication on existing and emerging risks associated with the food chain. On request from the European Commission, European Parliament and Member States or on its own initiative,¹ EFSA provides scientific opinions on issues falling under its remit.

The Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies deals with questions in relation to dietary reference values including tolerable upper intake levels of vitamins and minerals, the scientific substantiation of health claims, the safety of novel foods, the safety and suitability of substances for use in infant formulae, the potential of certain food ingredients to cause allergic or intolerance reactions, and other generic questions in relation to nutrition. The Panel confirmed during its 67th Plenary Meeting the need of a Standing Working Group (SWG) on Dietary Reference Values for vitamins.

The Chair of the SWG, following consultation with the respective HoU, identified the need for an additional member that would be an expert outside the NDA Panel (see the 80th minutes of the SWG-9th Joint meeting with the Infant Nutrition WG, held on 16-17 November 2017).

Terms of reference:

The objective of the SWG on Dietary Reference Values for vitamins (2015-2018) was to perform the preparatory work for consideration by the Scientific Panel in relation to scientific advice, as laid down in Reg. 178/2002 Art. 29 and Art. 31, in the area of Dietary Reference Values (i.e. elaboration of draft opinions related to the review of Population Reference Intakes by the Scientific Committee for Food in 1993 for vitamins B1 (thiamin), B2 (riboflavin), B6, D, K, and choline).

In order to fulfil its objective, the above-mentioned Standing Working Group consists of members with long-standing experience in the setting of Dietary Reference Values and expertise in the following scientific areas: human nutrition, nutrient requirements, human medicine, infant nutrition/paediatrics, public health nutrition, food consumption/dietary surveys, intake data/exposure assessment, biochemistry.

The remaining task for this SWG is the update of the Tolerable Upper Intake level for vitamin D in infants ([EFSA-Q-2017-00208](#), deadline for adoption: June 2018). During its 78th Plenary meeting, the NDA Panel agreed to assign this mandate to the standing WG (SWG) on Dietary Reference Values (DRVs) for vitamins, and to convene joint meetings involving certain experts from this SWG and from the SWG on Infant Nutrition, as appropriate.

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Members:

The composition of the SWG on Dietary Reference Values for vitamins is available on the EFSA website².

In view of the high workload and to comply with the required deadline, an additional member for the SWG (outside the NDA Panel) is needed with the following expertise: extensive experience in paediatric nutrition in healthy infants in the European population (including vitamin D and infant or follow-on formulae), experience in drafting position papers/recommendations in infant nutrition, experience with EFSA scientific assessment in infant nutrition.

Scope in EFSA's work and outsourcing programme:

The objective of this project is to review the latest scientific evidence and, if necessary, update the UL for vitamin D for infants derived in EFSA's Scientific Opinion published in 2012. The expected outcome should help the European Commission to establish the safest maximum content of vitamin D of formulae consumed by infants and ensure the highest level of protection of infants consuming formulae with regards to vitamin D deficiency or excess (Charter P-NUTRI-20).

Timelines:

As indicated in the previous note dated 21/09/2015 on the establishment of this Standing Working Group, the mandate of the SWG on Dietary Reference Values for vitamins will terminate 3 months after the inaugural meeting of the subsequent Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies (2018-2021).

The deadline for adoption of the remaining opinion is by the end of June 2018.

Expected deliverables:

- Draft EFSA scientific opinion which will be submitted for possible adoption by the Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies.
- Draft EFSA technical report on the outcome of a public consultation which will be submitted for possible endorsement by the Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies.

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² <https://ess.efsa.europa.eu/doi/doiweb/doisearch>