



NUTRITION UNIT

Scientific Panel on Nutrition, Novel Foods and Food Allergens

MINUTES OF THE 47th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ALLERGIES

Held on 28 September 2020 via web-meeting

(Agreed on 13 October 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Stefaan De Henauw (Chair), Rosangela Marchelli, Dominique Turck, Henk Van Loveren
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
NUTRI Unit: Ester Artau Cortacans, Céline Dumas, Charlotte Salgaard Nielsen, Ariane Titz
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Group 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. Agreement of the minutes of the 46th Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the 46th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 4th May 2020.

5. Scientific topics for discussion

5.1. Scientific opinion on the efficacy of an infant formula manufactured from protein hydrolysate in reducing the risk of atopic dermatitis, submitted by *Société des produits Nestlé S.A.* (EFSA-Q-2019-00529)

The WG discussed the answers to the stop clock letter sent to the applicant and a draft opinion. Further questions were raised and another stop clock letter will be sent to the applicant with requests for clarifications.

6. Any Other Business

Not applicable

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 22nd January via web-conference.

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



NUTRITION UNIT

Scientific Panel on Nutrition, Novel Foods and Food Allergens

MINUTES OF THE 46th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ALLERGIES

Held on 24 April 2020 via web-meeting

(Agreed on 4th May 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Stefaan De Henauw (Chair), Rosangela Marchelli, Dominique Turck, Henk Van Loveren
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
NUTRI Unit: Ester Artau Cortacans, Ionut Craniun, Valeriu Curtui, Céline Dumas, Lucia Fabiani, Federico Morreale, Charlotte Salgaard Nielsen, Ariane Titz
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Group 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. Agreement of the minutes of the 45th Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the 45th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 2nd March 2020.

5. Scientific topics for discussion

5.1. Scientific opinion on the efficacy of an infant formula manufactured from protein hydrolysate in reducing the risk of atopic dermatitis, submitted by *Société des produits Nestlé S.A.* (EFSA-Q-2019-00529)

The WG discussed the answers to the stop clock letter sent to the applicant and the drafting of the opinion. Further questions were raised and a second stop clock letter will be sent to the applicant with requests for clarifications.

6. Any Other Business

Not applicable

7. Next meeting

Not applicable

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



NUTRITION UNIT

Scientific Panel on Nutrition, Novel Foods and Food Allergens

MINUTES OF THE 45th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ALLERGIES

Held on 26 February 2020 via web-meeting

(Agreed on 02 March 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Stefaan De Henauw (Chair), Rosangela Marchelli, Dominique Turck, Henk Van Loveren¹
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
NUTRI Unit: Ester Artau Cortacans, Ionut Craniun, Céline Dumas, Lucia Fabiani, Federico Morreale, Charlotte Salgaard Nielsen, Ariane Titz, Silvia Valtueña Martínez
GMO Unit: Antonio Fernández Dumont
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

¹ Attended the meeting during the discussion of the 3rd point

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

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 44th Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the 44th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 18th December 2019.

5. Scientific topics for discussion

5.1. Scientific opinion on the efficacy of an infant formula manufactured from protein hydrolysate in reducing the risk of atopic dermatitis, submitted by *Société des produits Nestlé S.A.* (EFSA-Q-2019-00529)

The WG discussed the draft opinion and several questions for the applicant were raised on the characterisation of the formula that is the subject of the application, and the human studies submitted for the scientific substantiation of the efficacy in reducing the risk of atopic dermatitis. A clock stop letter will be sent to the applicant with requests for clarification.

5.2. Presentation on *In vitro* protein digestibility and allergenicity assessment of novel proteins

Presentation on the work being done by the GMO Panel on *in vitro* digestion of proteins in allergenicity assessment of novel proteins.

5.3. Scientific Opinion related to a notification from *Lyckeby Starch AB* on Barley starch to be used in the manufacturing of several foods as ingredient, of the food additive modified starch, and of glyucose syrups pursuant to Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 – for permanent exemption from labelling (EFSA-Q-2019-00389)

The WG discussed the draft opinion considering the answers provided by the applicant to the second clock-stop letter. Amendments to the draft opinion were introduced accordingly.

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

6. Any Other Business

Not applicable

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 24th of April 2020 via web conference.



NUTRITION UNIT

Scientific Panel on Nutrition, Novel Foods and Food Allergens

MINUTES OF THE 44th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ALLERGIES

Held on 17 December 2019 via web-meeting

(Agreed on 18 December 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Stefaan De Henauw (Chair), Rosangela Marchelli, Dominique Turck, Henk Van Loveren
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
NUTRI Unit: Ester Artau Cortacans, Silvia Valtuena Martinez
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 43rd Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the 43rd Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 08th October 2019.

5. Scientific topic for discussion

5.1. Draft Opinion related to a notification from *Lyckeby Starch AB* on Barley starch to be used in the manufacturing of several foods as ingredient, of the food additive modified starch, and of glyucose syrups pursuant to Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 – for permanent exemption from labelling (EFSA-Q-2019-00389)

The WG discussed the draft opinion considering the answers provided by the applicant to the clock stop letter. Several questions for the applicant were raised and a second clock stop letter will be sent for clarification.

6. Any Other Business

Not applicable

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 4th of February via web conference.

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



NUTRITION UNIT

Scientific Panel on Nutrition, Novel Foods and Food Allergens

MINUTES OF THE 43rd MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ALLERGIES

Held on 04 October 2019, Parma

(Agreed on 8th October 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Stefaan De Henauw (Chair), Rosangela Marchelli, Dominique Turck, Henk Van Loveren
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
NUTRI Unit: Ester Artau Cortacans, Celine Dumas, Ariane Titz, Federico Morreale, Silvia Valtuena Martinez
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 42nd Working Group meeting.

The minutes of the 42nd Working Group meeting were agreed previously.

5. Scientific topic for discussion

5.1. Scientific Opinion related to a notification from Lyckeby Starch AB on Barley starch to be used in the manufacturing of several foods as ingredient, of the food additive modified starch, and of glyucose syrups pursuant to Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 – for permanent exemption from labelling (EFSA-Q-2019-00389)

The application was discussed by the working group and several questions for the applicant were raised. A clock stop letter will be sent to the applicant for clarification.

6. Any Other Business

The Working Group was informed about a new mandate that was received by EFSA related to the assessment of the efficacy of a formula based on protein hydrolysates to reduce the risk of developing atopy. Information about the mandates received and their status are available on EFSA [Register of Questions](#).

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 19th of November via web conference.

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

**Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies
Minute of the 42nd meeting of the Working Group on Food Allergy
Held on 17 October 2016 by webconference
(Agreed on 18 October 2016)**

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
 - Tara Dean (Chair), Hendrik van Loveren, Rosangela Marchelli, Patrizia Restani.
- **Hearing Experts¹:**
 - Not applicable
- **European Commission representative:**
 - Not applicable
- **EFSA:**
 - Silvia Valtueña Martínez.
- **Others:**
 - Not applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Martin Stern.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Panel 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 (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of Interest SDoI filled in by the working group (WG) Members invited for the present meeting.

Oral Declaration of Interest was asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts:
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencypolicy.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

4. Scientific topics for discussion

Draft Scientific Opinion related to a notification from Dupont Nutrition Biosciences Aps on behenic acid from mustard seeds to be used in the manufacturing of emulsifiers pursuant to Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 – for permanent exemption from labelling (EFSA-Q-2015-00844)

The WG considered the additional information provided by the applicant on 20 September 2016 following a request from EFSA. The draft opinion was thoroughly discussed and amended accordingly. The draft opinion will be submitted for discussion/possible adoption at the next plenary meeting of the NDA Panel, to be held on 25-27 October 2016 in Parma.

5. Any other business

No other meetings of this WG have been scheduled.

**Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies
Minute of the 41st meeting of the Working Group on Food Allergy
Held on 18 March 2016, Parma
(Agreed on 21 March 2016)**

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
 - Hendrik van Loveren, Rosangela Marchelli, Patrizia Restani, Martin Stern (Chair).
- **Hearing Experts¹:**
 - Not applicable
- **European Commission representative:**
 - Not applicable
- **EFSA:**
 - Silvia Valtueña Martínez, Jelena Gudelj Rakic, Evangelia Mavromichali (observer).
- **Others:**
 - Not applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Tara Dean.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Panel 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 (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of Interest SDoI filled in by the working group (WG) Members invited for the present meeting.

Oral Declaration of Interest was asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts:
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencypolicy.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

4. Scientific topics for discussion

Draft Scientific Opinion related to a notification from Dupont Nutrition Biosciences Aps on behenic acid to be used in the manufacturing of emulsifiers pursuant to Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 – for permanent exemption from labelling (EFSA-Q-2015-00844)

The draft opinion was thoroughly discussed and amended accordingly. The Working Group (WG) noted that additional information was required from the applicant for a full scientific assessment of the application. The WG agreed on a series of questions and requests for additional information to be forwarded to the applicant.

5. Any other business

The next meeting of this Working Group will be held on 19 May 2016.

Scientific Panel on dietetic products, nutrition and allergies
Minutes of the 40th meeting of the Working Group on Food Allergy
Held on 20 October 2014 by webconference
(Agreed on 30 October 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Roberto Berni Canani, Hendrik van Loveren, Rosangela Marchelli (Chair), Martin Stern, Stephan Strobel, Dominique Turck.
- **EFSA:**
 - Silvia Valtueña Martínez, Janusz Ciok.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Sébastien La Vieille and Martinus Løvik.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests 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.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

4. Scientific topics for discussion

Outcome of a public consultation on the Draft Scientific Opinion of the NDA Panel on the evaluation of allergenic foods and food ingredients for labelling purposes ([EFSA-Q-2014-00248](#))

Comments received during the public consultation were considered and discussed. A technical report of EFSA was prepared summarising the comments and the changes introduced in the draft opinion on the basis of the comments received.

Evaluation of allergenic foods for labelling purposes. Update of the EFSA's 2004 opinion ([EFSA-Q-2011-00760](#))

Different sections of the opinion were to be revised and updated. A revised draft opinion will be submitted for discussion and possible adoption to the Plenary meeting of the NDA Panel to be held on 29-31 October 2014.

5. Next meeting(s)

No other meetings of this Working Group are currently scheduled.

Scientific Panel on dietetic products, nutrition and allergies
Minutes of the 39th meeting of the Working Group on Food Allergy
Held on 15-16 September 2014, Parma
(Agreed on 29 September 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Roberto Berni Canani, Sébastien La Vieille, Hendrik van Loveren, Martinus Løvik, Rosangela Marchelli (Chair), Martin Stern, Stephan Strobel, Dominique Turck.
- **EFSA:**
 - Silvia Valtueña Martínez, Janusz Ciok.
- **European Commission:**
 - Magdalena Haponiuk

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests 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.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

4. Scientific topics for discussion

Outcome of a public consultation on the Draft Scientific Opinion of the NDA Panel on the evaluation of allergenic foods and food ingredients for labelling purposes ([EFSA-Q-2014-00248](#))

Comments received during the public consultation were considered and discussed. A technical report of EFSA will be prepared summarising the comments and the changes introduced in the draft opinion on the basis of the comments received.

Evaluation of allergenic foods for labelling purposes. Update of the EFSA's 2004 opinion ([EFSA-Q-2011-00760](#))

Different sections of the opinion will be revised and updated. A revised draft opinion will be submitted for discussion and possible adoption to the Plenary meeting of the NDA Panel to be held in October 2014.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting of this WG will be held on 20 October 2014 by webconference.

Scientific Panel on dietetic products, nutrition and allergies
Minutes of the 38th meeting of the Working Group on Food Allergy
Held on 1 April 2014 by webconference
(Agreed on 4 April 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Sébastien La Vieille, Hendrik van Loveren, Martinus Løvik, Rosangela Marchelli (Chair), Martin Stern, Stephan Strobel, Dominique Turck
- **EFSA:**
 - Nutrition Unit: Silvia Valtueña Martínez, Janusz Ciok.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Roberto Berni Canani.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests 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.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

4. Scientific topics for discussion

Evaluation of allergenic foods for labelling purposes. Update of the EFSA's 2004 opinion ([EFSA-Q-2011-00760](#))

The draft opinion (all sections included) was discussed and amended as appropriate. A draft will be submitted for discussion and possible endorsement for public consultation to the Plenary meeting of the NDA Panel to be held in April 2014.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting of this WG will be held on 15-16 September 2014 in Parma.

Scientific Panel on dietetic products, nutrition and allergies
Minutes of the 37th meeting of the Working Group on Food Allergy
Held on 14 March 2014 by webconference
(Agreed on 21 March 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Roberto Berni Canani, Sébastien La Vieille, Hendrik van Loveren, Martinus Løvik, Rosangela Marchelli (Chair), Martin Stern.
- **EFSA:**
 - Nutrition Unit: Silvia Valtueña Martínez, Janusz Ciok.
 - GMO Unit: Antonio Fernández Dumont (observer).

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

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

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests 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.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

4. Scientific topics for discussion

Evaluation of allergenic foods for labelling purposes. Update of the EFSA's 2004 opinion ([EFSA-Q-2011-00760](#))

Different sections of the opinion (adverse reactions to sulphites, and allergy to cereals, crustaceans, molluscs and soy) related to the evaluation of allergenic foods for labelling purposes were discussed and amended as appropriate in preparation for the NDA Plenary meeting. A draft will be submitted for discussion and possible endorsement for public consultation to the Plenary meeting of the NDA Panel to be held in April 2014.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting of this WG will be held on 1 April 2014 by webconference.

Scientific Panel on dietetic products, nutrition and allergies
Minutes of the 36th meeting of the Working Group on Food Allergy
Held on 16-17 January 2014, Parma
(Agreed on 21 January 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

- Roberto Berni Canani, Sébastien La Vieille, Hendrik van Loveren, Martinus Løvik, Rosangela Marchelli (Chair), Martin Stern, Stephan Strobel, Dominique Turck.

- **EFSA:**

- Nutrition Unit: Silvia Valtueña Martínez, Janusz Ciok.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests 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.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

4. Scientific topics for discussion

Evaluation of allergenic foods for labelling purposes. Update of the EFSA's 2004 opinion ([EFSA-Q-2011-00760](#))

Different sections of the opinion related to the evaluation of allergenic foods for labelling purposes were discussed and amended as appropriate in preparation for the NDA Plenary meeting in February 2014. A draft will be submitted for discussion and possible endorsement for public consultation to the Plenary meeting of the NDA Panel to be held in April 2014.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting of this WG will be held on 8 April 2014 in Parma.

Scientific Panel on dietetic products, nutrition and allergies
Minutes of the 35th meeting of the Working Group on Food Allergy
Held on 4 December 2013 (by webconference)
(Agreed on 9 December 2013)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Roberto Berni Canani, Sébastien La Vieille, Hendrik van Loveren, Rosangela Marchelli (Chair), Martin Stern, Dominique Turck.
- **EFSA:**
 - Nutrition Unit: Silvia Valtueña Martínez, Janusz Ciok.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Martinus Løvik and Stephan Strobel.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests 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.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

4. Scientific topics for discussion

Evaluation of allergenic foods for labelling purposes. Update of the EFSA's 2004 opinion ([EFSA-Q-2011-00760](#))

Different sections of the opinion related to the evaluation of allergenic foods for labelling purposes were discussed and amended as appropriate in preparation for the NDA Plenary meeting in December 2013.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting of this WG will be held on 16-17 January 2014 in Parma.

Scientific Panel on dietetic products, nutrition and allergies
Minutes of the 34th meeting of the Working Group on Food Allergy
Held on 12-13 November 2013, Parma
(Agreed on 19 November 2013)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

- Roberto Berni Canani¹, Sébastien La Vieille², Hendrik van Loveren³, Martinus Løvik, Rosangela Marchelli (Chair), Martin Stern, Dominique Turck.

- **EFSA:**

- Nutrition Unit: Silvia Valtueña Martínez, Janusz Ciok.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Stephan Strobel.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with changes: some items (allergy to egg, soy, cereals and molluscs) were postponed for next meeting.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes⁴ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests⁵, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests 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.

¹ Only present on 13 November 2013

² Only present on 12 November 2013 by webconference

³ Only present on 12 November 2013

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

4. Scientific topics for discussion

Evaluation of allergenic foods for labelling purposes. Update of the EFSA's 2004 opinion ([EFSA-Q-2011-00760](#))

Different sections of the opinion related to the evaluation of allergenic foods for labelling purposes were discussed and amended as appropriate, including prevalence of food allergy and allergy to fish, crustaceans, peanuts, nuts, sesame, and mustard.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting of this WG will be held on 16-17 January 2014 in Parma.

Scientific Panel on dietetic products, nutrition and allergies
Minutes of the 33rd meeting of the Working Group on Food Allergy
Held on 17-18 September 2013, Parma
(Agreed on 26 September 2013)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

- Roberto Berni Canani, Sébastien La Vieille, Hendrik van Loveren¹, Martinus Løvik, Rosangela Marchelli (Chair), Martin Stern, Dominique Turck, Stephan Strobel.

- **EFSA:**

- Nutrition Unit: Silvia Valtueña Martínez, Janusz Ciok
- Genetically Modified Organisms Unit: Antonio Fernández Dumont² (observer)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with changes: five items (allergy to egg, peanuts, fish, nuts and soy) were postponed for next meeting.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes³ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests⁴, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests 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.

¹ Only present on 17 September 2013

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³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

4. Scientific topics for discussion

4.1 Evaluation of allergenic foods for labelling purposes. Update of the EFSA's 2004 opinion ([EFSA-Q-2011-00760](#))

Different sections of the opinion related to the evaluation of allergenic foods for labelling purposes were discussed and amended as appropriate, including thresholds and minimum eliciting doses, prevalence of food allergy, and allergy to gluten containing cereals, lupin, mustard, and milk.

4.2. Outcome of the Public consultation on a draft Scientific and technical guidance for the preparation and presentation of applications pursuant to Article 6 Paragraph 11 of Directive 2000/13/EC, as amended ([EFSA-Q-2013-00430](#)).

The comments received during the public consultation were discussed and considered for the update of the guidance document.

4.3 Scientific and technical guidance for the preparation and presentation of applications for labelling exemption pursuant to Article 6 Paragraph 11 of Directive 2000/13/EC, as amended ([EFSA-Q-2013-00221](#))

The draft on the Scientific and technical guidance for the preparation and presentation of applications for labelling exemption pursuant to Article 6 Paragraph 11 of Directive 2000/13/EC, as amended, was discussed and modified, taking into account the comments received during the public consultation.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting of this WG will be held on 12-13 November 2013 in Parma.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON DIETETIC PRODUCTS, NUTRITION AND ALLERGIES

Minutes of the 32nd meeting of the Working Group on Food Allergy

Held on 18-19 June 2013, Parma

(Agreed on 24 June 2013)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

- Roberto Berni Canani (by webconference, first and second days, am), Hendrik van Loveren, Martinus Løvik (first day), Rosangela Marchelli (Chair), Martin Stern, Dominique Turck, Sébastien La Vieille (by webconference, first day, pm)

- **EFSA:**

- Nutrition Unit: Silvia Valtueña Martínez, Janusz Ciok

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Stephan Strobel.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with changes: three items (allergy to egg, peanuts and mustard) were postponed for next meeting.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests 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.

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4. Scientific topics for discussion

4.1 Evaluation of allergenic foods for labelling purposes. Update of the EFSA's 2004 opinion ([EFSA-Q-2011-00760](#))

Different sections of the opinion related to the evaluation of allergenic foods for labelling purposes were discussed and amended as appropriate, including thresholds and minimal eliciting doses, structure of food allergens and methods of detection, and allergy to milk, fish, lupin, nuts, and gluten containing cereals.

4.2 Scientific and technical guidance for the preparation and presentation of applications for labelling exemption pursuant to Article 6 Paragraph 11 of Directive 2000/13/EC, as amended ([EFSA-Q-2013-00221](#))

A draft on the Scientific and technical guidance for the preparation and presentation of applications for labelling exemption pursuant to Article 6 Paragraph 11 of Directive 2000/13/EC, as amended, was discussed.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting of this WG will be held on 17-18 September 2013 in Parma.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON DIETETIC PRODUCTS, NUTRITION AND ALLERGIES

Minutes of the 31st meeting of the Working Group on Food Allergy

Held on 3-4 April 2013, Parma

(Agreed on 8 April 2013)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**

- Roberto Berni Canani, Hendrik van Loveren (first day), Martinus Løvik (first day), Rosangela Marchelli (Chair), Martin Stern, Dominique Turck, Sébastien La Vieille

- **EFSA:**

- Nutrition Unit: Silvia Valtueña Martínez, Janusz Ciok

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Stephan Strobel.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with changes: three items (allergy to nuts, egg and lupin) were postponed for next meeting.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests 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.

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4. Discussions

Different sections of the opinion related to the evaluation of allergenic foods for labelling purposes were discussed, including terminology, prevalence of food allergy, thresholds and minimal eliciting doses, structure of food allergens and cross-reactivity, and allergy to peanuts, milk, and fish were discussed and amended as appropriate. A first draft on the Scientific and technical guidance for the preparation and presentation of applications for labelling exemption pursuant to Article 6 Paragraph 11 of Directive 2000/13/EC, as amended, was also discussed.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting of this WG will be held on 18-19 June 2013 in Parma.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON DIETETIC PRODUCTS, NUTRITION AND ALLERGIES

Minutes of the 30th meeting of the Working Group on Food Allergy

Held on 5-6 February 2013, Parma

(Agreed on 6 February 2013)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Roberto Berni Canani, Hendrik van Loveren, Martinus Løvik, Rosangela Marchelli (Chair), Martin Stern, Stephan Strobel, Dominique Turck, Sébastien La Vieille
- **EFSA:**
 - Nutrition Unit: Silvia Valtueña Martínez, Janusz Ciok

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted. Two items (allergy to peanuts and egg) were postponed for next meeting.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests 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. Discussions

Different sections of the opinion related to the evaluation of allergenic foods for labelling purposes were discussed, including prevalence of food allergy, thresholds and minimal

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eliciting doses, methods of detection of food allergens, effects of processing on allergenicity, celiac disease, and allergy to celery, milk, and fish.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting of this WG will be held on 3-4 April 2013 in Parma.

Parma, 19 October 2012

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON DIETETIC PRODUCTS, NUTRITION AND ALLERGIES

Minutes of the 29th meeting of the Working Group on Food Allergy

Parma, 16-17 October 2012

EFSA / Nutrition / Food Allergy

Agreed by the WG on 23 October 2012

Participants

WG Experts: Roberto Berni Canani, Hendrik van Loveren, Rosangela Marchelli (Chair), Martin Stern, Stephan Strobel, Dominique Turck, Sébastien La Vieille (by teleconference, 16 October pm)

EFSA: Silvia Valtueña Martínez, Janusz Ciok

European Commission: Magdalena Haponiuk

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants to the Working Group on Food Allergy of the NDA Panel in this new mandate (2012-2015). Apologies were received from Martinus Løvik.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes, except for the order in which agenda items were discussed.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA secretariat screened the Annual Declarations of Interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declarations of Interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting as well as the interests declared at the beginning of this meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

Different sections of the opinion related to the evaluation of allergenic foods for labelling purposes were discussed, including definitions, clinical symptoms, diagnosis and treatment of food allergy, minimal eliciting doses, methods of detection of food allergens, celiac disease, allergy to celery.

5. Next meeting date

The next meeting of this WG will be held on 5-6 February 2013 in Parma.

Parma, 11 May 2012

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON DIETETIC PRODUCTS, NUTRITION AND ALLERGIES

Minutes of the 28th meeting of the Working Group on Food Allergy

Teleconference, 05 May 2012

EFSA / Nutrition / Food Allergy

Agreed by the WG on 15 May 2012

Participants

WG Experts: Hendrik van Loveren, Martinus Løvik, Rosangela Marchelli, Martin Stern, Stephan Strobel (Chair), Jean Michel Wal

EFSA: Silvia Valtueña Martínez, Danai Papanastasiou

European Commission: -

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Pagona Lagiou.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA secretariat screened the Annual Declarations of Interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declarations of Interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting as well as the interests declared at the beginning of this meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

Different sections of the opinion related to the evaluation of allergenic foods for labelling purposes were discussed, including definitions, methods of detection of food allergens, minimal observed eliciting doses, and celiac disease.

5. Any other business

The Chair closed the last meeting of the Working Group on Food Allergy of the NDA Panel in the present mandate (2009-2012) by expressing his great appreciation to all members of the WG for the work that has been carried out over the last three years.

6. Next meeting date

The next meeting of this WG will be held on 19 September 2012 in Parma.

Parma, 11 April 2012

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON DIETETIC PRODUCTS, NUTRITION AND ALLERGIES

Minutes of the 27th meeting of the Working Group on Food Allergy

Parma, 28 March 2012

EFSA / Nutrition / Food Allergy

Agreed by the WG on 13 April 2012

Participants

WG Experts: Hendrik van Loveren, Pagona Lagiou, Martinus Løvik, Rosangela Marchelli, Martin Stern, Stephan Strobel (Chair)

EFSA: Silvia Valtueña Martínez

European Commission: -

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Jean Michel Wal.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA secretariat screened the Annual Declarations of Interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declarations of Interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting as well as the interests declared at the beginning of this meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

Different sections of the opinion related to the evaluation of allergenic foods for labelling purposes were discussed, including definitions, prevalence of food allergy, methods of detection of food allergens and eliciting doses. Some additional tasks were distributed.

5. Next meeting date

The next meeting of this WG will be held on 8 May 2012 in Parma.

Parma, 19 December 2011

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON DIETETIC PRODUCTS, NUTRITION AND ALLERGIES

Minutes of the 26th meeting of the Working Group on Food Allergy

Parma, 22 November 2011

EFSA / Nutrition / Food Allergy

Agreed by the WG on 21 December 2011

Participants

WG Experts: Hendrik van Loveren, Martinus Løvik, Rosangela Marchelli, Martin Stern, Stephan Strobel (Chair), Jean Michel Wal

EFSA: Silvia Valtueña Martínez, Danai Papanastasiou, Saadia Noorani (observer)

European Commission: Magdalena Haponiuk

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Pagona Lagiou.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA secretariat screened the Annual Declarations of Interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declarations of Interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting as well as the interests declared at the beginning of this meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The approach to follow in order to update the evaluation of allergenic foods for labelling purposes already carried out by EFSA in 2004 as well as a realistic timeframe for the completion of the task were discussed in the context of the new mandate received from the Food Standards Agency of Ireland (FSAI). A working plan was agreed among the WG experts and some tasks were distributed.

5. Next meeting date

The next meeting of this WG will be held on 28 March 2012 in Parma.

Parma, 29 August 2011

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON DIETETIC PRODUCTS, NUTRITION AND ALLERGIES

Minutes of the 25th meeting of the Working Group on Food Allergy

Parma, 26 August 2011

Agreed by the WG on 30 August 2011

Participants

WG Experts: Hendrik van Loveren (Chair), Martinus Løvik, Rosangela Marchelli
EFSA: Silvia Valtueña Martínez

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Pagona Lagiou, Martin Stern, Stephan Strobel, and Jean Michel Wal.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA secretariat screened the Annual Declarations of Interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declarations of Interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting as well as the interests declared at the beginning of this meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of the meeting.

4. Discussions

Draft opinions related to the assessment of requests for exemption from mandatory labelling were discussed and amended according to the discussions. A working plan for the finalisation of these draft opinions for discussion and possible adoption at the next Plenary meeting in September was discussed and agreed upon.

5. Next meeting date

The next meeting of this WG will be held on 9 November 2011 in Parma.

Parma, 8 July 2011

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON DIETETIC PRODUCTS, NUTRITION AND ALLERGIES

Minutes of the 24th meeting of the Working Group on Food Allergy

Parma, 30 June-1 July 2011

(agreed by the WG on 12 July 2011)

Participants

WG Experts: Hendrik van Loveren (chair), Martinus Løvik, Rosangela Marchelli, Martin Stern, Jean Michel Wal

EFSA: Silvia Valtueña Martínez, Danai Papanastasiou

European Commission Magdalena Haponiuk

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Pagona Lagiou and Stephan Strobel.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes, except for the order in which the agenda items were discussed.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA secretariat screened the Annual Declarations of Interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declarations of Interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting as well as the interests declared at the beginning of this meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of the meeting.

4. Discussions

Draft opinions were discussed and amended according to the discussions. A working plan for the assessment of requests for exemption from mandatory labelling and for the review of the EFSA's general opinion on food allergy published in 2004 was discussed and agreed upon.

5. Next meeting date

The next meeting of this WG will be held on 26 August 2011 by teleconference.