



SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE
119th Additional Plenary meeting



25 June 2024

14:00-17.15

MINUTES - Agreed on 1 July 2024

Location: Telemeeting

Attendees:

○ **Panel Members:**

Simon MORE, Vasileios BAMPIDIS, Diane BENFORD, Susanne HOUGAARD BENNEKOU, Claude BRAGARD, Thorhallur HALLDORSSON, Antonio HERNÁNDEZ-JEREZ, , Dieter SCHRENK, Kostas KOUTSOUMANIS, Claude LAMBRÉ, Ewen MULLINS, Søren SAXMOSE NIELSEN, Dominique TURCK, Maged YOUNES.

○ **European Commission:**

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○ **EFSA:**

Head of Department ENABLE - Nikolaos KRIZ

Head of Department ASSESS – Guilhem DE SEZE

Methodology and Scientific Support (MESE) Unit: Claudia RONCANCIO PEÑA, Daniela MAURICI, Davide ARCELLA, Maria BASTAKI, Maria Chiara ASTUTO, Lucian FARCAL, Irene CATTANEO, Petra GERGLOVA, Alicia PAINI, Marios GEORGIADIS

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Josef Schlatter.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Panel 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 Panel 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.

With regards to this meeting, Dr Diane Benford declared the following interest: "I participated at the 99th JECFA meeting on food additives and processing aids. In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁴, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was not deemed to represent a Conflict of Interest for the expert concerned.

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

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

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

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



4. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion/adoption

4.1 Draft opinion on Bromide ([EFSA-Q-2022-00329](#))

The Scientific Committee was presented with the draft opinion on bromide for possible endorsement for public consultation. The document included revisions made in response to the comments received from members of the Scientific Committee at the last plenary, including clarifications on the evidence of thyroid effects and criteria applied to the benchmark dose modelling of animal data. Additional revisions were made to improve the flow of the text as requested.

The Scientific Committee endorsed it unanimously for public consultation. The public consultation will be launched in July for a period of 8 weeks.

4.2 Scoping paper on the revision of the opinion on the Margin of Exposure for chemicals which are both genotoxic and carcinogenic

The scoping paper on the revision of the opinion on the Margin of Exposure (published in 2005) for chemicals which are both genotoxic and carcinogenic was presented. The document was revised considering the comments received from the SC. The Scientific Committee endorsed the scoping paper for public consultation. The consultation will be launched in July for a period of 8 weeks.

4.3 New draft Annex Guidance on Particle Technical Requirement on 'Clarification on the use of a Kow-based threshold for lipid-soluble substances as a possible appraisal route'

The SC was presented with the new draft Annex 'Clarification on the use of a Kow-based threshold for lipid-soluble substances as a possible appraisal route' produced by the cross-cutting WG on Nanotechnologies (ccWG Nano) to clarify the use of Kow for organic lipid-soluble substances to be marketed in a lipid matrix or oily food/feed, in the context of Section 2.3.4 "Solubility/dissolution in the marketed product or in food" of the Guidance on Particle – Technical Requirements (TR)⁵. The draft annex was produced in the context of the ongoing discussion at the ccWG Nano on the lesson learnt from the implementation of the EFSA Nano Guidance documents to provide further guidance to applicants and risk assessors, following a request from EFSA Panels and Units. The draft document was subjected to a period of targeted consultation with EFSA Panels and with the EFSA Scientific Network of Risk Assessment of Nanotechnologies in Food and Feed (Nano Network). All input received was considered during the finalisation of the draft Annex, which was finally adopted by the SC at this meeting and will be soon published.

End of the meeting

⁵ EFSA Scientific Committee, 2021. Guidance on technical requirements for regulated food and feed product applications to establish the presence of small particles including nanoparticles. EFSA Journal 2021;19(8):6769, 48 pp. <https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2021.6769>