

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS (FAF)

49th FAF Panel meeting



25 June 2024

09:00-13:00

MINUTES (Agreed on 12/07/2024)

Location: Teleconference

Attendees:

- Panel Members:
Gabriele Aquilina, Laurence Castle, Gisela Degen, Karl-Heinz Engel, Paul Fowler, María José Frutos Fernández, Peter Fürst, Ursula Gundert-Remy, Rainer Gürtler, Melania Manco, Wim Mennes, Peter Moldeus, Sabina Passamonti, Dina (Ine) Waalkens-Berendsen, Matthew Wright and Maged Younes
- EFSA:
Food Ingredients and Packaging (FIP) Unit: Stefania Barmaz, Valeriu Curtui, Maria Carfi, Consuelo Civitella, Borana Dino, Gabriele Gagliardi, Federica Lodi, Remigio Marano, Carla Martino, Elena Mazzoli, Agnieszka Mech, Salvatore Samuele Multari, Josef Rasinger, Ana Rincon, Laura Ruggeri, Camilla Smeraldi, Alexandra Tard, Sam Vermeiren and Panagiota Zakidou
- European Medicines Agency (EMA): Corinne De Vries and Francisca van Doesum-Wolters
- European Commission (EC): Katleen Baert
- Hearing Experts¹: Fitzgeralds Reginald (for agenda point 6.2)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the FAF Panel welcomed the Participants.

Apologies were received from Trine Husoy and Romina Shah, for the whole duration of the current meeting.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Panel 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 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.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 48th FAF Panel Plenary meeting held on 11-13 June 2024.

¹ As defined in Article 34 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



The minutes of the [48th Panel plenary meeting](#) were agreed at the beginning of the meeting.

5. Report on written procedure

Not applicable

6. Scientific output(s) submitted for discussion/adoption

6.1 Draft opinion on the re-evaluation of shellac (E 904) as a food additive ([EFSA-Q-2011-00705](#)) and on its proposed extension of use in dietary foods for special medical purposes ([EFSA-Q-2020-00327](#))

Further to the discussion at the previous plenary meeting, a revised draft opinion was presented to the members of the Panel.

The opinion was unanimously adopted, subject to the incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting and editorial changes. The full text of the opinion will be available in the EFSA Journal.

6.2 Draft opinion on the safety in use of curdlan as a food additive ([EFSA-Q-2017-00024](#))

The Panel discussed the approach for the conclusions on the safety of the proposed food additive based on the available data.

Based on the comments provided by the participants a draft document will be presented for discussion at a forthcoming FAF Panel meeting

6.3 Self-tasking mandate proposed to EFSA by the FAF Panel for a revision of the 2012 ANS Panel "Food Additive Guidance for submission for food additive evaluations" ([EFSA-Q-2023-00713](#))

A general information on the status of the revision of the Guidance on Food Additives was presented as well as the expected timelines for its finalisation. In particular the proposed tiered approach to toxicokinetic and toxicity testing was discussed.

7. Feedback from the Scientific Committee/ Scientific Panels/EFSA/ EC

7.1 Scientific Committee

None

7.2 European Commission

None

7.3 Scientific Panel(s) including their Working Groups

None

7.4 EFSA

None



8. Other scientific topics for information and/or discussion

None

9. New mandates

- **New questions received since the 47th FAF Plenary:**

None.

- **Valid questions since the 47th FAF Plenary:**

The following mandates have been considered suitable for risk assessment by EFSA since the 48th FAF Plenary meeting.

Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Validity date
FA	EFSA-Q-2024-00398	Request for a scientific opinion on the safety of the food additives chlorophylls (E 140(i)), chlorophyllins (E 140(ii)), copper complexes of chlorophylls (E 141(i)) and copper complexes of chlorophyllins ((E 141(ii)) and their specifications	17/06/2024
FA	EFSA-Q-2024-00397	Request for a scientific opinion on the safety of glutamic acid (E 620), sodium glutamate (E 621), potassium glutamate (E 622), calcium glutamate (E 623), ammonium glutamate (E 624) and magnesium glutamate ((E 625) as food additives	17/06/2024

Both mandates will be assigned to a new Working Group to be established under the remit of the new FAF Panel (2024-2029)

- **Questions withdrawn since the 47th FAF Plenary:**

None.

10. AOB

None