

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 21th Meeting of the Working Group on Nitrates and Nitrites

Held on 15-16 March 2017, Parma and TELE-conference

(Agreed on 16 March 2017)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Alicja Mortensen, Claude Lambré from 13.00-18.00, Ruud Woutersen, Ursula Gundert-Remy, David Gott (15 March).
Riccardo Crebelli, Jean Charles Leblanc, Cristina Fortes, Maria Jose Frutos, Leonardo Merino, Fernando Aguilar, Piet van den Brandt, Alessandro Di Domenico and David Gott from 13.00-15.00 (16 March) participated via teleconference.

■ Hearing Experts¹:

15 March 2017: Josef Schlatter 9.00-15.00, Þórhallur Ingi Halldórsson 9.00-14.00. (for items 1-4);
16 March 2017: Helle Knutsen (13.00-14.00), Jan Alexander 9.00-10.00 (teleconference) (for items 1-4)

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

None

■ EFSA:

■ FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou, Jose Cortinas Abrahantes, Camilla Smeraldi, Claudia Roncancio Pena.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Fernando Aguilar and David Gott on 16 March from 9.00-13.00 and from Maged Younes.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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>.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled in by the working group members 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. Comments from hearing experts

The hearing experts presented to the WG their comments on the draft opinions.

5. Feedback from ANS Panel, EFSA and European Commission

Alicja Mortensen, as Chair of the Panel, updated the WG on the discussion held on nitrites and nitrates at the 71st Plenary meeting.

6. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

6.1 E 251- E 252 Nitrates (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00462/00463](#))

The WG revised the draft opinion following comments from the Panel and the hearing experts. The revised opinion will be discussed at the next ANS Plenary meeting.

6.1 E 249- E 250 Nitrites (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00460/00461](#))

The WG revised the draft opinion following comments from the Panel and the hearing experts. The revised opinion will be discussed at the next ANS Plenary meeting.

7. Adoption of the notes of the previous Working Group meeting held on 16 January 2016.

The notes were adopted.

8. Any Other Business

8.1 Agreement on the minutes of the 21th Working Group meetings on Nitrates and Nitrites.

The minutes have been adopted.

8.2 Future meetings

No future meetings have been currently agreed.

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

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

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 20th Meeting of the Working Group on Nitrates and Nitrites

Held on 16 January 2017, Parma

(Agreed on 24 January 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
 - Jean Charles Leblanc and Cristina Fortes.
 - Maged Younes, Maria Jose Frutos, Leonardo Merino, Ursula Gundert-Remy Fernando Aguilar, Piet van den Brandt and Alessandro Di Domenico participated via teleconference.
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

None
- **EFSA:**
 - FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Riccardo Crebelli.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Adoption of the notes of the previous Working Group meeting held on 16-18 November 2016.

The notes were adopted.

4. Feedback from ANS Panel, EFSA and European Commission

The Chair updated the WG on the discussion held at the 69th Plenary meeting on nitrites and nitrates.

5. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests², EFSA

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled in by the working group members 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.

6. General issues

The working group agreed to discuss the opinion at the forthcoming ANS Panel meetings.

7. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

7.1 E 251- E 252 Nitrates (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00462/00463](#))

The WG revised the discussion, conclusions and recommendations following comments from the Panel. The revised opinion will be discussed at the next ANS Plenary meeting.

7.2 E 249- E 250 Nitrites (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00460/00461](#))

The WG revised the recommendations following comments from the Panel. The revised opinion will be discussed at the next ANS Plenary meeting.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Agreement on the minutes of the 20th Working Group meetings on Nitrates and Nitrites.

The minutes will be agreed by written procedure.

8.2 Future meetings

No future meetings have been currently agreed.

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 19th Meeting of the Working Group on Nitrates and Nitrites

Held on 16-18 November 2016, Parma

(Agreed on 7 December 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
 - Maged Younes, Riccardo Crebelli, Maria Jose Frutos, Leonardo Merino, Ursula Gundert-Remy and Cristina Fortes.
 - Fernando Aguilar, Jean Charles Leblanc, Piet van den Brandt and Alessandro Di Domenico participated via teleconference.
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 - Jiri Sochor
- **EFSA:**
 - FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou
 - AMU Unit: Arcella Davide, Garcia Ana, and Gilles Guillot

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Adoption of the notes of the previous Working Group meeting held on 5-6 October 2016.

The notes were adopted.

4. Feedback from ANS Panel, EFSA and European Commission

The Chair updated the WG on the discussion held at the 67th Plenary meeting on nitrites and nitrates.

5. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests², EFSA

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

screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled in by the working group members 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.

6. General issues

The working group agreed to discuss the opinion at the forthcoming ANS Panel meetings.

7. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

7.1 E 251- E 252 Nitrates (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00462/00463](#))

The WG discussed parts of the draft opinion. The revised opinion will be discussed at the next Plenary meeting for possible adoption.

7.2 E 249- E 250 Nitrites (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00460/00461](#))

The WG discussed parts of the draft opinion. The revised opinion will be discussed at the next Plenary meeting for possible adoption.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Agreement on the minutes of the 19th Working Group meetings on Nitrates and Nitrites.

The minutes will be agreed by written procedure.

8.2 Future meetings

No future meetings have been currently agreed.

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 18th Meeting of the Working Group on Nitrates and Nitrites

Held on 5-6 October 2016, TC

(Agreed on 6 October 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
 - Maged Younes, Riccardo Crebelli, Maria Jose Frutos, Leonardo Merino and Fernando Aguilar, Cristina Fortes, Piet van den Brandt, Alessandro Di Domenico and Jean Charles Leblanc participated in all topics.
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

None
- **EFSA:**
 - FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou
 - AMU Unit: Federica Barrucci, Arcella Davide, Garcia Ana, Gilles Guillot and Laura Martino

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Ursula Gundert-Remy.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Adoption of the notes of the previous Working Group meeting held on 19-21 September 2016.

The notes were adopted.

4. Feedback from ANS Panel, EFSA and European Commission

The Chair updated the WG on the discussion held at the 66th Plenary meeting on nitrites.

5. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests², EFSA

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

screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled in by the working group members 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.

6. General issues

The working group agreed to discuss the opinions on nitrates and nitrites at the forthcoming ANS Panel meetings.

7. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

7.1 E 251- E 252 Nitrates (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00462/00463](#))

The WG discussed parts of the draft opinion. The revised opinion will be discussed at the next meeting.

7.2 E 249- E 250 Nitrites (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00460/00461](#))

The WG discussed parts of the draft opinion. The revised opinion will be discussed at the next meeting.

8. Any Other Business

8.1 Agreement on the minutes of the 18th Working Group meetings on Nitrates and Nitrites.

The minutes were agreed on 6 October.

8.2 Topics to be discussed at the next meeting

The topics were agreed.

8.3 Future meetings 2016

- 16-18 November, 2016, Parma

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 17th Meeting of the Working Group on Nitrates and Nitrites

Held on 19-21 September 2016, Parma

(Agreed on 21 September 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
 - Maged Younes, Riccardo Crebelli, Maria Jose Frutos, Leonardo Merino, Fernando Aguilar, Ursula Gundert-Remy, Cristina Fortes, Piet van den Brandt and Alessandro Di Domenico
 - Jean Charles Leblanc participated via teleconference.
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

None
- **EFSA:**
 - FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou
 - AMU Unit: Federica Barrucci, Arcella Davide, Garcia Ana, Battacchi Dario and Gilles Guillot

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Adoption of the notes of the previous Working Group meeting held on 29-30 June 2016.

The notes were adopted.

4. Feedback from ANS Panel, EFSA and European Commission

The Chair updated the WG on the discussion held at the 65th Plenary meeting on nitrites.

5. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests², EFSA

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

screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled in by the working group members 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.

6. General issues

The working group agree on the parts of the opinion to be discussed at the forthcoming ANS Panel meetings.

7. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

7.1 E 251- E 252 Nitrates (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00462/00463](#))

The WG discussed parts of the draft opinion. The revised opinion will be discussed at the next meeting.

7.2 E 249- E 250 Nitrites (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00460/00461](#))

The WG discussed parts of the draft opinion. The revised opinion will be discussed at the next meeting.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Agreement on the minutes of the 16th and 17th Working Group meetings on Nitrates and Nitrites.

The minutes were agreed on 21 September.

8.2 Topics to be discussed at the next meeting

The topics were agreed.

8.3 Future meetings 2016

- 5 October 2016,pm, TC
- 6 October 2016,pm, TC

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 16th Meeting of the Working Group on Nitrates and Nitrites

Held on 31 June-1 July 06 2016, Parma

(Agreed on 21 September 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
 - Maged Younes, Riccardo Crebelli, Maria Jose Frutos (did not participate at the discussion point 7.1) and Jean Charles Leblanc.
 - Fernando Aguilar and Ursula Gundert-Remy did not participate at the discussion point 7.1, Cristina Fortes, Piet van den Brandt and Alessandro Di Domenico participated via teleconference.
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

None
- **EFSA:**
 - FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Leonardo Merino.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Adoption of the notes of the previous Working Group meeting held on 17-19 May 2016.

The notes were adopted.

4. Feedback from ANS Panel, EFSA and European Commission

The Chair updated the WG on the discussion held at the 65th Plenary meeting on nitrites.

5. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests², EFSA

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

screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled in by the working group members 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.

6. General issues

The working group agree on the parts of the opinion to be discussed at the forthcoming ANS Panel meetings.

7. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

7.1 E 251- E 252 Nitrates (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00462/00463](#))

The WG discussed parts of the draft opinion. The revised opinion will be discussed at the next meeting.

7.2 E 249- E 250 Nitrites (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00460/00461](#))

The WG discussed parts of the draft opinion. The revised opinion will be discussed at the next meeting.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Agreement on the minutes of the 16th Working Group meetings on Nitrates and Nitrites.

The minutes will be agreed on 21 September.

8.2 Topics to be discussed at the next meeting

The topics were agreed.

8.3 Future meetings 2016

- 19-21 September, Parma

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 15th Meeting of the Working Group on Nitrates and Nitrites

Held on 17-19 05 2016, Rome

(Agreed on 19 May 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
 - Maged Younes, Riccardo Crebelli, Cristina Fortes, Alessandro Di Domenico, Leonardo Merino and Maria Jose Frutos participated in all topics.
 - Ursula Gundert-Remy, Piet van den Brandt and Fernando Aguilar didn't participated in item 6 and 7.2.
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

None
- **EFSA:**
 - FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Jean Charles Leblanc.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Adoption of the notes of the previous Working Group meeting held on 12 May 2016.

The notes were adopted.

4. Feedback from ANS Panel, EFSA and European Commission

The Chair updated the WG on the discussion held at the 14th WG meeting dedicated to the exposure assessment of nitrates and nitrites.

5. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests², EFSA

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

screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled in by the working group members 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.

6. General issues

The working group agree on the parts of the opinion to be discussed at the forthcoming ANS Panel meetings.

7. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

7.1 E 251- E 252 Nitrates (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00462/00463](#))

The WG discussed parts of the draft opinion. The revised opinion will be discussed at the next meeting.

7.2 E 249- E 250 Nitrites (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00460/00461](#))

The WG discussed parts of the draft opinion. The revised opinion will be discussed at the next meeting.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Agreement on the minutes of the 13th 14th and 15th Working Group meetings on Nitrates and Nitrites.

The minutes were agreed on 19 May.

8.2 Topics to be discussed at the next meeting

The topics were agreed.

8.3 Future meetings 2016

- 30pm June-1pm July, Parma

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 14th Meeting of the Working Group on Nitrates and Nitrites

Held on 12 05 2016, teleconference

(Agreed on 19 May 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
 - Maged Younes, Riccardo Crebelli, Cristina Fortes, Fernando Aguilar, Leonardo Merino, Jean Charles Leblanc, Alessandro Di Domenico and Maria Jose Frutos.
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

None
- **EFSA:**
 - FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou.
 - DATA Unit: Federica Barrucci and Davide Arcella.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Ursula Gundert-Remy.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Adoption of the notes of the previous Working Group meeting held 16 03 16.

The notes will be agreed at the next meeting on 17-19 May 2016.

4. Feedback from ANS Panel, EFSA and European Commission

The Chair updated the WG on the progress made at the 64th Plenary meeting.

5. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

in by the working group members 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.

6. General issues

The topic will be discussed at the next meeting of WG on exposure on 27 May.

7. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

7.1 E 251- E 252 Nitrates (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00462/00463](#))

The WG discussed issues related to the exposure assessment of nitrates.

7.2 E 249- E 250 Nitrites (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011 -00460/ 00461](#))

The WG discussed issues related to the exposure assessment of nitrites.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Agreement on the minutes of the 14th Working Group meeting on Nitrates and Nitrites.

The minutes will be agreed at the next meeting on 17-19 May 2016.

8.2 Future meetings 2016

- 17-18-19 May, 2016, Rome
- 30pm June-1pm July, Parma

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 13th Meeting of the Working Group on Nitrates and Nitrites

Held on 16 03 2016, teleconference

(Agreed on 19 May 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
 - Maged Younes, Cristina Fortes, Fernando Aguilar, Ursula Gundert-Remy and Maria Jose Frutos.
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

None
- **EFSA:**
 - FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou, Dario Battacchi
 - AMU Unit: Federica Barucci, Jose Cortinas Abrahantes, Laura Martino, Andrea Bau
 - Data Unit: Davide Arcella

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Riccardo Crebelli and Piet van den Brandt.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Adoption of the notes of the previous Working Group meeting held on 23-24 February 2016.

The notes of the previous meeting will be adopted at the meeting of 17-19 May 2016.

4. Feedback from ANS Panel, EFSA and European Commission

The Chair updated the WG on the progress made at the 63th Plenary meeting.

5. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests², EFSA

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screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled in by the working group members 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.

6. General issues

The working group meeting days for future meetings were agreed.

7. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

7.1 E 251- E 252 Nitrates (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00462/00463](#))

The WG discussed parts of the draft opinion. The revised opinion will be discussed at the next meeting.

7.2 E 249- E 250 Nitrites (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00460/00461](#))

The WG discussed parts of the draft opinion. The revised opinion will be discussed at the next meeting.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Agreement on the minutes of the 13th Working Group meeting on Nitrates and Nitrites.

The minutes will be agreed at the WG meeting on 17-19 May.

8.2 Topics to be discussed at the next meeting

The topics were agreed.

8.3 Future meetings 2016

- 17-18-19 May, 2016, Rome
- 30pm June-1pm July, Parma

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 12th Meeting of the Working Group on Nitrates and Nitrites

Held on 23-24 02 2016, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 24 February 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
 - Maged Younes, Riccardo Crebelli, Cristina Fortes, Piet van den Brandt, Fernando Aguilar, Ursula Gundert-Remy and Maria Jose Frutos.
 - Jean Charles Leblanc has participated via teleconference.
 - Alessandro Di Domenico has participated partly in agenda points 6.1 and 6.2.
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 - Wim Debeuckelaere
- **EFSA:**
 - FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Adoption of the notes of the previous Working Group meeting held on 24-25 November 2015.

The notes were adopted.

4. Feedback from ANS Panel, EFSA and European Commission

The Chair updated on the progress made at the 62th Plenary meeting. The EC representative updated the WG on relevant work of EC on this topic.

5. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interests², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest filled in by the working group members 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.

6. General issues

The working group meeting days for future meeting were agreed.

7. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion

7.1 E 251- E 252 Nitrates (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00462/00463](#))

The WG discussed parts of the draft opinion. The revised opinion will be discussed at the next meeting.

7.2 E 249- E 250 Nitrites (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00460/00461](#))

The WG discussed parts of the draft opinion. The revised opinion will be discussed at the next meeting.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Agreement of the minutes of the 12th Working Group meeting on Nitrates and Nitrites held on 23-24 February 2016

The minutes were agreed.

8.2 Topics to be discussed at the next meeting

The topics were agreed.

8.3 Future meetings 2016

- 16 March, 2016, TC
- 17-18-19 May, 2016, Rome

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Food Ingredients and Packaging Unit (FIP UNIT)

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 11th Meeting of the Working Group on Nitrates and Nitrites

Held on 24-25 11 2015, Parma

(Agreed on 25 November 2015)

Participants

- **Working Group (WG) Members:**
 - Maged Younes, Riccardo Crebelli, Cristina Fortes, Piet van den Brandt and Riccardo Aguilar, Jean Charles Leblanc and Di Domenico Alessandro.

- **Hearing Experts:**
 - Not Applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 - Not present

- **EFSA:**
 - FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Leonardo Merino.

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 Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group 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.

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

4. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting.

Not applicable.

5. Hearing Expert (s)

Not applicable.

6. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

1. E 251- E 252 Nitrates (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00462/00463](#))

The WG discussed parts of the draft opinion. The revised opinion will be discussed at the next meeting.

2. E 249- E 250 Nitrites (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00460/00461](#))

The WG discussed parts of the draft opinion. The revised opinion will be discussed at the next meeting.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 Next meeting(s)

- 23-24 February, 2016, Parma
- 30 March, 2016, TC
- 31 March, 2016, TC
- 17-18 May, 2016, Rome

Food Ingredients and Packaging Unit (FIP UNIT)

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 10th Meeting of the Working Group on Nitrates and Nitrites

Held on 4 11 2015, teleconference

(Agreed on 4 November 2015)

Participants

- **Working Group (WG) Members:**
 - Maged Younes, Riccardo Crebelli, Cristina Fortes, Piet van den Brandt and Riccardo Aguilar.

- **Hearing Experts:**
 - Not Applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 - Not present

- **EFSA:**
 - FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. There was no apologies.

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 Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group 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.

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² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

4. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting.

Not applicable.

5. Hearing Expert (s)

Not applicable.

6. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

1. E 251- E 252 Nitrates (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00462/00463](#))

The WG discussed the draft opinion in relation to section Other studies. The revised opinion will be discussed at the next meeting.

2. E 249- E 250 Nitrites (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00460/00461](#))

The WG discussed the draft opinion in relation to the section Other studies. The revised opinion will be discussed at the next meeting.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 Next meeting(s)

- 24-25 November, 2015, Parma
- 23-24 February, 2016, Parma
- 30 March, 2016, TC
- 31 March, 2016, TC
- 17-18 May, 2016, Rome

Food Ingredients and Packaging Unit (FIP UNIT)

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 9th Meeting of the Working Group on Nitrates and Nitrites

Held on 25 09 2015, teleconference

(Agreed on 25 September 2015)

Participants

• **Working Group (WG) Members:**

- Maged Younes, Riccardo Crebelli, Alessandro di Domenico, Cristina Fortes, Piet van den Brandt, Riccardo Aguilar, Jean Charles Leblanc and Leonardo Merino.

• **Hearing Experts:**

- Not Applicable

• **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

- Not present

• **EFSA:**

- FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou
- AMU Unit: Federica Bartucci

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants and announced that the member of the WG Fidel Toldra had to resign due to personal reasons. As of 15 September 2015, Fidel Toldra is not a member of the WG on Nitrates and Nitrites.

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 Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group 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. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting.

Not applicable.

5. Hearing Expert (s)

Not applicable.

6. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

1. E 251- E 252 Nitrates (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00462/00463](#))

The WG discussed the draft opinion and identified several issues to be addressed. The revised opinion will be discussed at the next meeting.

2. E 249- E 250 Nitrites (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00460/00461](#))

The WG discussed the draft opinion and identified several issues to be addressed. The revised opinion will be discussed at the next meeting.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 Next meeting(s)

- Additional meeting (tbc)
- 24-25 November, 2015, Parma
- 23-24 February, 2016, Parma
- 30 March, 2016, TC
- 31 March, 2016, TC
- 17-18 May, 2016, Rome

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² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

Food Ingredients and Packaging Unit (FIP UNIT)

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 8th Meeting of the Working Group on Nitrates and Nitrites

Held on 7-8 07 2015, Parma

(Agreed on 8 July 2015)

Participants

• **Working Group Members:**

- Maged Younes, Riccardo Crebelli, Alessandro di Domenico (teleconference), Cristina Fortes, Piet van den Brandt, Fidel Toldrá (teleconference), Leonardo Merino, Fernando Aguilar and Jean Charles Leblanc (teleconference).

• **Hearing Experts:**

- Not Applicable

• **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

- Not present

• **EFSA:**

- FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou

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 Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest

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² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

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. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting.

Not applicable.

5. Hearing Expert (s)

Not applicable.

6. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

1. E 251- E 252 Nitrates (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00462/00463](#))

The WG discussed the draft opinion and identified several issues to be addressed. The revised opinion will be discussed at the next meeting.

2. E 249- E 250 Nitrites (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00460/00461](#))

The WG discussed the draft opinion and identified several issues to be addressed. The revised opinion will be discussed at the next meeting.

7. Any Other Business

- 7.1 Adoption of the minutes of the 8th meeting of the Working Group on Nitrates and Nitrites held in Parma on 7-8 July 2015.

8. Next meeting(s) in 2015

- 25 September (Teleconference)
- 24-25 November

Food Ingredients and Packaging Unit (FIP UNIT)

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 7th Meeting of the Working Group on Nitrates and Nitrites

Held on 22-23 04 2015, teleconference

(Agreed on 23 April 2015)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

- Maged Younes, Riccardo Crebelli, Alessandro di Domenico, Cristina Fortes, Piet van den Brandt, Fidel Toldrá (2nd day) and Leonardo Merino.

- **Hearing Experts:**

- Not Applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

- Not present

- **EFSA:**

- FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Fernando Aguilar and Jean Charles Leblanc.

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 Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest

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² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

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. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting.

Not applicable.

5. Hearing Expert (s)

Not applicable.

6. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

1. E 251- E 252 Nitrates (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00462/00463](#))

The WG discussed the draft opinion and identified several issues to be addressed. The revised opinion will be discussed at the next meeting.

2. E 249- E 250 Nitrites (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00460/00461](#))

The WG discussed the draft opinion and identified several issues to be addressed. The revised opinion will be discussed at the next meeting.

7. Any Other Business

- 7.1 Adoption of the minutes of the 7th meeting of the Working Group on Nitrates and Nitrites held in Parma on 22-23 April 2015.

8. Next meeting(s) in 2015

- 7-8 July
- 25 September
- 24-25 November

Food Ingredients and Packaging Unit (FIP UNIT)

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 6th Meeting of the Working Group on Nitrates and Nitrites

Held on 05 03 2015, teleconference

(Agreed on 5 March 2015)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
 - Maged Younes, Jean Charles Leblanc, Fidel Toldrá and Leonardo Merino.

- **Hearing Experts:**
 - Not Applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 - Not present

- **EFSA:**
 - FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou
 - DATA Unit: Petra Gergelova

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 Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group 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.

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² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

4. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting.

Not applicable.

5. Hearing Expert (s)

Not applicable.

6. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

Specific issues of the exposure assessment to E 251- E 252 Nitrates (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00462/00463](#)) and E 249- E 250 Nitrites (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00460/00461](#)) have been discussed.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 Adoption of the minutes of the 6th meeting of the Working Group on Nitrates and Nitrites held in Parma on 5 March 2015.

8. Next meeting(s)

22-23 April, 2015, Parma

Food Ingredients and Packaging Unit (FIP UNIT)

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the Working Group on Nitrates and Nitrites

Held on 3-4 02 2015, Parma

(Agreed on 4 February 2015)

Participants

• **Working Group Members:**

- Maged Younes, Riccardo Crebelli, Fernando Aguilar, Alessandro Di Domenico, Cristina Fortes, Piet van den Brandt, Jean Charles Leblanc (teleconference), Fidel Toldrá (teleconference 2nd day) and Leonardo Merino.

• **Hearing Experts:**

- Not Applicable

• **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

- Wim Debeuckelaere participated by teleconference

• **EFSA:**

- FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou,

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 Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest

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

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

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. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting

Not applicable.

5. Hearing Expert (s)

Not applicable.

6. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

6.1 E 251- E 252 Nitrates (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00462/00463](#))

The draft opinion has been discussed and several issues for more discussion have been identified. Parts of the opinion will be discussed at the next meeting.

6.2 E 249- E 250 Nitrites (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00460/00461](#))

The draft opinion has been discussed and several issues for more discussion have been identified. Parts of the opinion will be discussed at the next meeting.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 Agreement on specific areas for further work and assignment of responsibilities to individual experts

7.2 Adoption of the minutes of the 5th meeting of the Working Group on Nitrates and Nitrites held in Parma on 3-4 February 2015

8. Next meeting(s)

5th March 2015, teleconference

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the Working Group on Nitrates and Nitrites

Held on 15 01 2015, Parma

(Agreed on 15 January 2015)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
 - Maged Younes, Cristina Fortes, Piet van den Brandt and Leonardo Merino.

- **Hearing Experts¹:**
 - Not Applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 - Not present

- **EFSA:**
 - FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou,

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Participants have been invited on the basis on their assigned responsibility for the section 3.2.6.1 Human studies.

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 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 group 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.

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. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting

The minutes of the WG on Nitrates and Nitrites held by teleconference, on December 3rd, 2014 were adopted on December 3rd, 2014.

5. Hearing Expert (s)⁴

Not applicable.

6. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

6.1 E 251- E 252 Nitrates (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00462/00463](#))

The relevant part of the draft opinion has been discussed and further revisions have been decided. The opinion will be discussed at the next WG meeting.

6.2 E 249- E 250 Nitrites (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00460/00461](#))

The relevant part of the draft opinion has been discussed and further revisions have been decided. The opinion will be discussed at the next WG meeting.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 Agreement of the minutes of the 4th meeting of the Working Group on Nitrates and Nitrites held by teleconference on 15 January, 2015

8. Next meeting(s)

3rd pm-4 February 2015, Parma

Food Ingredients and Packaging Unit (FIP UNIT)

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the Working Group on Nitrates and Nitrites

Held on 03 12 2014, Parma

(Agreed on 3 December 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
 - Maged Younes, Fernando Aguilar and Riccardo Crebelli.

- **Hearing Experts:**
 - Not Applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 - Not present

- **EFSA:**
 - FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Participants have been invited on the basis on their assigned responsibilities in the sections 3. Biological and Toxicological data.

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 Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest

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² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

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. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting

The minutes of the 2nd WG on Nitrates and Nitrites held by teleconference, on 2 December, 2014 were adopted on December 4th, 2014.

5. Hearing Expert (s)

Not applicable.

6. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

6.1 E 251- E 252 Nitrates (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00462/00463](#))

The relevant sections of the draft opinion have been discussed and further revisions have been decided. The opinion will be discussed at the next WG meeting.

6.2 E 249- E 250 Nitrites (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00460/00461](#))

The relevant sections of the draft opinion have been discussed and further revisions have been decided. The opinion will be discussed at the next WG meeting.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 Agreement of the minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting on Nitrates and Nitrites held 3 December, 2014

8. Next meeting(s)

15pm January 2015, teleconference

Food Ingredients and Packaging Unit (FIP UNIT)

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Working Group on Nitrates and Nitrites

Held on 02 12 2014, Parma

(Agreed on 4 December 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
 - Maged Younes, Alessandro Di Domenico, Fidel Toldrá and Leonardo Merino.

- **Hearing Experts:**
 - Not Applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 - Not present

- **EFSA:**
 - FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Participants have been invited on the basis on their assigned responsibilities in the sections 2.2 Specifications, 2.3 Manufacturing process, 2.4 Methods of analysis in food, 2.5 Reaction and fate in food and 2.6. Case of need. Apologies were received from Jean Charles Leblanc.

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 Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in

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by the working group 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. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting

The minutes of the WG on Nitrates and Nitrites held in Parma, on 22-23 October, 2014 were adopted on October 29, 2014.

5. Hearing Expert (s)

Not applicable.

6. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

6.1 E 251- E 252 Nitrates (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00462/00463](#))

The relevant sections of the draft opinion have been discussed and further revisions have been decided. The opinion will be discussed at the next WG meeting.

6.2 E 249- E 250 Nitrites (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00460/00461](#))

The relevant sections of the draft opinion have been discussed and further revisions have been decided. The opinion will be discussed at the next WG meeting.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 Agreement of the minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting on Nitrates and Nitrites held 2 December, 2014

8. Next meeting(s)

3rd am December 2014, teleconference

Food Ingredients and Packaging Unit (FIP UNIT)

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Working Group on Nitrates and Nitrites

Held on 22-23 10 2014, Parma

(Agreed on 29 October 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
 - Maged Younes, Riccardo Crebelli, Fernando Aguilar, Alessandro Di Domenico, Cristina Fortes, Piet van den Brandt and Leonardo Merino.

- **Hearing Experts:**
 - Not Applicable

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 - Wim Debeuckelaere participated by teleconference

- **EFSA:**
 - FIP Unit: Anna Christodoulidou, Alexandra Tard
 - DATA Unit: Fanny Heraud

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Jean Charles Leblanc and Fidel Toldrá.

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 Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest

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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. Agreement of the minutes of the previous Working Group meeting

Not applicable.

5. Hearing Expert (s)

Not applicable.

6. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

6.1 E 251- E 252 Nitrates (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00462/00463](#))

The draft opinion has been discussed and several issues for more discussion have been identified. Parts of the opinion will be discussed at the next meeting.

6.2 E 249- E 250 Nitrites (Question N° [EFSA-Q-2011-00460/00461](#))

The draft opinion was not discussed due to lack of time.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 Agreement on the dates for the upcoming meetings in 2014 and 2015.

7.2 Agreement on specific areas for further work and assignment of responsibilities to individual experts

8. Next meeting(s)

2nd & 3rd December 2014, teleconference