



**Paper for information: Government Updates on Nutrition
Related Activities
EFSA**

Agenda Item: 6

Please see attached paper for information.

**Scientific activities of the EFSA Panel on
Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies (NDA Panel)**

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- 1) On 14-15 February 2007 during its 15th Plenary meeting, a Statement was adopted by the NDA Panel concerning a novel food application on fruit juices and nectars with added phytosterols. The European Commission (EC) requested EFSA to consider whether, in the light of the existing availability of a range of foods with added phytosterols, the addition of phytosterols to the proposed “fruit juices” and “fruit nectars” may lead to an intake of phytosterols exceeding 3 g of added phytosterols per day. Detailed information is accessible via the link:
http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/science/nda/nda_statements/nda_statement_phytosterol_juices_nectars.html.

In addition, related to evaluation of allergenic foods for labelling purpose, the Panel also adopted an Opinion on glucose syrups produced from barley. This is in the framework of the procedure laid down in Article 6, paragraph 11 of Directive 2000/13/EC for permanent exemption of from mandatory labelling. EFSA is requested by the EC to issue an opinion on the information provided by the applicant, and particularly to consider the likelihood of adverse reactions triggered in susceptible individuals by the consumption of glucose syrups based on barley. Detailed information is accessible via the link:

http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/science/nda/nda_opinions/food_allergy/ej456_glucose_syrups.html

- 2) At its 16th Plenary meeting on 2-3 May 2007, the Panel achieved to adopt further eight Opinions in the framework of the procedure laid down in Article 6, paragraph 11 of Directive 2000/13/EC for permanent exemption of from mandatory labelling – Detailed information on these Opinions will be published by end of May 2007
(http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/science/nda/nda_opinions/food_allergy.html)

EFSA would like to draw SACN’s attention on the following:

EFSA is releasing for public consultation the Draft Opinion of the NDA Panel on: scientific and technical guidance for the preparation and presentation of the application for authorisation of a health claim.

The context is the adopted Regulation (EC) No1924/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 which lays down harmonised rules for nutrition and health claims made on foods across the European Union. The European Commission has asked EFSA to issue an opinion on scientific and technical guidance for the applications for authorisation of health claims.

Before adoption of the Opinion by the NDA Panel, EFSA invites stakeholders, Member States and all other interested parties to participate in this public consultation by commenting on the draft Opinion on the scientific and technical guidance for the preparation and presentation of the application for authorisation of a health claim.

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Comments should be submitted on-line by 17 June 2007, at the latest (
http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/press_room/press_release.html)