



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

Agenda Item: 6

Please see attached paper for information.

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				Plans for evaluation? (what are the outputs or outcome measures of the initiative)	Date evaluation expected/ completed	Evaluation of process or impact?
Health claims	Evaluation of Art. 13 functional claims (health claims other than those referring to disease-risk reduction and children's development and health (Art. 13 Community list)	MS list received via the European Commission is published on the website	Evaluation of claims	EFSA to evaluate around 1000 claims by July 2009 and additional 500 claims by November 2009. Around 2000 claims have been sent back to the Commission for further clarification. Time frame for latter claims still needs to be agreed upon		
Health Claims	Art. 13 (5) applications (newly developed scientific evidence/proprietary data) Legal deadline 5 months In total 14 applications received, 3 applications were withdrawn, 6 applications finalised, 5 application in progress		Evaluation of remaining applications	- Lactobacillus plantarum – improves iron absorption - NPU tabs – female breast enhancement - Activia – digestive comfort - Activia – improves slow transit - Actimel - strengthen natural defences	May/June 2009	
Health claims	Art. 14 health claims applications Risk reduction Claims Legal deadline 5 months 27 applications received so far: 1 application withdrawn, 8 opinions adopted, 2 applications in progress. Remaining applications were sent back to MS for scope clarification		Evaluation of application	-whole grains – reduce the risk of CHD - oat beta-glucan – reduces LDL cholesterol		
Health claims	Art. 14 health claims applications Children claims		Evaluation of remaining			

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	<p>Legal deadline 5 months</p> <p>210 dossiers received so far: 12 applications withdrawn, 35 opinions adopted (covering 42 applications), 8 applications in progress.</p> <p>For 2/3 of applications received, additional information is needed (children claims or claims are out of scope)</p>		applications			
PRI Micronutrients	Preparation of opinions on dietary reference values for micronutrients	On hold	Possible start second half of 2009			
PRI Macronutrients	Preparation of opinions on dietary reference values for fat, carbohydrates, protein, energy	In progress	Expected to release opinions for public consultation by May 2009		End 2009	
PRI General	General principles for deriving and applying dietary reference values Draft opinion was released for public consultation	In progress	Review of comments received during public consultation		End 2009	
Food-based dietary Guidelines	Opinion on Food-based dietary guidelines Draft opinion was released for public consultation	In progress	Review of comments received during public consultation		End 2009	
Labelling	New request received to provide				April 2009	

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reference values	advice on proposed labelling reference values for selected nutritional elements (energy total fats, carbohydrates, sugars, salt)					
Infant formulae	Request on threshold for lactose in food (lactose-free labelling)	In progress	end 2009 (negotiated procedure)		End 2009	
Infant formulae	Request on appropriate age for introduction of complementary foods for infants	In progress			End 2009	
Energy conversion values	2 requests received for energy conversion factor for polydextrose and D-tagatose	Deadline currently negotiated				
Allergy	Request on the appropriateness for inclusion in the list of allergens of 10 azo colours	In progress			End 2009	
Novel foods	Update of guidance document for safety assessment of Novel foods	Expecting mandate from Com in summer – if the parliament adopted the new Novel Food Regulation at its first reading				
Novel foods	Novel foods application Negotiated deadlines. On average 7 dossiers/year.	1 opinion adopted at January Plenary 5 dossiers under evaluation			4 opinions are expected to be adopted in Q1/2009	