



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

Agenda Item: 7

Please see attached paper for information.

Project/Work area	
Health Claims	
Summary/background of work (No more than 250 words)	
<p>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))</p>	
Current position	
<p>Between July and December 2008: the European Commission submitted to EFSA a draft list of 4,185 claims. This list was the result of a consolidation process carried out by the Commission, after examining over 44,000 claims supplied by the Member States.</p>	
Next steps	
<p>EFSA will provide regular updates on its work and is liaising with the European Commission in order to define a more precise timetable taking into account possible additional claims to be evaluated.</p> <p>In order to comply with requirements for transparency and to keep the workload manageable, EFSA will publish claims opinions in series as they are adopted at Plenary meetings of the NDA Panel. Assessments of individual claims will be combined, as appropriate, to form coherent opinions.</p>	
EVALUATION	
What are outputs/ outcome measures of initiative?	Evaluation of process or impact?
<p>EFSA finalised and published the first series of opinions (94 opinions) providing scientific advice for 523 health claims relating to over 200 foods and food components such as vitamins and minerals, fibre, fats, carbohydrates, 'probiotic' bacteria, and botanical substances.</p>	<p>Publication date of the first series of opinions: 1 October 2009.</p> <p>The next publication is planned to take place in February 2010.</p>

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Health Claims	
Summary/background of work (No more than 250 words)	
Art. 13(5) applications (newly developed scientific evidence/proprietary data): EFSA has received to date 32 applications. Legal deadline 5 months. Valid applications are transmitted to EFSA by competent authorities in Member States. EFSA is then required to deliver its opinions within five months. If supplementary information is needed, EFSA has an additional month for the evaluation.	
Current position	
6 have been withdrawn and so far 15 scientific opinions have been adopted.	
Next steps	
Evaluation continued for the following applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 0270_UK - Art 13.5 Claim, Reg.(EC) No 1924/2006, Ethanol-water extract of Caralluma fimbriata (Slimaluma), and, helps control hunger /appetite; - 0269_UK - Art 13.5 Claim, Reg.(EC) No 1924/2006, Ethanol-water extract of Caralluma fimbriata (Slimaluma), and, helps reduce calorific intake; - 0268_UK - Art 13.5 Claim, Reg.(EC) No 1924/2006, Ethanol-water extract of Caralluma fimbriata (Slimaluma), and, helps reduce body weight; - 0267_UK - Art 13.5 Claim, Reg.(EC) No 1924/2006, Ethanol-water extract of Caralluma fimbriata (Slimaluma), helps reduce body fat; - 0266_UK - Art 13.5 Claim, Reg.(EC) No 1924/2006, Ethanol-water extract of Caralluma fimbriata (Slimaluma), and, helps reduce waist circumference/size - 0264_FR - Art 13.5 Claim, Reg.(EC) No 1924/2006, A fermented milk that includes Bifidobacterium lactis DN-173 010/CNCM I-2494 and lactic acid bacteria Activia®, and, improvement of gastrointestinal comfort. - 0259_FR - Art 13.5 Claim, Reg.(EC) No 1924/2006, Combination of Blackcurrant seed oil, Fish oil, Lycopene, Vitamin C, Vitamin E and helps to improve dry skin condition. - 0215_DE - Art. 14 Claim, Reg. (EC) No 1924/2006 Yestimun (1,3)-(1,6)-β-D-glucans of brewers yeast cell wall, and, induces immune stimulating responses and leads to reduction of infections. Reduces the number of seasonal common cold episodes. 	
EVALUATION	
What are outputs/ outcome measures of initiative?	Date evaluation expected/ completed
The status of these applications and adopted opinions are available at: http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionsListLoader?panel=NDA&foodsectorarea=28	
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Health Claims	
Summary/background of work (No more than 250 words)	
<p>Art. 14 health claims applications referring to the reduction of disease risk or to children's development or health: EFSA has received to date 260 applications (216 related to children's claims and 44 to disease risk reduction claims).</p> <p>Legal deadline 5 months - Applications are transmitted to EFSA by competent authorities in Member States. Afterwards EFSA carries out a completeness check of the application according to the guidance document for the preparation and presentation of the application. EFSA is required to deliver its opinions within five months after the completeness check has been performed. If during the evaluation phase supplementary information is needed from the applicant, the clock can be stopped and EFSA then has an additional two months for the evaluation.</p>	
Current position	
<p>31 applications have been withdrawn and so far 62 scientific opinions have been adopted, covering 69 applications.</p>	
Next steps	
<p>Evaluation continued for the following applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 0260_FR - Art. 14 Claim, Reg.(EC) No 1924/2006 Fermented milk that contains the probiotic <i>Lactobacillus casei</i> DN 114001 / CNCM I-1518 Actimel®, and, reduces the presence of <i>Clostridium difficile</i> toxins in the gut, associated with the incidence of acute diarrhoea. - 0257_DE - Art. 14 Claim, Reg.(EC) No 1924/2006 Biocell Collagen II, and, reduces the risk of cartilage deterioration, thereby reduces the risk of developing arthritis - 0247_UK - Art. 14 Claim, Reg.(EC) No 1924/2006 Eye qTM, provides the essential nutrients that helps improve working memory in children - 0245_FR - Art. 14 Claim, Reg.(EC) No 1924/2006 Trans free spreadable fats, and; helps to reduce LDL cholesterol - 0203_PL - Art 14 Claim, Reg.(EC) No 1924/2007 Orsalit and dehydration prevention and diarrhea 	
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<p>The status of these applications (with indication of the food substance and the claimed effect) and adopted opinions are available at: http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionsListLoader?panel=NDA&foodsectorarea=27</p>	
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Project/Work area	
PRI Micronutrients	
Summary/background of work (No more than 250 words)	
Preparation of opinions on dietary reference values for micronutrients	
Current position	
On hold	
Next steps	
Possible start 2010	
EVALUATION	
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Project/Work area	
PRI Macronutrients	
Summary/background of work (No more than 250 words)	
Preparation of opinions on dietary reference values (DRVs)	
Current position	
Further to the public consultations and the meeting with national experts in Barcelona in September 2009, the following opinions were adopted in December 2009: DRVs for water, fat, carbohydrates.	
Next steps	
Publication expected in March 2010.	
EVALUATION	
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DRVs for protein and energy: under evaluation	

Project/Work area	
PRI General	
Summary/background of work (No more than 250 words)	
<p>General principles for deriving and applying dietary reference values: Further to the public consultations and the meeting with national experts in Barcelona in September 2009, the opinion was adopted in December 2009.</p>	
Current position	
Adopted.	
Next steps	
Publication expected in March 2010.	
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Project/Work area	
Food-based dietary Guidelines	
Summary/background of work (No more than 250 words)	
Opinion on Food-based dietary guidelines	
Current position	
Further to the public consultations and the meeting with national experts in Barcelona in September 2009, the opinion was adopted in December 2009.	
Next steps	
Publication expected in March 2010.	
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Project/Work area	
Infant formulae	
Summary/background of work (No more than 250 words)	
New request received on threshold for lactose in food (lactose-free labelling)	
Current position	
Under evaluation	
Next steps	
Opinion to be finalised by June 2010 (negotiated procedure)	
EVALUATION	
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Project/Work area	
Infant formulae	
Summary/background of work (No more than 250 words)	
Request received on appropriate age for introduction of complementary foods for infants	
Current position	
Opinion adopted in December 2009	
Next steps	
Published on 21 December 2009: http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/scdocs/scdoc/1423.htm	
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Project/Work area	
Novel foods	
Summary/background of work (No more than 250 words)	
Update of guidance document for safety assessment of Novel foods	
Current position	
Expecting mandate from Commission in 2010	
Next steps	
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Project/Work area	
Novel foods	
<p>Summary/background of work (No more than 250 words)</p> <p>Novel foods application Negotiated deadlines. On average 7 dossiers/year.</p> <p>Opinions adopted in 2009:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 'Lipid extract from <i>Euphasia superba</i> as food ingredient (krill oil)' - 'Chia seed (<i>Salvia hispanica</i>) and ground whole Chia as a novel food ingredient'. - 'Alfalfa protein concentrate' - 'Glucosamine Hydrochloride from <i>Arpergillus niger</i>' 	
Current position	
<p>Under evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safety of "CLA" as food ingredient - Safety of "Cetyl Myristoleate" as food ingredient - Safety of "Glavanoid" as food ingredient - Safety of "Chitin Glucan" as food ingredient - Safety of "Touchi / Fermented Black Bean" as food ingredient - Safety of "Sardine Peptide" as food ingredient - Safety of "Lentinus edodes" as food ingredient 	
Next steps	
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