



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

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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 8-10 November 2006, EFSA held a conference in Bologna on Nutrition and Health Claims in order to explain EFSA's scientific role within the context of future EU legislation on nutrition and health claims. The emphasis of the conference was on scientific substantiation of claims as well as on the advantages and limitations of different systems for nutrient profiling. The conference allowed national food safety agencies, experts and stakeholders to share with EFSA their views on these subjects. About 197 experts from 21 European countries, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and USA participated to the Conference. Presentations given during the Conference are also available via the following link: http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/science/conferences/nhc_conference.html.
- 2) The NDA Panel's working group on food allergy is currently evaluating a number of dossiers submitted for permanent exemption of allergen derivatives from mandatory labelling. Meanwhile, the other working group of the Panel on population reference intakes is addressing the requirements for macronutrients, such as carbohydrates, fat, energy, water, protein. In addition, a working group on claims has started to deal with the tasks allocated to EFSA in relation to the recently adopted EU Regulation on nutrition and health claims made on foods and, in particular, is addressing guidance to manufacturers on presentation of dossiers for health claims as well as scientific substantiation of health claim.