



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

**Agenda Item: 10**

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 16 May 2007, EFSA released for public consultation a draft opinion of the NDA Panel on “Scientific and technical guidance for preparation and presentation of the application for authorisation of a health claim”. In addition, a technical meeting with the stakeholder consultative platform took place on 11 June for exchange of views on the draft opinion.

Extensive comments have been received resulting from the consultation. About 300 comments were received from and outside the EU, representing: industries, consumer organisations, the scientific community (institutions, academia), and regulatory bodies representing EU-health related organisation or Member State.

All comments received have been considered by the Panel. In the light of these comments received the draft opinion has been amended. During its 17<sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting on 5-6 July, the opinion was adopted by the NDA Panel. The text of the full opinion appears on the EFSA web site, available at: [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/EFSA/ScientificPanels/NDA/efsa\\_locale-1178620753812\\_Guidance467.htm](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/EFSA/ScientificPanels/NDA/efsa_locale-1178620753812_Guidance467.htm)

- 2) During the same Plenary meeting (17<sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting on 5-6 July), the NDA Panel achieved to adopt further six 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 related to evaluation of allergenic foods for labelling purpose:

- isinglass used as a clarifying agent in brewing
- fish products (isinglass) used in the manufacture of wine
- fish gelatine or isinglass used as fining agents in wine
- casein and potassium caseinate used in the manufacture of wine
- milk used in the manufacture of wine
- milk (casein) products used as fining agents in win

Detailed information on the above opinions is accessible via the link: [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/EFSA/ScientificPanels/NDA/efsa\\_locale-1178620753812\\_Opinions465.htm](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/EFSA/ScientificPanels/NDA/efsa_locale-1178620753812_Opinions465.htm)

- 3) Furthermore, an opinion related to the safety of  $\alpha$ -cyclodextrin submitted in accordance with the Novel Foods Regulation 258/97/EC was also adopted by the NDA Panel.

The text of the full opinion appears on the EFSA web site, available at: [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/cs\\_p/KSearch.do](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/cs_p/KSearch.do)

- 4) A statement related to dietary fibre was adopted by the NDA Panel.

Within the international context of the Codex Alimentarius, there are ongoing discussions on the definition of dietary fibre. As EFSA is in the process of preparing an opinion that will include dietary recommendations on dietary fibre for Europeans, the Commission requests EFSA’s advice on the definition

of dietary fibre, so as to be considered when preparing the Community position for the CCNFSDU meeting in November 2007.

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