



**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) An EFSA Scientific Colloquium on nutrient profiles took place on 11-12 October 2007 in Parma, Italy. The objectives of the colloquium were to convene scientists, experts, and stakeholders to discuss, in light of current scientific thinking, aspects of nutrient profiling that the NDA Panel should consider when providing scientific advice to the European Commission in setting nutrient profiles. About 100 representatives dealing with nutrient profiles from Member States, academia, consumer and public health organisations, food manufacturers and retailers attended the Colloquium. The report once available will be published on EFSA webpage.

The European Commission has requested EFSA to provide scientific advice for the setting of nutrient profiles. The adoption of the opinion on “the setting of nutrient profiles for foods bearing nutrition and health claims” by the NDA Panel is targeted for 30-31 January 2008

- 2) The NDA Panel achieved to adopt on 15 October 2007 the last seven opinions on ingredients/substances submitted by industries pursuant to Article 6 paragraph 11 of Directive 2000/13/EC in the framework of permanent exemption from mandatory labelling:
 - Draft opinion on albumin (egg white), as fining agent in wine
 - Draft opinion on egg products used as fining agent in wine
 - Draft opinion on lactitol
 - Draft opinion on milk (casein) products used as fining agent in cider
 - Draft opinion on fish gelatine in vitamin and carotenoid preparations
 - Draft opinion on fully refined soybean oil and fat
 - Draft opinion on plant stanol esters from soybean oil sterols

Detailed information on the above opinions is accessible via the link http://www.efsa.europa.eu/cs_p/KSearch.do

Overall, 22 applications have been evaluated by the NDA Panel in the framework of permanent exemption procedure. This permanent exemption procedure closed the second stage of the two-step procedure, which follows on from the first stage (i.e. temporary exemption) which was completed by the Commission in 2006 following an assessment by the NDA Panel of 29 applications. Based on the opinions of the EFSA NDA Panel, the Commission should adopt the list of food ingredients or substances that will be permanently exempted from labelling by 25 November 2007.

- 3) Furthermore, an opinion of the safety of Allanblackia seed oil as a novel food ingredient was adopted by the NDA Panel on 26 October. The text of the full opinion appears on the EFSA web site, available at: http://www.efsa.europa.eu/EFSA/efsa_locale1178620753812_1178674159071.htm

