

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NOVEL FOODS AND PROCESSES

MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY FIRST MEETING HELD ON 29th APRIL 2020

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MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY FIRST MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NOVEL FOODS AND PROCESSES, HELD ON 29th APRIL 2020, ONLINE USING MICROSOFT TEAMS

ATTENDANCE

Committee	Professor Peter Gregory	Chairman
	Dr Camilla Alexander-White	Member
	Dr David Mela	Member
	Dr Hamid Ghoddusi	Member
	Dr Lesley Stanley	Member
	Dr Mark Berry	Member
	Dr Maureen Wakefield	Member
	Dr Rohini Manuel	Member
	Mrs Rebecca McKenzie	Member
	Ms Clare Nicholson	Member
	Ms Nichola Lund	Member
	Professor Chris Ritson	Member
	Professor Clare Mills	Member
	Professor Harry McArdle	Member
	Professor Huw Jones	Member
	Professor John Mathers	Member
	Professor Michael Bushell	Member
	Professor Paul Fraser	Member
	Professor Susan Duthie	Member
	Professor Wendy Harwood	Member
Apologies	Dr Anton Alldrick	Member
Assessor	No Assessor	
Observers (FSA)	Mr Adam McDowell	Policy Advisor FSA Wales
	Ms Georgina Finch	Food Standards Scotland
	Ms Karen O'Conner	Senior Novel Foods Policy Advisory
	Dr Sabrina Roberts	Senior GM Policy Advisor
	Mr Hoa Chang	GM Policy Advisor
	Dr Chun-Han Chun	Head of Science Strategy Assurance
	Ms Chloe Thomas	Exposure Assessment team
	Mr Adam Luke	Senior COMMS Team Leader

Secretariat

Ms Frances Hill
Mr Richard Uchotski
Dr Elspeth Ransom
Mr Francisco Matilla-Garcia
Ms Bethan Davies
Ms Aisling Jao
Ms Beth Rendle

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1. Apologies and announcements

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Anton Aldrick.

The Chair welcomed representatives from the FSA, the Observers from the devolved administrations and the Secretariat.

The Chair welcomed Frances Hill as the interim Team Leader for Regulated Products and the Admin Support Hub members including Aisling Jao who presented the Annual Report (ACNFP-141-02).

The Chairman reminded Members of the need to announce any commercial interests in the business of the Committee, prior to the discussions on each item

2. Meeting Minutes for 140th Meeting

ACNFP/140/MINS

The Committee agreed that the minutes were a true record of the 140th meeting of the ACNFP held on 12th February 2020, subject to minor amendments.

3. Matters Arising

ACNFP/141/MA

- I. The Committee reviewed the traditional food dossier relating to a herbal infusion made from Roasted Sacha Inchi Seeds (NF 2018_0740). A summary was put on the website for a 10-day public consultation, but no comments were received. The Committee's final opinion was shared with policy colleagues to inform risk management decisions. The Summary has been uploaded to the ACNFP website.
- II. At the last meeting, the Committee provided suggestions and advice on the FSA's work on areas of research interest, a cross-government initiative designed to better signpost the FSA's research priorities for funders and researchers. The SSAT team were thankful for the comments which have been used to support the development of the document. This document will be present to the Executive Management Team on the 5th of May and will be published in due course.
- III. The Committee provided commentary on an EFSA public consultation on the guidance required for whole genome sequencing analysis of microorganisms. These comments were collated and used as a basis to for feedback to EFSA.

- IV. The Committee reviewed a paper that outlined the proposed working structure between the JEG's and the Committees. The SSAT team welcomed the Committee's comments and will incorporate these into an amended draft.

4. Future Ways of Working - GM ACNFP/141/01

The Committee discussed and explored the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) guidance documents on the scientific data requirements applicants must meet when submitting their scientific dossier for assessment. The Committee identified areas of the guidance for further examination and amendment to enable use within the UK framework, and considered a procedure for the assessment of GM dossiers post EU Exit.

Action: To Further review other areas of the GM Guidance for re-examination and amendment to enable use within the UK framework

5. Annual Report

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The Committee reviewed the annual report, prepared by the Secretariat. It covered the work of the Committee in 2019. The Committee agreed that the Report reflected the year's work completed by the Committee subject to minor amendments.

Action: Comments on changes to the annual report will be collated and changes made to the report by Monday 4th of May 2020.

6. Items for Information

6.1 Novel Food Policy Update

Written

The Committee was given a written update on the issues under consideration in the EU on novel foods.

9.2 GM Policy Update

Written

The Committee was given a written update on the issues under consideration in the EU of GM issues.

7. Date of next meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 23rd of June. The meeting will be online due to concerns surrounding Covid-19