

Thursday, 15 July 2021

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NOVEL FOODS AND PROCESSES

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY SIXTH MEETING HELD ON 3rd March 2021

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MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY SIXTH MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NOVEL FOODS AND PROCESSES, HELD ON 3rd MARCH 2021, ONLINE USING MICROSOFT TEAMS.

ATTENDANCE

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| Committee | Dr Camilla Alexander-White | Chair |
| | Dr Anton Alldrick | Member |
| | Dr Mark Berry | Member |
| | Professor Susan Duthie | Member |
| | Professor Susan-Fairweather-Tait | Member |
| | Professor Paul Fraser | Member |
| | Dr Hamid Ghodduji | Member |
| | Professor Wendy Harwood | Member |
| | Professor Huw Jones | Member |
| | Ms Nichola Lund | Member |
| | Dr Rohini Manuel | Member |
| | Professor Harry McArdle | Member |
| | Mrs Rebecca McKenzie | Member |
| | Dr David Mela | Member |
| | Professor Clare Mills | Member |
| | Dr Maureen Wakefield | Member |
| Assessor | Mr Paul Tossell | Head of Radiological, GM, Novel Foods & Feed Additives |
| Observers | Mrs Claire Nicholson | Science Council Member |
| | Dr Sabrina Roberts | Senior GM Policy Advisor |
| | Mr Hoa Chang | GM Policy Advisor |
| | Dr Chun-Han Chan | Science Assurance Team Lead |
| | Ms Ivy Wellman | DEFRA Observer |
| | Dr Martin Cannell | DEFRA Observer |
| | Mr Shaun Jacobs | Senior Novel Foods Policy Advisor |
| | Mr Andrew Dodd | Novel Foods Policy Officer |
| | Ms Gemma Jones | Novel Foods Policy Advisor |
| | Mr Adam McDowell | FSA Wales |
| | Ms Alexia Sully Karlis | FSA Wales |
| | Ms Georgina Finch | Food Standards Scotland |
| | Mr Neil Douglas | Food Standards Scotland |
| | Ms Siobhan Watt | Food Standards Scotland |

42 **Secretariat**

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Mrs Frances Hill

Mrs Ruth Willis

Mrs Erin Oliver

Mr Richard Uchotski

Dr Francisco Matilla-Garcia

Dr Rachael J Oakenfull

Ms Beth Rendle

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Senior Secretariat

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50 **1. Apologies and announcements**

51 1.1 N/A – full plenary of ACNFP members present.

52 **2. Meeting Minutes for 145th Meeting**

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53 2.1 The Committee had agreed the minutes via correspondence of the 145th
54 meeting of the ACNFP held on 27th January 2021 and these were published
55 on the ACNFP's website on 17th March 2021.

56 **3. Matters Arising from the last meeting.**

ACNFP/146/MA

57 3.1 The Committee reviewed a CBD application received under the
58 novel food's authorisation processes. The Secretariat thank the Committee
59 for their comments which will be collated, and a summary produced. This will
60 first be signed off by the Committee and then sent back to the applicant.

61 3.2 The Committee were provided with an update on ongoing work between the
62 FSA, UKAS and LGC. The FSA will be meeting with its partners to discuss
63 this work further in a couple of weeks.

64 3.3 Members were invited to consider and provide feedback on the Department
65 for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) consultation on the regulation
66 of genetic technologies. A GM working group was formed and their response
67 was an Agenda item for this meeting.

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69 **4. DEFRA consultation on the Regulation of Genetic Technologies**

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72 4.1 Between the 145th and 146th ACNFP meeting the ACNFP members formed
73 a 5-member GE technologies working group which produced a draft response
74 to the consultation.

75 4.2 Members were asked to consider the draft response to the DEFRA genetic
76 technologies consultation provided by the working group and to provide
77 feedback so this could be refined and finalised.

78 4.3 The final ACNFP response to the DEFRA consultation will be made publicly
79 available.

80 *Action: These comments will be collated and used by the FSA Secretariat to finalise*
81 *the ACNFP's response to the consultation in line with the Committee's comments.*

82 **5. Items for Information**

83 **5.1 Novel Food Policy Update** **Oral**

84 6.1.1 The Committee was provided with an oral update on the issues under
85 consideration regarding novel foods.

86 **5.2 GM Policy Update** **Oral**

87 6.1.2 The Committee was provided with an oral update on the issues under
88 consideration regarding GM.

89 **5.3 SACS Update** **Written**

90 6.1.3 The Committee was provided with a written update on the activities
91 of the different SACs.

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93 **7 Date of next meeting:**

94 7.1 The next meeting is scheduled for 21st April 2021. The meeting will be online
95 due to concerns surrounding Covid-19.