

Thursday, 15 July 2021

# **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NOVEL FOODS AND PROCESSES**

## **DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY SEVENTH MEETING HELD ON 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021**

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These minutes are subject to confirmation by the Committee.

*Members are required to declare any personal interest in matters under discussion. Where Members have a particularly close association with any item, the Chairman will limit their involvement in the discussion. In cases where an item is to be discussed in their absence, a Member may make a statement before leaving.*

**MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY SEVENTH MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NOVEL FOODS AND PROCESSES, HELD ON 21<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2021, ONLINE USING MICROSOFT TEAMS.**

**ATTENDANCE**

6	<b>Committee</b>	Dr Camilla Alexander-White	<b>Chair</b>
7		Dr Anton Alldrick	<b>Member</b>
8		Dr Mark Berry	<b>Member</b>
9		Professor Susan Duthie	<b>Member</b>
10		Professor Susan Fairweather-Tait	<b>Member</b>
11		Professor Paul Fraser	<b>Member</b>
12		Professor Huw Jones	<b>Member</b>
13		Ms Nichola Lund	<b>Member</b>
14		Professor Harry McArdle	<b>Member</b>
15		Mrs Rebecca McKenzie	<b>Member</b>
16		Dr David Mela	<b>Member</b>
17		Professor Clare Mills	<b>Member</b>
18		Dr Lesley Stanley	<b>Member</b>
19	<b>Apologies</b>	Dr Hamid Ghodduzi	<b>Member</b>
20		Professor Wendy Harwood	<b>Member</b>
21		Dr Rohini Manuel	<b>Member</b>
22		Dr Maureen Wakefield	<b>Member</b>
23	<b>Assessor</b>	Mr Paul Tossell	<b>Head of Radiological, GM, Novel Foods &amp; Feed Additives</b>
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25	<b>Observers FSA/FSS</b>	Dr Sabrina Roberts	<b>FSA Senior GM Policy Advisor</b>
26		Mr Hoa Chang	<b>FSA GM Policy Advisor</b>
27		Mr Shaun Jacobs	<b>FSA Senior Policy Advisor</b>
28		Ms Gemma Jones	<b>FSA Food Policy Advisor</b>
29		Mr Andrew Dodd	<b>FSA Novel Foods Policy Officer</b>
30		Ms Alice John	<b>FSA Social Science</b>
31		Mr Adam McDowell	<b>FSA Wales Policy Advisor</b>
32		Ms Alexia Sully Karlis	<b>FSA Wales Policy Officer</b>
33		Ms Kerry Gribbin	<b>FSA NI Senior Policy Advisor</b>
34		Mr Will Munro	<b>Food Standards Scotland</b>
35		Ms Georgina Finch	<b>Food Standards Scotland</b>
36		Ms Karen Pearson	<b>Food Standards Scotland</b>
37		Ms Krystle Boss	<b>Food Standards Scotland</b>
38		Ms Siobhan Watt	<b>Food Standards Scotland</b>

39	<b>Observers External</b>	Prof George Gaskell	<b>Advisory Committee on Social Science (ACSS)</b>
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41	<b>Secretariat</b>	Mrs Frances Hill	<b>Technical Secretary</b>
42		Mrs Ruth Willis	<b>Technical Secretary</b>
43		Mrs Erin Oliver	<b>Lead Secretariat</b>
44		Mr Richard Uchotski	<b>Secretariat</b>
45		Dr Francisco Matilla-Garcia	<b>Secretariat</b>
46		Dr Rachael J Oakenfull	<b>Secretariat</b>
47		Ms Beth Rendle	<b>Administrative Secretariat</b>

## **1. Apologies and announcements**

Apologies were received from four Committee members: Dr Hamid Ghoddusi, Professor Wendy Harwood, Dr Rohini Manuel and Dr Maureen Wakefield.

## **2. Meeting Minutes for 146<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

**ACNFP/146/MINS**

The Committee had agreed the minutes via correspondence of the 146<sup>th</sup> meeting of the ACNFP held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021.

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

**ACNFP/147/MA**

A comprehensive discussion was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March regarding the development of a response to the Defra consultation on Regulation of Genetic Technologies. The final response letter representing the collective view of the ACNFP was submitted to the Defra consultation before the 17<sup>th</sup> March. The final ACNFP response to the DEFRA consultation will be made publicly available after Defra publish their findings, as is normal procedure.

Update on new members: three new members will be joining the ACNFP at the next meeting in June: Prof. Hans Verhagen who is a toxicologist and nutritionist, Dr Elizabeth Lund who is an ethicist and researcher, and Mrs Alison Austin who is a consumer representative. A Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) induction event for new members is organised for 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

## **4. Mung Bean Protein**

**ACNFP/147/01**

An application has been received under the novel food authorisation process for mung bean protein. The Committee reviewed the application for the first time. The applicant intends to use the protein as a complement to or substitute for animal or vegetable proteins in a variety of conventional food and beverages (including milk analogues, breakfast cereals pasta, snacks and desserts).

The Committee first provided a general review of the application and then went through each section of the application. In this, they discussed the data that had been submitted, the strengths of the sections of the application, and the limitations.

The Committee identified areas where further information would need to be requested from the applicant in order to proceed with the safety assessment of this Novel Food application.

*Action: The Secretariat to request further information from the applicant.*

## **5. Barley Rice Protein**

**ACNFP/147/02**

An application for the novel food “barley rice protein”, was received by the FSA under the novel food authorisation process. The Committee reviewed the application for the first time. The applicant is seeking to use the novel food as a vegetable protein source in a variety of foods including bakery products, breakfast cereals, snack foods, dairy analogues, desserts and meat imitates.

Dr Anton Alldrick declared a historical conflict of interest with regards to Barley Rice Protein and did not contribute any comments to the discussion but was present as an observer.

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The Committee identified areas where further information would need to be requested from the applicant in order to proceed with the safety assessment of this Novel Food application.

*Action: The Secretariat to request further information from the applicant.*

## **6. CBD Feedback Summary**

**ACNFP/147/03**

In January 2021, the Committee reviewed an application under the novel food authorisation process for a Cannabidiol (CBD) product. The Committee reviewed the draft feedback to the applicant, which is the first to be reviewed, to ensure that this accurately summarised the identified data gaps and unaddressed concerns with regard to providing safety assurance.

The Committee recommended developing a template to provide consistency in providing feedback to applicants submitting dossiers on CBD products.

*Action: The Secretariat with support of the members will edit the summary response to send to the applicant.*

## **7. Annual Report**

**ACNFP/147/04**

The Committee issues a report, annually, outlining the work it has carried out in the preceding year. A draft of the 2020 report was reviewed by the Committee. The draft report was agreed subject to minor amendments

*Action: The Secretariat to update the document and published the final document on the ACNFP website.*

## **8. GM Application Discussion**

**ACNFP/147/05**

The FSA had received a bespoke request for an amendment to an existing GM authorisation on the basis of a new technical development. The committee were asked to consider how this request should be approached in terms of advising on the science.

The Committee noted the importance of considering the approach to this request carefully, as it may set a precedent for further approvals. It was concluded that the Committees GM specialists and the Secretariat would review the new technical information provided to inform further scientific review by the Committee at the next meeting.

*Action: Secretariat to work with the ACNFP GM experts to review the material provided and identify further information to form the basis of discussion of the issue at a future meeting.*

## **9. Items for Information**

### **Presentation by FSA Social Science on Genome Editing work conducted. Oral**

The Committee were provided a summary presentation by FSA Social Science of a recent project conducted on genome editing.

### **Novel Food Policy Update**

**Oral**

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

### **GM Policy Update**

**Oral**

The Committee was provided with an oral update on the issues under consideration regarding GM

### **FSA Genome Editing Horizon Scanning Workshop**

**Written**

The Committee were provided a written update on the recent FSA Genome Editing Horizon Scanning workshop.

### **SACS Update**

**Written**

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

#### **10. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021. The meeting will be online due to concerns surrounding Covid-19.