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Public Consultations

Public consultation: draft administrative guidance on the preparation and presentation of applications for authorisation of additives for use in animal nutrition

We are pleased to inform you that EFSA has launched a **public consultation** on the **draft administrative guidance on the preparation and presentation of applications for authorisation of additives for use in animal nutrition** (update 2018). This document is intended to assist applicants in preparing applications for the authorisation of feed additives. Compared to the previous version, this update contains: new information on procedural aspects; updated information on submission format; updated completeness checklist, reflecting the requirements of the EFSA scientific guidance documents for the assessment of feed additives.

Please note that interested parties are invited to submit written comments by **12 December 2018** using this [electronic template](#).

Should you have any questions, please write to apdesk.applications@efsa.europa.eu.

Public Consultation: [Draft administrative guidance on the preparation and presentation of applications for authorisation of additives for use in animal nutrition](#)

[EFSA Public Consultations Privacy Statement on the draft Guidance](#)

Public consultation: draft Scientific Opinion on evaluation of the health risks related to the presence of cyanogenic glycosides in foods other than raw apricot kernels

We are pleased to inform you that EFSA has launched a **public consultation** on the **draft Scientific Opinion on evaluation of the health risks related to the presence of cyanogenic glycosides in foods other than raw apricot kernels**. This document presents an evaluation of the applicability of the ARfD established for cyanide in raw apricot kernels for other foods containing cyanogenic glycosides, an evaluation of the relevance of chronic effects related to human dietary exposure to cyanogenic glycosides, estimations of acute and chronic dietary exposure to cyanogenic glycosides and an assessment of human health risks related to acute dietary exposure to cyanogenic glycosides.



Please note that interested parties are invited to submit written comments by **25 January 2019** using this [electronic template](#).

Should you have any questions, please write to biocontam@efsa.europa.eu.

Scientific Opinion : [Evaluation of the health risks related to the presence of cyanogenic glycosides in foods other than raw apricot kernels](#)

Public consultation: guidance on threshold of toxicological concern approach

We are pleased to inform you that EFSA has launched a **public consultation** on its **proposed guidance for the use of the threshold of toxicological concern (TTC) approach in food safety assessment**. This document proposes guidance on the use of the TTC approach, updating the Scientific Committee opinion of 2012 by considering the latest developments in the field.

Please note that interested parties are invited to submit written comments by **8 January 2019** using the **electronic template provided** and following the relevant instructions [here](#).

Should you have any questions, please write to SCER.PublicConsult.EUS.004@efsa.europa.eu.

News story: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/press/news/181113>

Public Consultation: [Proposed Guidance on the use of the Threshold of Toxicological Concern approach in food safety assessment](#)

[EFSA Public Consultations Privacy Statement on the draft Guidance](#)

Training

Webinar: How to report surveillance data on Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies using the EFSA tool

We would like to inform you that EFSA is organising a **Webinar** on “**How to report surveillance data on Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies using the EFSA tool**” that will take place on **Monday 21st January 2019** (10:30:00 AM CET - 11:30:00 AM CET).

The webinar aims to help **reporting countries** with the **submission of data** on TSEs using a new tool.

Should you have any questions, please write to webinars@efsa.europa.eu.

More information: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/event/190121>

Draft Agenda: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/190121-a.pdf>



Publications

Latest developments on African swine fever

We are pleased to inform you that EFSA has published an update on the epidemiological situation of African swine fever (ASF) in Europe. In the latest report, experts assess the effectiveness of different measures that can be taken when a case of ASF is detected in an area that was previously disease-free and is far from affected areas. Using a simulation model, they concluded that early detection coupled with the application of measures such as quick removal of carcasses and intensive hunting in the specially designated hunting areas increases the probability of eradication. They observed seasonal peaks in the numbers of animals that tested positive and were found dead – summer and winter for wild boar and summer for domestic pigs.

Should you have any questions, please write to ahaw@efsa.europa.eu.

News story: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/press/news/181129>

Scientific report: [Epidemiological analyses of African swine fever in the European Union](#)

[Understanding ASF spread and emergency control concepts in wild boar populations using individual-based modelling and spatio-temporal surveillance data](#)

Dietary Reference Values for the EU - interactive tool

We are pleased to inform you that EFSA has launched an interactive tool that allows nutritionists and other health professionals to make quick and easy calculations using EFSA's dietary reference values (DVRs). The DRV Finder searches by population group or nutrient, allowing users to extract and combine the precise information they need from the 32 opinions on DRVs that EFSA has published in recent years. The opinions contain DRVs for water, fats, carbohydrates and dietary fibre, protein, energy, as well as 14 vitamins and 13 minerals.

Should you have any questions, please write to nda@efsa.europa.eu.

News story: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/press/news/181129-1>

Interactive tool: [DVR Finder](#)

Pesticides in food - Data Visualisation

We would like to inform you that EFSA has published a Data visualisation on Pesticides residues in food. EFSA developed this simple graphical tool in order to enable users to see the main findings from the monitoring of pesticides residues in food carried out in Europe in 2016. The results are presented by country and food product. The tool is available in four languages and complements the existing data "dashboards", which present the results in greater detail and allow comparison with previous years.

Should you have any questions, please write to pesticides.mrl@efsa.europa.eu.

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Data Visualisation: [Dashboards on the 2016 pesticides residue report](#)

[The 2016 European Union report on pesticide residues in food](#)

Dioxins and related PCBs: tolerable intake level updated

We are pleased to inform you that EFSA has published a scientific opinion “**Risk for animal and human health related to the presence of dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs in feed and food**”. EFSA has updated the tolerable intake for dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs and confirmed that dietary exposure to these environmental contaminants is a health concern (data from European countries indicate an exceedance of the tolerable intake across all age groups). The seven-fold reduction in the tolerable intake is due to the availability of new epidemiological and experimental animal data on the toxicity of these substances and more refined modelling techniques for predicting levels in the human body over time. EFSA’s experts noted that the toxicity of the most harmful dioxin-like PCB may be overestimated, which if confirmed to be less toxic, would reduce the concern for consumers.

Should you have any questions, please write to contam@efsa.europa.eu

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Scientific Opinion: [Risk for animal and human health related to the presence of dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs in feed and food](#)