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## LUXEMBOURGISH EFSA FOCAL POINT NEWSLETTER

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### Public Consultations

#### ***UPDATE: Public consultation on the draft scientific guidance for the preparation of applications on smoke flavouring primary products***

We would like to inform you that EFSA has published a **public consultation on the draft scientific guidance for the preparation of applications on smoke flavouring primary products**.

This document provides guidance to applicants on the data to be included in applications for the authorisation of new smoke flavouring primary products, as well as for the modification or for the renewal of existing authorisations, submitted under Articles 7, 11 and 12 of Regulation (EC) No 2065/2003.

Please note that the deadline for interested parties to submit written comments is **16 November 2020**.

We would like to draw your kind attention also to the advertised **Technical hearing on the draft scientific guidance on smoke flavouring primary products** scheduled on **5 November** (during the public consultation period) as a virtual meeting.

This event is aimed at exchanging views on the content of the draft guidance document and to discuss the comments raised during the public consultation. An on-line registration form is now open at <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/event/technical-hearing-draft-scientific-guidance-preparation-applications>.

In case of any questions or enquiries on the consultation, please contact the scientific unit's functional mailbox [FIP.PublicConsul.EUS.003@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:FIP.PublicConsul.EUS.003@efsa.europa.eu)

PUBLIC CONSULTATION: [Public consultation on the draft scientific guidance for the preparation of applications on smoke flavouring primary products](#)

#### ***EFSA Launch of Public Consultation HBCDDs in Food***

We are pleased to inform you that EFSA has launched a **public consultation of the CONTAM draft scientific opinion on the update of the risk assessment of hexabromocyclododecanes (HBCDDs) in food**.

The document presents an estimation of the human dietary exposure to HBCDDs, and an assessment of the human health risks related to this dietary exposure.

Interested parties are invited to submit written comments by **25 November 2020**.

We remind you that in case of technical issues in the upload of the supporting files, you can contact the specific unit's functional mailbox: [biocontam@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:biocontam@efsa.europa.eu). Please contact instead [data.collection@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:data.collection@efsa.europa.eu) for the inclusion of additional data on chemical contaminants, as indicated in the below-mentioned EFSA webpage.

[PUBLIC CONSULTATION](#) on the update of the risk assessment of exabromocyclododecanes (HBCDDs) in food.

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## Events

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### *Online conference of the Polish Institute of Plant Protection - NRI: "New plant protection strategies", 10-12 February 2021*

The Polish Institute of Plant Protection is pleased to invite you to the Plant Protection Conference – 61st Scientific Session of the Institute of Plant Protection – NRL, which will take place on 10 -12 February 2021. Due to the epidemiological situation, this will be held online.

The subject of the event will deal with the two European Commission strategies: „From farm to fork” and „For biodiversity”.

Please find enclosed the 1st Statement with the relevant details.

Online registration is available on the following website: <https://www.snior.pl/?lang=en>

### *Registration opening for observing the 108th Plenary meeting of the NDA Panel - open for observers | 26 November 2020*

We would like to inform you that the registration to observe the **108th Plenary meeting of the NDA Panel of November 24-26, 2020** is active in the EFSA website.

Please note that the Plenary (open to observers on 26th November 2020) will be held as a web meeting and that the registration to observe is open until the **19 November 2020 - 23:59 (CEST)**.

**OPEN PLENARY:** [108th Plenary meeting of the NDA Panel - open for observers](#)

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## Training

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### *Webinar | Implementing the Transparency Regulation | 19 November 2020*

We would like to invite you to participate to the webinar “**Implementing the Transparency Regulation – requirements, tools and services**”.

This webinar, hosted by EFSA's Executive Director Bernhard Url, will introduce the main aspects of the Transparency Regulation that affect business operators and applicants, and outline the new requirements that they will have to meet as well as the new services available to them from March 2021.

For your information, the webinar is scheduled on **Thursday 19 November 2020, from 15.00 to 16.15 (CEST)** and the registration to attend is open.

Should you have any questions or doubts, please contact EFSA at [webinars@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:webinars@efsa.europa.eu)

Please note also that the participation is limited to a maximum of 500 on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Publications

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### ***EFSA's scientific opinion on the evaluation of existing guidelines for their adequacy for the microbial characterisation and environmental risk assessment of microorganisms obtained through synthetic biology***

We are pleased to inform you that EFSA published today a **scientific opinion on the evaluation of existing guidelines for their adequacy for the microbial characterisation and environmental risk assessment of microorganisms obtained through synthetic biology**.

The scope of this Opinion covers viable synthetic biology microorganisms (SynBioMs) expected to be deliberately released into the environment. The evaluation was based on: (i) horizon scanning of published information, (ii) gap analysis of existing guidelines covering the scope of this mandate, and (iii) future outlooks.

SCIENTIFIC OPINION: [Evaluation of existing guidelines for their adequacy for the microbial characterisation and environmental risk assessment of microorganisms obtained through synthetic biology](#)

### ***COVID-19 Guides for Food Industry and Food Services Businesses and Risk Profile of SARS-CoV-2 in FBO issued by EFET, Greece***

The Hellenic Food Authority would like to bring to share with you the three Guides that have been issued by Hellenic Food Authority (EFET) regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, which are titled as follows:

1. Risk profile of the SARS Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) in Food Businesses (English version, 22 October 2020).
2. COVID 19: A practical guide for Food Industries (English version, 25 August 2020).
3. COVID 19: A practical guide for Food Services Businesses (English version, 25 August 2020).

## EFSA Recruitment

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### ***New Job Opportunity in EFSA – Guest Programme Call 2020 ; Deadline: 30/11/2020***

We would like to inform you that **EFSA has recently published a new call for its Guest Programme**.

EFSA is willing to welcome scientists, PhD candidates and professionals from public administrations, institutions or international organisations, who can share their expertise with EFSA or are interested in specific projects related to EFSA's scientific work. The Guest Programme is a cost-free scheme for which EFSA does not pay any financial contribution other than those related to the performance of the guests' duties during their secondment.

If you are interested in contributing to the future of science and play a role in EFSA's readiness for the future, **make sure you consider these opportunities and/or spread the word within your network**.

For any further questions, kindly contact EFSA Talent Selection team at [recruitment@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:recruitment@efsa.europa.eu).

**EFSA Professional Opportunity :** [EFSA Guest Programme call 2020 \(deadline for applications 30/11/2020\)](#)