

ANNUAL DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (ADoI)

(Please note that high quality of scientific expertise is by nature based on prior experience and that therefore having an interest does not necessarily mean having a conflict of interest)

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Current EFSA involvements: Vice-Chair-FAF Panel 2018-2024 (FAF), Member-Cross-cutting WG Benchmark Dose (SCER), Hearing Expert-Cross-cutting WG Genotoxicity (SC), Hearing Expert-FAF WG on Titanium dioxide (E171) (FAF), Chair-WG on Flavourings (FAF), Member-WG on Guidance Update on Flavourings (FAF)

| Nature of Activities | Period | Organisation | Subject matter |
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| I. Financial investments | | | NO INTEREST |
| II. Managerial role | | | NO INTEREST |
| III. Member of a scientific advisory entity | 11/2012 - now | -Name: Chair of Dutch Advisory board on Food Contact Materials (G4) | <p>Scientific Advisory body to the Dutch National administration with respect to chemical safety of non-EU regulated Food Contact Materials. The board does not have a risk management function, and does not evaluate substances which are covered by centralised EU legislation.</p> <p>The work is carried out under responsibility of the Dutch National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM)</p> <p>Approximately 35 days/year Impact on annual earnings: $\geq 5\%$ and $\leq 25\%$</p> |

FAF = Panel on Food Additives and Flavourings; SCER = Scientific Committee & Emerging Risk;

SC = Scientific Committee

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| | 04/2015 - 09/2016 | -Name: UN-FAO Codex Alimentarius Committee for Food Additives (CCFA), Beijing (Local secretariate; FAO-HQ is in Rome, Italy), CHINA | Member of electronic Working Group (eWG) on the General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA). The working group was installed by the Codex Alimentarius Committee for Food Additives (CCFA). The tasks of this eWG are to prepare recommendations for the implementation of the horizontal approach to provisions for food additives with various technological functions, as listed in the GSFA. "Horizontal approach" means that provisions for food additives are allocated to food categories rather than individual commodities. Purpose is to facilitate the CCFA work in their process of setting globally applicable Maximum use levels for additives in food and to make the Codex Alimentarius system of food additive provisions (comparable to EU regulation 1333/2008 annex II) simpler and more transparent. I do not have a voting right; I provided scientific advice to the representative of the Dutch government, the other EU member states and the representative of the EU Commission. The eWG will result in one or more reports to be submitted to CCFA. Many substances discussed in this eWG fall under the remit of the FAF Panel. Approximately 5 days/y. Impact on annual earnings: 0% |
| | 04/2015 - 09/2016 | -Name: UN-FAO Codex Alimentarius Committee for Food Additives (CCFA), Beijing (Local secretariate; FAO-HQ is in Rome, Italy), ITALY | Member of electronic Working Group (eWG) on the use of specific food additives of various function in the production of wine. The working group was installed by the Codex Alimentarius Committee for Food Additives (CCFA). The tasks of this eWG are to a) provide clarity and specificity on the general concerns of wine, b) examine the effect of expressing a maximum use on a numerical basis or as GMP. This working group was installed because of different views within the CCFA about the use of food additives in wine. Some CCFA members would not allow this or allow this under restrictions, fearing that unrestricted use of additives in wine production would negatively impact on the nature and societal status of the food "Wine", while other CCFA members take more liberal positions (it has nothing to do with safety of wine, but rather with the prestige of the food). Purpose is to facilitate the CCFA work in their process of setting Maximum use levels of additives in food. I do not have a voting right; I provided scientific advice to the representative of the Dutch government, the other EU member states and the representative of the EU Commission. The WG will result in one or more reports to be submitted to CCFA. The substances discussed in this eWG fall under the remit of the FAF Panel. Approximately 5 days/y. Impact on annual earnings: 0% |

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| | 04/2015 - 09/2016 | -Name: UN-FAO Codex Alimentarius Committee for Food Additives (CCFA), Beijing (Local secretariate; FAO-HQ is in Rome, Italy), ITALY | Member of electronic Working Group (eWG) on the use of additives in additives (secondary additives). The working group was installed by the Codex Alimentarius Committee for Food Additives (CCFA) by request of the EU Commission. In Eu there is specific legislation on the use of additives (Reg (EU) 1130/2011), that regulates the use of additives in e.g. food additive preparations without having a technological function in the final foods. The Codex Alimentarius does not have such provisions, which may result in trade barriers between EU and the rest of the world. Task of the eWG is to compare the working definition (see REP15/FA, para 147) with section 4 in the Preamble of the GSFA; and if section 4 does not appropriately cover all the aspects of the definition, analyse what would be the impact of modification of the definition on the GSFA. Purpose is to facilitate the CCFA work in their process of setting Maximum use levels of additives in food. I do not have a voting right; I provided scientific advice to the representative of the Dutch government, the other EU member states and the representative of the EU Commission. The WG will result in one or more reports to be submitted to CCFA. There is no overlap with my current activities in EFSA. The eWG did not address specific substances but focused entirely on the (consequences of) legal aspects. There is no immediate connection to the work of the FAF Panel. Approximately 5 days/y Impact on annual earnings: 0% |
| | 04/2015 - 09/2016 | -Name: UN-FAO Codex Alimentarius Committee for Food Additives (CCFA), Beijing (Local secretariate; FAO-HQ is in Rome, Italy), ITALY | Member of electronic Working Group (eWG) on the preparation of a proposed draft revision of food category "Milk and dairy –based drinks" and its subcategories. The working group was installed by the Codex Alimentarius Committee for Food Additives (CCFA), because certain dairy products were not properly identified in the Codex food categorisation system and therefore it was it was difficult to allocate maximum use levels under the Horizontal approach in GSFA. The eWG was installed to redesign the sub-categorisation of the foods that fall under the general GSFA food category "milk and dairy-based drinks", without directly affecting already existing maximum use levels. Purpose is to facilitate the CCFA work in their process of setting Maximum use levels of additives in food. I do not have a voting right; I provided scientific advice to the representative of the Dutch government, the other EU member states and the representative of the EU Commission. The WG will result in one or more reports to be submitted to CCFA. There is no overlap with my current activities in EFSA or with activities under the FAF Panel. However the final reports of the eWG could have consequences if implemented in the food categorisation of Codex Alimentarius, in case the EFSA comprehensive database will be aligned with the Codex system. Approximately 5 days/y Impact on annual earnings: 0% |

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| | 04/2015 - 09/2016 | -Name: UN-FAO Codex Alimentarius Committee for Food Additives (CCFA), Beijing (Local secretariate; FAO-HQ is in Rome, Italy), ITALY | Member of electronic Working Group (eWG) on the proposed draft revision of the general CODEX standard for the labeling of food additives when sold as such. The working group was installed by the Codex Alimentarius Committee for Food Additives (CCFA). It was recognised that in several sections of the Codex Alimentarius different wording is used when reference is made to flavours / flavourings and with respect to labeling requirements for these materials. A proposal was made to harmonise the wording in the different chapters of the Codex Alimentarius. There were no scientific discussions. I do not have a voting right; I gave some general views to the representative of the Dutch government, the other EU member states and the representative of the EU Commission. The WG will result in one or more reports to be submitted to CCFA. Although linked to the work of the FAF Panel, there is no overlap with the work of this Panel. Approximately 5 days/y. Impact on annual earnings: 0% |
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| IV. Employment | 07/2002 - now | -Name: National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) | <p>Active as toxicologist, Desk research/advisory work to support policies in the National Administration.</p> <p>Scientific opinions are given in the field of chemical safety of industrial chemicals and occasionally food-related substances in as far as these fall within the REACH legislation framework. These evaluating activities are co-ordinated by European Chemicals Agency, (ECHA, Helsinki). Among the activities is scientific advisory work to support REACH legislation and the Dutch national authorities on issues related to endocrine disruption (cf. REACH article 57f). The activities do not imply risk management (ca. 15 days/year).</p> <p>Scientific opinions are given in the field of chemical safety of substances in food, feed or in non-food consumer products to support the Dutch Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (nVWA; The Hague) The activities do not imply risk management. Occasionally for these I act as expert witness in court cases (ca. 45 days/year).</p> <p>To support the work of the Dutch food and Nutrition Centre (The Hague), opinions are given in the field chemical safety of substances in food. These opinions are usually more related to risk communication than to risk assessment (ca.5 days/year).</p> <p>All of this work is strictly commissioned by the Dutch National authorities. I may be involved in the development of RIVM opinions on substances for which I may also be involved in activities for EFSA (including substances that fall under the remit of the FAF Panel). If this occurs, this will be declared in an sDOI or in an updated ADOI.</p> <p>With respect to my activities for EFSA-CONTAM, there is no evaluation of furan or methylfurans going on within the Dutch governmental organisations, including my employer RIVM, and if there is, I am definitely not involved. The EFSA -CONTAM wg on furanes is no longer active (opinion released in 2017).</p> <p>RIVM has recently released an opinion on BPA. I was involved in the development of this opinion as a peer-reviewer. I have also provided clarification on various topics of EFSA's 2015 opinion on this substance. I was not involved in the development of significant amounts of text, or in the RIVM workshop on immunotoxicity of BPA.</p> <p>A major part of my work is dedicated to my EFSA work, for which my Institute gets financial support from the Ministry of Public Health. This would cover approximately 60% of my daily work Impact on annual earnings: >25%</p> |
| V. Occasional consultancy | | | NO INTEREST |
| VI. Research funding | | | NO INTEREST |
| VII. Intellectual property rights | | | NO INTEREST |

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| VIII. Other memberships or affiliations | 07/2002 - now | -Name: Dutch Consumenten bond (Consumer Union) | The Dutch Consumer Union is a nation wide organisation of consumers. A great deal of their work is research and quality evaluation of mainly non-food consumer products but also on foods. They give recommendations for such items that you may want to buy ("value for money"); a bit comparable to the Belgian "Verbruikersunie" or the British Consumers' Association. I am in no way involved in their research or evaluation activities, but for general information purposes their research work could be interesting for RIVM, the Dutch government and the food inspectorates. Therefore, i do have a professional interest, but otherwise I am only a member and interested reader of their monthly journal. There is no relationship with activities of the FAF panel Impact on annual earnings: 0% |
| | 07/2002 - now | -Name: Dutch Society for Toxicology | Member. Professional interest; no direct substance-related activities. There is no relationship with activities of the future FAF Panel Impact on annual earnings: 0% |
| IX. Other relevant interest | 02/2014 - 09/2016 | -Name: Dutch Government | Member of the Dutch delegation to the 45th and subsequent FAO Codex Alimentarius Committee meeting on Food Additives (CCFA). I will act there only as scientific advisor to the other Dutch delegates. I do not have any voting rights. Some of the flavouring substances discussed in CCFA context may have been or may appear in future also on the agenda of EFSA-CEF. Many of the substances discussed at CCFA level fall under the remit of the FAF Panel. Impact on annual earnings: 0% |
| X. Interests of close family members | | | NO INTEREST |

I hereby declare that I have read both the Guidance Document on Declarations of Interests and the Procedure for identifying and handling potential conflict of interests and that the above Declaration of Interests is complete.

Date: 05/01/2021 Signature: **SIGNED**