

MUT/2018/01

COMMITTEE ON MUTAGENICITY OF CHEMICALS IN FOOD, CONSUMER PRODUCTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT (COM)

RESERVED BUSINESS

Consideration of the EFSA safety assessment of certain flavouring substances.

1. The safety assessment of flavouring agents is carried out in the European Union by the European Food Safety Authority's (EFSA) Panel of Food Contact Materials, Enzymes, Flavourings and Processing Aids. EFSA experts assess the intake levels, absorption, metabolism and toxicity of flavouring substances which are grouped into structurally related "flavouring groups". Toxicity data from one compound is often used to read-across to other structurally related substances. The views of the panel are published in the form of Flavouring Group Evaluations (FGE's).

2. We are requesting the Committee on Mutagenicity to consider the genotoxicity data on a flavouring and the EFSA opinion.

The study reports are commercially sensitive and thus the discussions are being held in closed session.

Questions are provided at the end of the paper for Members consideration.

Secretariat/FSA

February 2018