



WHAT REGULATION FOR FOOD SUPPLEMENTS & HERBAL MEDICINAL PRODUCTS IN EUROPE?

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PROGRAMME

TUESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2011

18.30-21.30

RECEPTION AND DINNER IN THE 'SALON DES MEMBRES' OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Welcome by Hans REGENAUER, President, AESGP
Dagmar ROTH-BEHRENDT, Vice-President of the European Parliament

WEDNESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2011

09.00

WHICH CLAIMS FOR FOOD SUPPLEMENTS IN EUROPE?

Chair: Dagmar ROTH-BEHRENDT, Vice-President of the European Parliament

The legislative and regulatory framework for health and nutrition claims

- Paola TESTORI-COGGI, Director General, DG Health and Consumers, European Commission

Scientific evaluation of health and nutrition claims

- Albert FLYNN, Chair, Scientific Panel on dietetic products, nutrition and allergies, European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

Discussion

10.30

Coffee/tea break

11.00

IMPLEMENTATION / ENFORCEMENT OF THE NUTRITION AND HEALTH CLAIMS REGULATION

Chair: Antonya PARVANOVA, Member of the European Parliament

- Julie UNZEITIG, General Directorate for Competition Policy, Consumer Affairs and Fraud Control, France
- Anita LASER REUTERSWÄRD, National Food Administration, Sweden
- Amire MAHMOOD, Federal Ministry of Health, Austria
- Jean POTTIER, Federal Public Service Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment, Belgium
- Evelyn BREITWEG-LEHMANN, Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety, Germany
- Ruth VEALE, Head of Department Food, Health, Environment and Safety, European Consumers' Organisation (BEUC)
- Basil MATHIOUDAKIS, Head of Unit Food Law, Nutrition and Labelling, DG Health and Consumers, European Commission
- Juliane KLEINER, Head of Unit Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies, European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

12.45

Lunch

13.45 TOWARDS A SINGLE MARKET FOR ALL SUBSTANCES IN FOOD SUPPLEMENTS?

Chair: Françoise GROSSETÊTE, Member of the European Parliament

The use of substances other than vitamins and minerals in food supplements

• Basil MATHIOUDAKIS, Head of Unit Food Law, Nutrition and Labelling, DG Health and Consumers, European Commission

Panel discussion with the participation of:

- Ana María TRONCOSO GONZÁLEZ, Executive Director, Spanish Food Safety and Nutrition Agency
- Joris GEELEN, Federal Public Service Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment, Belgium
- Evelyn BREITWEG-LEHMANN, Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety, Germany
- Andrea LUGASI, National Institute for Food and Nutrition Science, Hungary
- Vittorio SILANO, Chair, Scientific Committee, European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)
- Emiel van GALEN, Medicines Evaluation Board, Netherlands

15.15 Coffee/tea break

15.45 A SINGLE MARKET FOR HERBAL MEDICINES IN EUROPE?

Chair: Marina YANNAKOUDAKIS, Member of the European Parliament

Scientific assessment of herbal medicines

- Ioanna CHINOOU, Vice-Chair, European Medicines Agency's Committee on Herbal Medicinal Products (HMPC), Chair, HMPC Working Party on Monographs and Lists

Panel discussion with the participation of:

- Werner KNÖSS, Federal Institute for Drugs and Medical Devices, Germany
- Reinhard LÄNGER, Agency for Health and Food Safety, Austria
- Burt KROES, Medicines Evaluation Board, Netherlands
- Ilaria PASSARANI, Senior Health Policy Officer, European Consumers' Organisation (BEUC)
- Tony HUMPHREYS, Head of Sector Regulatory, Procedural and Committee Support, European Medicines Agency

17.45 Conclusions

Hubertus CRANZ, Director General, AESGP

18.00 Farewell drink

The European legislative and regulatory framework for traditional herbal medicines and food supplements has undergone significant change over the last few years following the adoption of specific directives in both areas.

In the area of food supplements, the adoption of the Nutrition and Health Claims Regulation has prompted considerable debate on how to best implement its legislative provisions.

The meeting will discuss the achievements to date and the work still lying ahead for these products which are increasingly being recognised as an important part of self-care by European citizens interested in taking an active role in managing their health.

The conference will provide a good understanding of the existing regulatory environment for food supplements and traditional herbal medicines and of what can be expected from likely future developments. In addition, there will be ample opportunity for informal discussion and networking with key stakeholders including the European Commission, Member States, business leaders and consumer representatives.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The conference will start on Tuesday, 1 February 2011 at 18.30 hours with a reception and dinner in the 'Salon des Membres' of the European Parliament, 60 rue Wiertz in Brussels. This is only a short walk away from the Renaissance Brussels Hotel, where the conference will continue on Wednesday 2 February. Guest rooms have been blocked in this hotel at a special rate for the nights of 31 January until 3 February 2011.

HOTEL INFORMATION

The Renaissance Brussels Hotel

(Marriott group)

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Room rates

Deluxe single room: 175 euro

Deluxe double room: 190 euro

Online reservation with the Renaissance Brussels hotel:

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/brubr-renaissance-brussels-hotel/?toDate=2/3/11&groupCode=TSWTSWA&fromDate=1/31/11&app=resvlink>

The above-mentioned rates are quoted per room, per night, and are inclusive of buffet breakfast, VAT and service charge.

These rates are valid for reservations made **until 8 January 2011**. After this date room availability and rates can no longer be guaranteed.



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Updated information on the conference programme will be provided on the AESGP website www.aesgp.be

Registration fee: 500 euro

The fee includes participation in the reception and buffet dinner at the European Parliament, conference, lunch, coffee breaks and farewell drink. Please note that AESGP is unable to accept credit card payment at this point in time. Registration should be made by using the enclosed registration form. We recommend registration **before 21 January 2011**.

Cancellations

For cancellations received after 21 January 2011, the whole fee is withheld.