**REGULATORY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**ZOOM MEETING**

**Tuesday 26th March 2024 – 3.00 – 5.00 pm CET**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Participants:** see **Annex I.**

1. **Welcome, anti-trust statement and adoption of the agenda**

The participants were welcomed and reminded of the anti-trust statement (see **Annex II**). The agenda was adopted with an additional item: changes in Committee organisation.

1. **Adoption of minutes of previous Committee meeting, 14th November 2023**

The minutes of the 14th November 2023 teleconference were endorsed (see **Annex III**).

1. **Updates from sub-committees**
   1. Sub-committee on novel foods

See report of 25th March call in **Annex IV** and Secretariat’s supporting presentation in **Annex V.**

* + 1. EFSA’s public consultation on Novel Foods Guidance

**Actions agreed:**

* **Committee members have until the end of week 13 to comment on EFSA’s revised Guidance on novel foods (see** [**here**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zMQLRAO0sPnZ4HnhRdmYHVDrIQU-mtT4/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=101759161577690989103&rtpof=true&sd=true)**).**
* **Members of the sub-committee on novel foods can participate in the joint call with EuropaBio, Food Fermentation Europe and GFI Europe scheduled on 2nd April PM.**
* **Secretariat to re-word/fine-tune the comments in the course of week 14, circulate them for final endorsement and to submit the endorsed comments on behalf of the association on 12th April at the latest.**
* **M. Ben David (SuperMeat), B. Loberant (SuperMeat, Committee Chair), V. Teloni (Mosa Meat) to agree on who will represent the Association at the next EFSA TG TOOLs meeting scheduled on 15th April.**

* 1. Sub-committee on classification, labelling and hygiene

See Sub-Committee Chair’s slides in **Annex VI.**

**Actions agreed:**

* **H. Lester (Gourmey, Board member), B. Loberant, L. Racault (Nestlé) and V. Teloni to have a call with ProVeg about their C-label together with R. E. Jones (Mosa Meat, President) and to keep the Committee updated.**
* **Secretariat to liaise with V. Teloni in order to: (i) clean-up the sub-committee Slack group and (ii) answer GFI Europe’s survey on denomination options in various languages.**
* **Subcommittee’s priorities: (i) Survey on possible gaps and inconsistencies and the adaptations needed for cellular agriculture and (ii) Updated survey on members’ preference for cellular agriculture nomenclature.**
  1. ISO task force

**Action agreed: Secretariat to apply for ISO observer status on behalf of the association.**

1. **Non-EU matters**

See Secretariat’s slides in **Annex VII.**

**Actions agreed:**

* **Secretariat to ask for a speaking slot at 18th November Singapore Food Agency Roundtable on Novel Foods Regulations.**
* **Secretariat to include a sub-item dedicated to the USA for next Committee meeting.**

1. **AOB**
   1. Cellular Agriculture Europe’s 13th June Annual General Meeting – reminder

**Action agreed: Secretariat to circulate official invitation with draft agenda to whole membership during week 20 at the latest.**

* 1. Changes in Committee organisation

B. Loberant reminded the members of the recent decision made in the management of the association’s resources and secretariat time. The secretariat’s main tasks consist in coordinating the members’ feedback; maintain the discipline when a project is launched and organise the Committee meetings. Sub-committee and task force meetings shall be organised by members directly. See *modus operandi* [here](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Gm0K6ABbeIoOhkgRLQ2m2Qv6FmEcIgZM/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=101759161577690989103&rtpof=true&sd=true).

1. **Next meetings**

The next Committee meetings are scheduled on 21st May and 19th November 2024.