

Standard declaration of interests (DOI) form for individuals applying to be appointed as members or experts of Scientific Committees and their Working Groups in a personal capacity

Legal basis:

Commission Decision C(2015)5383 on establishing Scientific Committees in the field of public health, consumer safety and the environment, Article 16, and Commission Decision C(2016)3301 establishing horizontal rules on the creation and operation of Commission expert groups, Articles 2(4) and 11.

Definitions:

"Conflict of interest" means any situation where an individual has an interest that may compromise or be reasonably perceived to compromise the individual's capacity to act independently and in the public interest when providing advice to the Commission in relation to the subject of the work performed by the Scientific Committees and their working groups in question.

"Immediate family member" means the individual's spouse, children and parents. "Spouse" includes a partner with whom the individual has a registered non marital regime. "Children" means the child(ren) the individual and the spouse have in common, the own child(ren) of the individual and the own child(ren) of the spouse.

"Legal entity" means any commercial business, industry association, consultancy, research institution or other enterprise whose funding is significantly derived from commercial sources. It also includes independent own commercial businesses, law offices, consultancies or similar.

"Body" means a governmental, international or non-profit organisation.

"Meeting" includes a series or cycle of meetings.

Please answer each of the questions below. If the answer to any of the questions is "yes", please briefly describe relevant interests and circumstances, as appropriate.

If you do not describe relevant interests, your DOI form will be considered incomplete and, therefore, your application to be appointed as a member of an expert group or subgroup in a personal capacity shall be rejected.

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Expert group/sub-group: Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS)

1 EMPLOYMENT CONSULTANCY AND LEGAL REPRESENTATION

	<i>Within the past 5 years, were you employed or have you had any other professional relationship with a natural or legal entity, or held any non-remunerated post in a legal entity or other body with an interest in the field of activity of the Scientific Committees and their working groups in question?</i>	yes	no
1a	Employment	√	<input type="checkbox"/>
1b	Consultancy, including services as an advisor	√	<input type="checkbox"/>
1c	Non-remunerated post	√	<input type="checkbox"/>
1d	Legal representation	<input type="checkbox"/>	√

Activity	Time period (from... until month/year)	Name of entity or body	Description
1a: Employment Professor of Food Safety and Innovation	10/2015 - to 09/2017	University of Chester, Chester CH1 4BJ, United Kingdom	University of Chester is one of the higher Educational Institutions in the UK. I had been a faculty member in the Institute of Food Science & Innovation. My job involved managing research projects, teaching, and providing expert advice to the scientific committees and working groups of the European Commission and the European Food Safety Authority on safety of food and non-food consumer products.

1a: Employment Principal Research Scientist/ Advanced Research Fellow	10/2006 to 09/2015	The Food and Environment Research Agency (Fera), Sand Hutton, York YO41 1LZ, United Kingdom	Fera's main function was to provide scientific research and advice to support a sustainable food chain and a healthy natural environment. In April 2015, Fera moved from being a wholly-owned agency of the UK government (Defra) to a joint venture between Capita and Defra. As an employee of Fera, I led research into in silico (computational) toxicology, health and environmental safety of chemicals and nanomaterials, formulation chemistry, and natural products from plants.
1b: Consultancy/ Advisory	09/2017 - ongoing	- European Commission - Joint Research Centre of the European Commission	I will be acting as an Expert evaluator of the project proposals submitted to the European Commission under Horizon 2020 Programme, and under the JRC physical Research Infrastructures open access initiative.
1b: Consultancy/ Advisory Project Technical Adviser (PTA)	12/2010 - 03/2015 (MindPulse) 12/2012 - 03/2015 (Optimat)	- MindPulse, Belgium - Optimat, Glasgow, United Kingdom	I worked as a Project Technical Adviser (PTA) to review scientific progress of selected FP7 projects and prepared assessment reports for the European Commission's DG Research. The PTA work was funded by the Commission and was carried out as part of my employment at Fera through two consortia of Experts led by MindPulse and Optimat.
1c: Non-remunerated post	09/2017 - ongoing	Visiting Professor, University of Chester, Chester CH1 4BJ, United Kingdom	University of Chester is one of the higher Educational Institutions in the UK. My role as a visiting Professor involves developing research projects, occasional teaching and mentoring students on subjects relating to food safety and innovation.

2 MEMBERSHIP OF MANAGING BODY, SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BODY OR EQUIVALENT STRUCTURE

	<i>Within the past 5 years, have you participated in the internal decision-making of a legal entity or other body with an interest in the field of activity of the Scientific Committees and their working groups in question or have you participated in the works of a Scientific Advisory Body with voting rights on the outputs of that entity?</i>	Yes	no
2a	Participation in a decision-making process	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2b	Participation in the work of a Scientific Advisory Body	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Member and current Chair	05/2009 to date	Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS), SANCO-C2 European Commission, Luxembourg	The SCCS is one of the independent scientific committees of the European Commission that provides scientific opinions on the safety of non-food consumer products, such as cosmetics and personal care products. I am the current Chair of the SCCS, and a Member of the following Working Groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nanomaterials in Cosmetics. Since 05/2009. - New Methodologies for Risk Assessment since 06/2013. - Cosmetic Ingredients since 07/2015.
Member	07/2012 - to date	European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), Parma, Italy.	07/2012 to 06/2015: Member of the EFSA Scientific Committee. The EFSA SC provides scientific advice in the area of new and harmonised approaches to risk assessment of food and feed, and strategic advice to EFSA's Executive Board. 07/2015 to date: Member of the following EFSA Working Groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Compendium of Botanical Food Supplements - Weight of Evidence in Scientific Assessments - Nanotechnology in Food/Feed
Member Management Committee	12/2012 to 10/2016 (TD1204) 03/2010 to 03/2014 (FA0904)	- EU COST Action TD1204 (MODENA) - EU COST Action FA0904 - Eco-sustainable	- The COST Action MODENA was concerned with exploring the use of modelling approaches to assess toxicity of nanomaterials. - The COST Action FA0904 reviewed the issued relating to the eco-

		food packaging based on polymer nanomaterials	sustainable food packaging based on polymer nanomaterials. My role in both the COST Actions was to peer-review the relevant activities of the groups.
Member	01/2010 to 09/2015	OECD's Working Party on Manufactured Nanomaterials (WPMN) - SG9	The OECD's WPMN SG9 was concerned with environmentally sustainable use of manufactured nanomaterials. My role involved occasional remote reviewing of the reports.
Member and Chair	04/2013 to 07/2015	The International Cooperation on Cosmetics Regulation (ICCR) – Working Group on In-silico Approaches for Cosmetic Product Safety Assessments.	The ICCR WG on In-silico Approaches was composed of regulators and industry members from the EU, the US, Japan, Canada, and Brazil, and was tasked to review the use of QSAR based in silico (computational) methods for safety assessment of cosmetic ingredients as an alternative to animal testing. My participation as an EU Expert was at the request of the European Commission (DG Health and Consumers).
Member	02/2012 to 02/2014	European Commission - DG Health and Consumers - Cosmetic subgroup on Definition of Nanomaterial.	The subgroup, composed of experts from the Commission, European Member States, Scientific Committees, and Industry, reviewed the definition of nanomaterial in the light of the EC recommendation of 2011. I represented the Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS) in this sub-group.
Member	09/2010 - 12/2013	Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks (SCENIHR) - WG on new challenges for risk assessment.	The SCENIHR WG prepared and published an expert discussion paper on the new challenges for risk assessment from the emergence of new sciences, technologies, and tools.
Participant	01/2010 to 03/2012	ILSI-Europe's Expert Group on Nanomaterial Migration from Food Packaging	Participant of the ILSI-Europe's Expert Group on Nanomaterial Migration from Food Packaging. The Expert Group carried out a review and held a workshop on the scientific issues relating to the application of nanotechnology for food packaging.
Member and Chair	03/2011 to 02/2012	The International Cooperation on Cosmetics	The ICCR WG on Safety Approaches to Nanomaterials was composed of regulators and industry members from

		Regulation (ICCR)'s WG on Safety Approaches to Nanomaterials	the EU, the US, Japan, and Canada. The WG published a report on risk assessment of nano cosmetic ingredients. My participation in the ICCR activities as the EU Expert was at the request of the European Commission (DG Health and Consumers).
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3 RESEARCH SUPPORT

	<i>Within the past 5 years, have you, or the research entity to which you belong, received any support from a legal entity or other body with an interest in the field of activity of the Scientific Committees and their working groups in question?</i>	yes	no
3a	Research support, including grants, rents, sponsorships, fellowships, non-monetary support	√	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Project participant	08/2014 – February 2016	Pakistan Agricultural Research Council, Karachi, Pakistan	Participant of a project led by Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC) on the control of aflatoxins in chillies. PARC is the apex national institution in Pakistan that is leading R&D in the agri-food area. The project was funded by the World Trade Organization (WTO). My participation was on behalf of University of Chester and involved providing advice on the strategies for the control of aflatoxins in agri-food products.
Project participant	04/2011 to 09/2015 (Marina) 05/2015 to 09/2015 (EuroMix) 01/2010 to 10/2013 (Nanolyse)	- EU FP7 Project 'Marina' - Horizon 2020 Project 'EuroMix' - EU FP7 Project 'Nanolyse'	- The Marina project was aimed at developing risk assessment strategies for nanomaterials. The project was part-funded by the EC, and the UK's Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra). - The 'EuroMix' project was aimed at developing risk assessment framework for chemical mixtures.

			- The Nanolyse project was aimed at developing and validating detection methods for nanomaterials in food. The project was part-funded by the EC and the UK's Food Standards Agency.
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4 FINANCIAL INTERESTS

	<i>Do you have current investments in a legal entity with an interest in the field of activity of the Scientific Committees and their working groups in question, including holding of stocks and shares, and which amounts to more than 10,000 EUR per legal entity or entitling you to a voting right of 5% or more in such legal entity?</i>	yes	no
4a	Shares	<input type="checkbox"/>	√
4b	Other stock	<input type="checkbox"/>	√

Investment	Name of legal entity	Description

5 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

	<i>Do you have any intellectual property rights that might be affected by the outcome of the work carried out by the Scientific Committees and their working groups in question?</i>	yes	no
5a	Patent, trademarks, or copyrights	<input type="checkbox"/>	√
5b	Others	<input type="checkbox"/>	√

Intellectual property	Description

6 PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND POSITIONS

	<i>Within the past 5 years, have you provided any expert opinion or testimony in the field of activity of the Scientific Committees and their working groups in question, for a legal entity or other body as part of a regulatory, legislative or judicial process? Have you held an office or other position, paid or unpaid, where you represented interests or defended an opinion in the field of activity of the expert group/sub-group in question?</i>	Yes	no
6a	For a legal entity or other body as part of a regulatory, legislative or judicial process	√	<input type="checkbox"/>
6b	Represented interests or defended an opinion	√	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Member	07/2012 – to date	European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), Parma, Italy.	I have participated in developing various EFSA reviews, scientific opinions, guidance documents and editorials, and have also represented EFSA at various fora. Relevant details are available at: www.efsa.europa.eu/en/search/site/chaudhry

7 INTERESTS OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS

		yes	no
7a	<i>To your knowledge, are there any interests of your immediate family members which could be seen as undermining your independence when providing advice to the Commission in the field of activity of the Scientific Committees and their working groups in question?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	√

Interests	Time period (from... until month/year)	Name of legal entity or body	Description

7b *If interests of your immediate family members are declared, it is your responsibility to inform them about the collection and publication of information on their interests included in the DOI and to provide them with the privacy statement attached to the guidance for filling in this DOI, and this at the latest when you file the DOI form with the Commission.*

8 OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION	yes	no
8a <i>Are there any other elements that could be seen as undermining your independence when providing advice to the Commission in the field of activity of the Scientific Committees and their working groups in question?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Description:

I hereby declare on my honour that I have read the guidance for completing this form.

I also declare on my honour that the information disclosed in this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Should there be any change to the above information, including as regards upcoming activities, I will promptly notify the competent Commission department and complete a new DOI form describing the changes in question.

I am informed that my personal data are stored, processed and published by the Commission in accordance with Regulation (EC) N° 45/2001.

Date: 16 December 2017

Signature: 

Your DOI form shall be made publicly available on the Register of Commission Expert Groups and Other Similar Entities, as long as you are appointed as member of the expert group or sub-group in a personal capacity. Technical measures will be taken to indicate to search engines that your DOI form should not appear in search results.