Health Claims

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EFSA positive opinion

Hydration and physical and cognitive functions
- ID 1102 and ID 1294, both including coffee, tea and (in the case of ID1294) soft drinks, fruit juices and other water-based products.

Alertness
- ID 736: caffeine and increased alertness and attention

Endurance performance
- ID 737: caffeine and increase in endurance performance
Standing Committee 5 December 2011

Hydration:
- Water contributes to the maintenance of normal physical and cognitive functions
- The claim shall be used only on water complying with Directives 2009/54/EC (natural mineral waters) and 98/83/EC (water for human consumption)

Alertness and Endurance performance:
- ‘On hold’

European Parliament
- Permitted Article 13.1. health claims submitted 27 January 2012
- European Parliament cannot amend, only accept or reject
- Deadline: 3 months
- 30 January 2012: ENVI meeting with Commission/DG SANCO
  - Ms Testori Coggi (DG SANCO): Commission is reflecting on the caffeine claims at the moment
- 9 February 2012: objection raised by MEPs Sirpa Pietikäinen (FI, EPP), Chris Davies (UK, ALDE) and Pavel Poc (CZ, S&D)
  - Not expected to result in rejection