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Risikovurdering av "energidrikker" med koffein, taurin, glukuronolakton, inositol og vitaminer

Vi viser til brev fra Red Bull GmbH datert 31. januar 2005, samt telefonsamtaler og e-post korrespondansé med saksbehandler Svanhild Vaskinn i Mattilsynet. Vitenskapskomiteen for mattrygghet har vurdert kritikken Red Bull GmbH retter mot Risikovurdering av "energidrikker" med koffein, taurin, glukuronolakton, inositol og vitaminer datert 26. januar 2005 i vedlagte uttalelse.

Vennlig hilsen

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Statement from the Norwegian Committee for Food Safety in response to letter of 31 January 2005 from Red Bull GmbH.

The Norwegian Scientific Committee for Food Safety (NSCFS) has received from the Norwegian Food Safety Authority a letter of 31 January 2005 from Red Bull GmbH. In this letter, Red Bull expresses some criticisms regarding our opinion of 26 January 2005 concerning the safety of Red Bull Energy Drink[®] sold as a beverage.

Parts of the letter from Red Bull deals with procedural and formal issues outside the scope of scientific risk assessment which is the task of the NSCFS according to its mandate.

Red Bull expresses concern that "the Norwegian Food Safety Committee has not taken the time to carry out a detailed risk analysis of the available data but primarily based its evaluation on the 1999 and 2003 SCF opinions". The opinions mentioned are detailed and comprehensive risk assessments, which were a natural basis for the work of the NSCFS also according to its expressed policy of not unnecessarily duplicating work done by comparable EU authorities. We did, however, in our opinion consider specific data on consumption in Norway. Additionally we also considered all relevant literature published after the SCF opinions, and also Red Bull had the opportunity to provide us with relevant documentation. The new data available were limited and did not warrant a complete new risk assessment. Our opinion is, therefore, comprehensive and updated.

The letter from Red Bull contains no new information that has not already been considered and incorporated in our Opinion.

The Norwegian Scientific Committee for Food Safety see no need to change its Opinion of 26 January 2005 on Risk Assessment of "Energy Drinks" Containing Caffeine, Taurin, Glucuronolactone, Inositol and Vitamins.