COT Statement on the Safety of Titanium dioxide (E171) as a Food Additive - Executive Summary

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- 34. Exposures for all population groups for the mean total diet are below or very close to the established HBGV of 10 mg/kg bw per day.
- 35. Exposures estimated for the 95th percentile total diet range from 9.1 to 26 mg/kg bw per day. The exposures for adults (18+) and the elderly are below the established HBGV and adverse health effects would not be expected. Although estimated exposures for infants, toddlers, children and adolescents are 1.3- to 2.6-fold higher than the HBGV, actual exposures are likely to be lower than those calculated. In addition, as noted in paragraph 30, the HBGV is likely to be conservative.
- 36. Therefore, exposures to food grade TiO2 (E171) from the diet are unlikely to present a risk to health for the UK population.