

## **SNE and MNI welcome the Commission Notice on the classification of Food for Special Medical Purposes (FSMPs) to ensure EU harmonisation on the scope and definition of the category**

**Brussels, 29 November 2017:** Specialised Nutrition Europe (SNE) and Medical Nutrition International Industry (MNI) have been following the ongoing European Commission work on the preparation of the Notice on the classification of FSMPs, published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 25 November ([2017/C 401/01](#)).

In particular, SNE and MNI participated in the Working Group meeting of the Advisory Group held on 12 April 2017, aiming at gathering stakeholders' views on this Commission Notice prior to its publication. Both SNE and MNI appreciated the opportunity to contribute to this consultation led by the European Commission and welcome the intention of the Notice to ensure EU harmonisation on the definition and scope of FSMPs.

In addition, SNE and MNI welcome that the Commission Notice reflects the diverse nature of FSMPs formulated to meet the nutritional needs arising from a wide range of medical conditions that affect patients of all ages from infancy to old age; and subsequently leave some room for future innovation in respect of new product formulations and presentations, as well as new diseases, disorders or medical conditions that may benefit from nutritional intervention and dietary management using FSMP.

SNE and MNI will monitor progress of the implementation of the Notice on the classification of FSMPs.

### Notes to editors:

- ***Specialised Nutrition Europe (SNE)*** is the trade association representing the interests of the specialised nutrition industry across the European Union. SNE members are the national associations of 17 Member States and their members are the companies producing tailor made dietary solutions for populations with very specific nutritional needs including infants and young children, patients under medical supervision, sportspeople, overweight and obese consumers, and those suffering from coeliac disease.
- ***The Medical Nutrition International Industry (MNI)*** is the international trade association gathering companies that offer specialized nutritional solutions, including oral nutritional supplements, tube feeding and parenteral (intravenous) nutrition that are designed to meet the diverse nutritional needs of patients. MNI is dedicated to advancing better care through better nutrition, across all ages and healthcare settings. MNI works with stakeholders from a variety of geographies and healthcare systems to ensure that medical nutrition becomes an integral part of patient care.