

FOOD INGREDIENTS AND PACKAGING UNIT

Scientific Panel on Food Contact Materials, Enzymes and Processing Aids (CEP)

Minutes of the 5th Plenary meeting

Held on 5-7 February 2019, Parma

(Agreed on 21/2/2019)¹

Participants

a) Panel Members

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b) Hearing Experts⁴:

- Laurence Castle and Ine Waalkens-Berendsen (for agenda item 7.1)

c) European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

- DG SANTE: Takis Daskaleros⁵ and Bastiaan Schupp⁶
- ECHA: Maarten Roggeman⁷

d) EFSA:

- Food Ingredients and Packaging (FIP) Unit: Jaime Aguilera, Magdalena Andryszkiewicz, Anna Federica Castoldi, Ana Gomes, Christine Horn, Natalia Kovátková, Alexandros Lioupis, Yi Liu, Foteini Pantazi, Sandra Rainieri, Claudia Roncancio Peña, Ellen Van Haver, Katharina Volk
- Evidence management Unit: Davide Arcella; Claudia Cascio

¹ Adopted by written procedure

² Not present on 5 February

³ Not present on 5 February and 6 February PM

⁴ As defined in Article 11 of the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest:
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁵ Present on 6 February

⁶ Attended on 5 February by teleconference

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1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Claudia Bolognesi and Christina Tlustos.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without any changes.

3. Declarations of Interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence⁸ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁹, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Panel members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 4th Plenary meeting held on 4-6 December 2018, Parma

The minutes of the 4th Plenary meeting held on 4-6 December 2018 were agreed on 4 January 2019 by written procedure¹⁰.

5. Report on written procedures since the 4th Plenary meeting

No scientific outputs were adopted by written procedure since the last plenary meeting.

6. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion and possible adoption

6.1 Jász-Plasztik Kft recycling process ([EFSA-Q-2018-00529](#))

The draft opinion on the safety evaluation of the Jász-Plasztik Kft recycling process for polyethylene terephthalate (PET) was presented to the members of the CEP Panel together with the main points for discussion. The CEP Panel discussed the different parts of the risk assessment and unanimously adopted the opinion, subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

6.2 Beta-glucanase / Xylanase / Cellulase from *Mycothermus thermophilus* (NZYM-ST) ([EFSA-Q-2014-00795/-796/-797](#))

The draft opinion on the safety evaluation of the food enzyme containing beta-glucanase, xylanase and cellulase activities from *Mycothermus thermophilus* (NZYM-ST) was presented to the members of the CEP Panel together with the main points for discussion. The CEP Panel discussed the different parts of the risk assessment and unanimously adopted the opinion, subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

⁸ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

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http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

¹⁰ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/event/181204>

6.3 4-alpha-glucanotransferase from *Geobacillus pallidus* (strain AE-SAS) ([EFSA-Q-2016-00033](#))

The draft opinion on the safety evaluation of the food enzyme 4-alpha-glucanotransferase from *Geobacillus pallidus* (strain AE-SAS) was presented to the members of the CEP Panel together with the main points for discussion. The CEP Panel discussed the different parts of the risk assessment and unanimously adopted the opinion, subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

6.4 Glucose oxidase from a genetically modified *Aspergillus niger* (strain ZGL) ([EFSA-Q-2013-01005](#))

The draft opinion on the safety evaluation of the food enzyme glucose oxidase from a genetically modified *Aspergillus niger* (strain ZGL) was presented to the members of the CEP Panel together with the main points for discussion. The CEP Panel discussed the different parts of the risk assessment and unanimously adopted the opinion, subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

6.5 Triacylglycerol lipase from a genetically modified *Aspergillus niger* (strain LFS) ([EFSA-Q-2014-00325](#))

The draft opinion on the safety evaluation of the food enzyme triacylglycerol lipase from a genetically modified *Aspergillus niger* (strain LFS) was presented to the members of the CEP Panel together with the main points for discussion. The CEP Panel discussed the different parts of the risk assessment and unanimously adopted the opinion, subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

7. Other scientific topics for information and/or discussion

7.1 Update of the risk assessment for di-butylphthalate (DBP, FCM No 157), butyl-benzyl-phthalate (BBP, FCM No 159), bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP, FCM No 283), di-isononylphthalate (DINP, FCM No 728) and di-isodecylphthalate (DIDP, FCM No 729) ([EFSA-Q-2017-00588/-00589/-00590](#); [EFSA-Q-2018-00800/-00801](#))

The Chair of the working group (WG) on phthalates, Laurence Castle, presented to the Panel members the revisions made by the WG since the last CEP Plenary meeting in the draft opinion on the re-evaluation of 5 phthalates (DBP, BBP, DEHP, DINP and DIDP) authorised for use in plastic food contact materials. The CEP Panel members agreed with the proposed revisions and endorsed the scientific output for public consultation subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting. The draft document will be published on the EFSA website. EFSA will hold a webinar on 15 March 2019 to present the CEP Panel's approach to the draft assessment and its outcome and the participants will be offered the possibility to ask questions.

8. New Mandates

8.1 New questions since the previous meeting

The following new mandates have been received since the last Plenary meeting: five for the safety assessment of food contact materials and one on food enzymes.

Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Reception date
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FCM	EFSA-Q-2019-00058	Request for safety evaluation of the Texplast GmbH recycling process (Starlinger iV+) to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses.	31/01/2019
ENZ	EFSA-Q-2019-00056	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme Triacylglycerol lipase from <i>Burkholderia abonensis</i> .	30/01/2019
FCM	EFSA-Q-2019-00016	Request for safety evaluation of Mälarplast AB closed loop recycling process (MALKO re-circulation plates)	21/12/2018
FCM	EFSA-Q-2018-01048	Request for safety evaluation of V & T Trade Ltd recycling process (Starlinger viscotec deCON) to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses	20/12/2018
FCM	EFSA-Q-2018-01042	Request for safety evaluation of Poly Recycling AG recycling process (Starlinger iV+) to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses	20/12/2018
FCM	EFSA-Q-2018-01007	Request for safety evaluation of Benzophenone-3,3' :4,4'-tetracarboxylic dianhydride for use as a monomer in plastics	13/12/2018

8.2 Valid questions since the previous meeting

The following questions have been considered valid for the start of the assessment since the last Plenary meeting: eight for the safety assessment of food contact materials.

Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Reception date
FCM	EFSA-Q-2018-00924	Request for safety evaluation of Reco-Kavala recycling process (Starlinger viscotec deCON)	25/01/2019
FCM	EFSA-Q-2018-00899	Request for safety evaluation of PETman GmbH recycling process (Starlinger viscotec deCON) to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses	25/01/2019
FCM	EFSA-Q-2018-00897	Request for safety evaluation of Marcato recycling process (Starlinger viscotec deCON) to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses	18/01/2019
FCM	EFSA-Q-2018-00811	Request for safety evaluation of Poly Recycling AG recycling process (PET direct iV+) to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses	04/02/2019
FCM	EFSA-Q-2018-00768	Request for safety evaluation of Veolia PET Germany GmbH recycling process (URRC)	24/01/2019
FCM	EFSA-Q-2018-00706	Request for safety evaluation of the Alimpet S.r.l. recycling process (EREMA MPR B2B)	18/01/2019
FCM	EFSA-Q-2018-00642	Request for evaluation of the Texplast recycling process EREMA advanced (RECYC022) to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses	25/01/2019
FCM	EFSA-Q-2018-00125	Request for the evaluation of a new substance pyrrole (azole, divinyleneimine, imizole).	17/12/2018

8.3 Withdrawn applications since the previous meeting

Two applications for the safety assessment of food contact materials have been withdrawn since the last Plenary meeting.

Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Withdrawn on
FCM	EFSA-Q-2016-00393	Request for the re-evaluation of (perfluorobutyl)ethylene (PFBE)	31/01/2019
FCM	EFSA-Q-2015-00443	Request for the evaluation of Genox® EP for inclusion in Annex I of Regulation 10/2011 as an additive for use in plastics	17/01/2019

9. Feedback from the Scientific Committee/Scientific Panels, EFSA, the European Commission

The Panel members were informed about ongoing and upcoming activities of the CEP WGs on BPA re-evaluation, Food Enzymes, Food Contact Materials, and Recycling Plastics.

The minutes of the last WG meetings are published on the [EFSA website](#).

EFSA has recently received five mandates from the European Commission for updating the risk assessment of the FCM substances No 19 and 20, 96, 193, 220, and for prioritising the need for re-evaluating the substances without an SML as listed by Regulation (EU) No 10/2011 (following the removal of the Generic Specific Migration Limit (GML) of 60 mg/kg food).

These mandates were discussed at the last FCM WG meeting in January 2019 to identify whether for each mandate enough data is available to perform the safety assessment within the set timeframe. The Chair of the FCM WG, Gilles Rivière, presented the five mandates to the CEP Panel members, and discussed with them the issues raised by the FCM WG. Based on these discussions, EFSA will in first instance proceed with the acceptance of the mandates (i) related to the update of the risk assessment of the FCM substance No 96 and (ii) for prioritising the need for re-evaluating the substances without an SML. The three other mandates will be accepted at a later stage, once EFSA has received all the information needed for the risk assessment.

10. Any Other Business

There was no other business.