

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND
PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)**

**62nd Working Group meeting on Recycling Plastics
2018-2024**

03 April 2024

09:00-18:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 15 April 2024



Location: EFSA, Parma/Webconference

Attendees:

○ Working Group Members:

Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças

○ Hearing Experts¹:

Laurence Castle

○ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not Applicable

○ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Daniele Comandella, Gianluca Colombo, Alexandros Lioupis, Sandra Rainieri, Elisa Savini, Vasiliki Sfika, Katharina Volk.

FDP Unit: Not Applicable

○ Others:

Not Applicable

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. For further details on the outcome of the screening of the Annual Declarations of Interest, please refer to Annex. Oral Declaration(s) of Interest were asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

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³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



Agreement of the minutes of the 61st Working Group meeting held on 19-21 March 2024, via web-conference

The [minutes of the 61st Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 19 March 2024.

IV. Feedback from the CEP Panel plenary meeting

Not applicable.

V. Feedback from the European Commission

Not applicable.

VI. Update on applications, new mandates

Not applicable.

VII. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

- a. Outcome of the public consultation on the Scientific Guidance on the criteria for the evaluation and on the preparation of applications for the safety assessment of post-consumer mechanical PET recycling processes intended to be used for manufacture of materials and articles in contact with food. (EFSA-Q-2023-00351)**

The WG was informed about the outcome of the public consultation on the draft scientific guidance document, held from 7 February to 20 March 2024. Overall, 28 comments and 5 related attachments were received⁴. The comments were clustered into the following topics: benzene, migration modelling, exposure scenarios (infants and toddlers), input material, output, reference contamination, challenge test. The WG discussed the comments linked to these topics and agreed on how to address them. Replies to the individual comments will be prepared and discussed at a forthcoming WG meeting.

VIII. Any Other Business

- a. Challenge test - homogeneity**

The WG shortly discussed applicable rules and current practices relevant to the homogeneity of samples taken during the challenge test and concluded on a minor adjustment of the relevant paragraph in the draft guidance document.

IX. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 02 May 2024, via teleconference.

⁴ Comments were published open closure of the public consultation and are accessible here: <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/consultations/a0cTk0000006UrRIAU>



Annex

Interests and actions resulting from the screening of Annual Declarations of Interest (ADoI)

In the Annual Declaration of Interest filled by Dr Vincent Dudler, the following interest has been declared: since 01 June 2023, he has been having an occasional consultancy activity with the organisation 'Advanced Kinetics and Technology Solutions' (AKTS), which holds (indirect) interests in the CEP Panel and its WG on Recycling Plastic. This organisation develops different software solutions to predict the stability and shelf life of materials, including, e.g., the program SML (specific migration limit), dedicated to safety of polymeric food packaging. In the context of the activity with AKTS, Dr Dudler i) performs literature reviews on the topic of migration models in view of possible integration of new evidence into the SML program; ii) informs AKTS about regulatory updates from European or national legislation; and iii) runs tests of new versions of the SML program. These activities relate to polymeric food packaging and, therefore, cover also materials that are in the scope of the WG, which constitutes a Conflict of Interest (CoI) with the mandate of the EFSA Working Group in hand. In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, a waiver was granted in accordance with Article 21 of the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management.

Pursuant to Article 21(6) of the above-mentioned Decision, Dr Vincent Dudler's involvement is authorised as "member" in the scientific group for which the waiver is granted. Dr Dudler is not eligible as Chair, Vice-Chair and cannot be appointed as Rapporteur.

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**61st Working Group meeting on Recycling Plastics
2018-2024**

19-21 March 2024
14:00-18:00 / 09:00-18:00 / 14:00-18:00
MINUTES - Agreed on 21 March 2024



Location: EFSA, Parma/Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Daniele Comandella, Gianluca Colombo, Alexandros Lioupis, Remigio Marano, Sandra Rainieri, Elisa Savini, Vasiliki Sfika, Emmanouil Tsochatzis, Katharina Volk.
- FDP Unit: Not Applicable
- Others: Not Applicable

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 60th Working Group meeting held on 13-15 February 2024, via web-conference

The [minutes of the 60th Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 23 February 2024, by written procedure.

V. Feedback from the CEP Panel plenary meeting

The Working Group was informed that 1 recycling opinion was adopted at the last CEP Panel plenary meeting.

VI. Feedback from the European Commission

Not applicable.

VII. Update on applications, new mandates

The EFSA staff provided a brief update on recycling applications received, including a short introduction to recently validated applications.

VIII. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

- a. **Recycling process: Next Generation Recyclingmaschinen** *Applicant: Next Generation Recyclingmaschinen GmbH* (EFSA-Q- 2023-00498)

The technical dossier was discussed. The WG considered that additional information is needed from the applicant in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application. Therefore, a request for additional information will be sent to the applicant.

- b. **Recycling process: KREYENBORG IR Clean+(universal)** *Applicant: Kreyenborg GmbH & Co. KG* (EFSA-Q-2023-00464)

The technical dossier was discussed. The WG considered that additional information is needed from the applicant in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application. Therefore, a request for additional information will be sent to the applicant.

- c. **Recycling process: EREMA Advanced** *Applicant: EREMA Engineering Recycling Maschinen und Anlagen Ges.m.b.H* (EFSA-Q-2023-00495)

The technical dossier was discussed. It will be further discussed at a next WG meeting.

- d. **Recycling process: EREMA Vacunite** *Applicant: EREMA Engineering Recycling Maschinen und Anlagen Ges.m.b.H* (EFSA-Q-2023-00463)

The technical dossier was discussed. The WG considered that additional information is needed from the applicant in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application. Therefore, a request for additional information will be sent to the applicant.



- e. **Recycling process Starlinger Viscotec viscoZERO PET** *Applicant: Starlinger & Co. GmbH* (EFSA-Q-2023-00496)

The technical dossier was discussed. The WG considered that additional information is needed from the applicant in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application. Therefore, a request for additional information will be sent to the applicant.

IX. Any Other Business

- a. **Targeted and public consultation technical report (Guidance)** (EFSA-Q-2023-00351)

The technical report on the targeted and public consultation was discussed. It will be further discussed at a next WG meeting.

X. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 03 April 2024, via teleconference.



Annex I

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Pursuant to Article 21(6) of the above-mentioned Decision, Dr Vincent Dudler's involvement is authorised as "member" in the scientific group for which the waiver is granted. Dr Dudler is not eligible as Chair, Vice-Chair and cannot be appointed as Rapporteur.

Annex II

Interests and actions resulting from the Oral Declaration of Interest done at the beginning of the meeting

With regard to this meeting, Prof Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças declared the following interest: She participates as work package leader in the project of the DG RTD, European Commission – DG Research and Innovation: "MICROORC – Orchestrating food system microbiomes to minimize food waste", since 01 November 2023. In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence⁴ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁵, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the work package in question, the interest above was not deemed to represent a Conflict of Interest for the expert concerned.

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**60th Working Group meeting on Recycling Plastics
2018-2024**

13-15 February 2024

14:00-18:00 / 09:00-18:00 / 14:00-18:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 23 February 2024



Location: EFSA, Parma/Webconference

Attendees:

○ Working Group Members:

Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças

○ Hearing Experts¹:

Not Applicable

○ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not Applicable

○ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Daniele Comandella, Gianluca Colombo, Alexandros Lioupis, Remigio Marano, Sandra Rainieri, Elisa Savini, Vasiliki Sfika, Emmanouil Tsochatzis, and Katharina Volk.

FDP Unit: Not Applicable

○ Others:

Not Applicable

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Maria Rosaria Milana for the third day of the meeting.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 59th Working Group meeting held on 16-18 January 2024, via web-conference

The [minutes of the 59th Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 18 January 2024.

V. Feedback from the CEP Panel plenary meeting

The Working Group was informed that 6 recycling opinions were adopted at the last CEP Panel plenary meeting.

VI. Feedback from the European Commission

Not applicable.

VII. Update on applications, new mandates

The EFSA staff provided a brief update on recycling applications received, including a short introduction to recently validated applications.

VIII. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

- a. **Draft opinion on the recycling process Recycling process EREMA Vacunite** *Applicant:* EREMA Engineering Recycling Maschinen und Anlagen Ges.m.b.H (EFSA-Q-2023-00463)

The technical dossier was discussed. It will be further discussed at a next WG meeting.

- b. **Draft opinion on the recycling process Recycling process Starlinger Viscotec viscoZERO PET** *Applicant:* Starlinger &Co. (EFSA-Q-2023-00496)

The technical dossier was discussed. It will be further discussed at a next WG meeting.

- c. **Draft opinion on the recycling process Next Generation Recyclingmaschinen** *Applicant:* Next Generation Recyclingmaschinen GmbH. (EFSA-Q-2023-00498)

The discussion was postponed to the next WG meeting due to time limitations.

- d. **Draft opinion on the recycling process KREYENBORG IR Clean+(universal)** *Applicant:* Kreyenborg GmbH & Co. KG. (EFSA-Q-2023-00464)

The discussion was postponed to the next WG meeting due to time limitations.



IX. Any Other Business

Not applicable.

X. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 19-21 March 2024, via teleconference.



Annex

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**59th Working Group meeting on Recycling Plastics
2018-2024**

16-18 January 2024

14:00-18:00 / 09:00-18:00 / 14:00-18:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 18 January 2024



Location: EFSA, Parma/Webconference

Attendees:

○ Working Group Members:

Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides

○ Hearing Experts¹:

Not Applicable

○ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not Applicable

○ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Daniele Comandella, Gianluca Colombo, Alexandros Lioupis, Remigio Marano, Sandra Rainieri, Elisa Savini, Vasiliki Sfika, Emmanouil Tsochatzis, and Katharina Volk.

FDP Unit: Costanza Casiraghi

○ Others:

Not Applicable

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 58th Working Group meeting held on 12-14 December 2023, via web-conference

The [minutes of the 58th Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 22 December 2023.

V. Feedback from the CEP Panel plenary meeting

Not applicable.

VI. Feedback from the European Commission

Not applicable.

VII. Update on applications, new mandates

The EFSA staff provided a brief update on recycling applications received, including a short introduction to recently validated applications.

VIII. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

- a. Recycling process EREMA Vacunite (EREMA VACUREMA BASIC + Polymetrix SSP VLEAN).** *Applicant: EREMA. (EFSA-Q-2023-00463)*

The technical dossier was discussed. It will be further discussed at a next WG meeting.

- b. Recycling process Starlinger_recoSTAR PET FG.** *Applicant: Starlinger & Co. GmbH . (EFSA-Q-2023-00461)*

The technical dossier was discussed. The WG considered that additional information is needed from the applicant in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application. Therefore, a request for additional information will be sent to the applicant.

- c. Recycling process Starlinger_ viscotec_deCON.** *Applicant: Starlinger & Co. GmbH . (EFSA-Q-2023-00462)*

The technical dossier was discussed. The WG considered that additional information is needed from the applicant in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application. Therefore, a request for additional information will be sent to the applicant.

- d. Development of a scientific guidance on the criteria for the evaluation and on the preparation of applications of post-consumer mechanical PET recycling processes intended to be used for manufacture of materials and articles in contact with food** *(EFSA-Q-2023-00351)*

The feedback received from the consultation with the Member States on the draft Guidance document was discussed.

IX. Any Other Business



Not applicable.

X. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 13-15 February 2024, via teleconference.



Annex I

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Annex II

Interests and actions resulting from the Oral Declaration of Interest done at the beginning of the meeting

With regard to this meeting, Dr Konrad Grob declared the following interest: He participated as invited speaker to the 4th International Congress on Mineral Oil Contaminants in Food, 05/06/2023-06/06/2023, Berlin, on the following topic: "What is needed to settle the mineral oil issue?". In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence⁴ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁵, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was not deemed to represent a Conflict of Interest for the expert concerned.

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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

58th Working Group meeting on Recycling Plastics
2018-2024

12-14 December 2023

14:00-18:00 / 09:00-18:00 / 14:00-18:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 22 December 2023



Location: EFSA, Parma/Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:

Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças

- Hearing Experts¹:

Not Applicable

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Bastiaan Schupp

- EFSA:

FIP Unit: Eric Barthélémy, Gianluca Colombo, Daniele Comandella, Valeriu-Gheorghe Curtui, Alexandros Lioupis, Remigio Marano, Sandra Rainieri, Elisa Savini, Emmanouil Tsochatzis and Katharina Volk.

FDP Unit:

Not Applicable

- Others:

Not Applicable

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 57th Working Group meeting held on 15-16 November 2023, via web-conference

The [minutes of the 57th Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 16 November 2023.

V. Feedback from the CEP Panel plenary meeting

The Working Group (WG) was updated on the amendments introduced in the draft PET Recycling Guidance document, during the last plenary meeting.

VI. Feedback from the European Commission

Not applicable.

VII. Update on applications, new mandates

EFSA staff provided a brief update on recycling applications received, including a short introduction to recently validated applications.

VIII. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

- a. Recycling process Fucine Film (Reifenhäuser technology).** *Applicant: Fucine Film SpA.* ([EFSA-Q- 2021-00715](#))

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the technical dossier was discussed. The WG considered that additional information is needed from the applicant in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application. Therefore, a request for additional information will be sent to the applicant.

- b. Recycling process Martogg Group (EREMA Advanced technology).** *Applicant: Martogg Group.* ([EFSA-Q-2022-00306](#))

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

- c. Recycling process Starlinger recoSTAR PET art.** *Applicant: Starlinger & Co GmbH.* ([EFSA-Q-2023-00457](#))

The technical dossier was discussed. The WG considered that additional information is needed from the applicant in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application. Therefore, a request for additional information will be sent to the applicant.

- d. Recycling process Starlinger recoSTAR PET FG.** *Applicant: Starlinger & Co. GmbH.* ([EFSA-Q-2023-00461](#))

The discussion was postponed to the next WG meeting due to time limitations.

- e. Recycling process Starlinger viscotec deCON.** *Applicant: Starlinger & Co. GmbH, Division viscotec.* ([EFSA-Q-2023-00462](#))

The discussion was postponed to the next WG meeting due to time limitations.



IX. Any Other Business

The WG and DG SANTE discussed mainly on the quality of input and output materials of PET mechanical recycling and the EFSA criteria for risk assessment, considering the draft EFSA Recycling Guidance and relevant provisions of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 2022/1616.

X. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 16-18 January 2024, via teleconference.



Annex

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Pursuant to Article 21(6) of the above-mentioned Decision, Dr Vincent Dudler's involvement is authorised as "member" in the scientific group for which the waiver is granted. Dr Dudler is not eligible as Chair, Vice-Chair and cannot be appointed as Rapporteur.

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**57th Working Group meeting on Recycling Plastics
2018-2024**

15-16 November 2023

14:00-18:00 / 14:00-18:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 16 November 2023



Location: EFSA, Parma/Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Daniele Comandella, Gianluca Colombo, Alexandros Lioupis, Remigio Marano, Sandra Rainieri, Elisa Savini, Vasiliki Sfika, Emmanouil Tsochatzis, and Katharina Volk.
- FDP Unit: Not Applicable
- Others: Not Applicable

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.
Apologies were received from Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 56th Working Group meeting held on 07-09 November 2023, via web-conference

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² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

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The [minutes of the 56th Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 24 November 2023, by written procedure.

V. Feedback from the CEP Panel plenary meeting

Not applicable.

VI. Feedback from the European Commission

Not applicable.

VII. Update on applications, new mandates

Not applicable.

VIII. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Development of a scientific guidance on the criteria for the evaluation and on the preparation of applications of post-consumer mechanical PET recycling processes intended to be used for manufacture of materials and articles in contact with food (EFSA-Q-2023-00351)

The WG discussed the guidance sections related to the sorption of chemicals into PET, the presence of PET from non-food contact applications and the contamination of the final articles produced from recycled PET. Furthermore, the WG discussed considerations on contamination levels of input of recycling processes and the derivation of a reference contamination level based on this input. In addition, the migration modeling approaches for the estimation of the migration of contaminants were discussed. The experts also presented their feedback on the references retrieved via the literature search on ageing.

b. Recycling process Starlinger iV+. Applicant: STARLINGER & Co. GmbH, (EFSA-Q-2023-00015)

The technical dossier was discussed. The WG considered that additional information is needed from the applicant in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application. Therefore, a request for additional information will be sent to the applicant.

c. Recycling process Starlinger PET direct iV+. Applicant: STARLINGER & Co. GmbH, (EFSA-Q-2023-00182)

The technical dossier was discussed. The WG considered that additional information is needed from the applicant in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application. Therefore, a request for additional information will be sent to the applicant.

IX. Any Other Business

Not applicable.

X. Next meeting

MEETING MINUTES – 15-16 November 2023
56th Working Group meeting on Recycling Plastics



The next meeting will be held on 12-14 December 2023, via teleconference.

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND
PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)**

**56th Working Group meeting on Recycling Plastics
2018-2024**

07-09 November 2023

14:00-18:00 / 09:00-18:00 / 14:00-18:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 24 November 2023



Location: EFSA, Parma/Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides
- Hearing Experts¹:
Laurence Castle (on 07 November 2023)
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Daniele Comandella, Gianluca Colombo, Alexandros Lioupis, Remigio Marano, Sandra Rainieri, Elisa Savini, Vasiliki Sfika, Emmanouil Tsochatzis, Katharina Volk.
- FDP Unit: Not Applicable
- Others: Not Applicable

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 55th Working Group meeting held on 10 and 12 October 2023, via web-conference

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³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



The [minutes of the 55th Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 24 October 2023, by written procedure.

V. Feedback from the CEP Panel plenary meeting

The Working Group was informed that 4 recycling opinions were adopted at the last CEP Panel plenary meeting.

VI. Feedback from the European Commission

Not applicable.

VII. Update on applications, new mandates

The EFSA staff provided a brief update on received and recently validated recycling applications.

VIII. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Development of a scientific guidance on the criteria for the evaluation and on the preparation of applications of post-consumer mechanical PET recycling processes intended to be used for manufacture of materials and articles in contact with food (EFSA-Q-2023-00351)

Feedback concerning the discussions on selected sections of the draft guidance held at the last CEP Panel meeting was provided to the WG. In addition, the input received by the European Commission regarding specific questions identified by the WG during the development of the draft guidance was presented.

The WG discussed the guidance sections related to the challenge test/contamination procedure as well as aspects related to sorption. Furthermore, the WG discussed the template for the operating parameters.

b. Recycling process Starlinger iV+. Applicant: STARLINGER & Co. GmbH, (EFSA-Q-2023-00015)

The technical dossier was discussed. It will be further discussed at a next WG meeting.

c. Recycling process Starlinger PET direct iV+. Applicant: STARLINGER & Co. GmbH, (EFSA-Q-2023-00182)

The technical dossier was discussed. It will be further discussed at a next WG meeting.

d. Recycling process Reciclar (EREMA Basic technology) Applicant: Reciclar S. A., (EFSA-Q-2023-00286)

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The WG considered that additional information is needed from the applicant in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application. Therefore, a request for additional information will be sent to the applicant.

e. Recycling process Novatex (EREMA Basic technology) Applicant: Novatex Limited, (EFSA-Q-2023-00267)



Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The WG considered that additional information is needed from the applicant in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application. Therefore, a request for additional information will be sent to the applicant.

f. Recycling process Shinkong (EREMA Basic technology) Applicant: Shinkong Synthetic Fibers Corp, (EFSA-Q-2023-00362)

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The WG considered that additional information is needed from the applicant in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application. Therefore, a request for additional information will be sent to the applicant.

g. Recycling process Martogg (EREMA Basic technology) Applicant: Martogg Group, (EFSA-Q-2023-00306)

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the technical dossier was discussed. The WG considered that additional information is needed from the applicant in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application. Therefore, a request for additional information will be sent to the applicant.

IX. Any Other Business

The WG discussed the concept of the "process developer", as introduced by the Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/1616.

X. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 15-16 November 2023, via teleconference.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

55th Working Group meeting on Recycling Plastics 2018-2024



10+12 October 2023

14:00-18:00 / 14:00-18:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 24 October 2023

Location: EFSA, Parma/Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:

Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças

- Hearing Experts¹:

Laurence Castle

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not Applicable

- EFSA:

FIP Unit: Daniele Comandella, Alexandros Lioupis, Remigio Marano, Sandra Rainieri, Elisa Savini, Vasiliki Sfika, Emmanouil Tsochatzis and Katharina Volk.

FDP Unit: Not Applicable

- Others: Not Applicable

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Maria Rosaria Milana for the first day of the meeting and from Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças for the second day of the meeting.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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.

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³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 54th Working Group meeting held on 03-05 October 2023, via web-conference

The [minutes of the 54th Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 05 October 2023.

V. Feedback from the CEP Panel plenary meeting

Not applicable.

VI. Feedback from the European Commission

Not applicable.

VII. Update on applications, new mandates

Not applicable.

VIII. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Update of the EFSA Guidelines on Recycling Plastics ([EFSA-Q-2023-00351](#))

The experts presented their feedback on the references retrieved via the literature search. The WG discussed the findings and agreed on aspects to be covered in the draft guidance.

The WG discussed and agreed on the data requirements for the technical dossier, pending some clarifications to be requested to the Commission. The related section of the draft guidance will be presented for discussion at the next CEP Panel meeting.

IX. Any Other Business

Not applicable.

X. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 07-09 November 2023, via teleconference.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMED PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

54th Working Group meeting on Recycling Plastics 2018-2024

03-05 October 2023

14:00-18:00 / 09:00-18:00 / 14:00-18:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 05 October 2023



Location: EFSA, Parma/Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:

Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças

- Hearing Experts¹:

Not Applicable

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not Applicable

- EFSA:

FIP Unit: Daniele Comandella, Alexandros Lioupis, Remigio Marano, Sandra Rainieri, Elisa Savini, Vasiliki Sfika, Emmanouil Tsochatzis and Katharina Volk.

FDP Unit: Not Applicable

- Others: Not Applicable

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies: Not Applicable

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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.

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IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 53rd Working Group meeting held on 05-07 September 2023, via web-conference

The [minutes of the 53rd Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 07 September 2023.

V. Feedback from the CEP Panel plenary meeting

The Working Group was informed that 9 recycling opinions were adopted at the last CEP Panel plenary meeting.

VI. Feedback from the European Commission

Not applicable.

VII. Update on applications, new mandates

The EFSA staff provided a brief update on recycling applications received, including a short introduction to recently validated applications.

VIII. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

- a. Draft opinion on the recycling process Starlinger PET iV+. Applicant: STARLINGER & Co. GmbH. ([EFSA-Q-2023-00015](#)))**

The WG discussed the draft scientific opinion. It will be further discussed at a next WG meeting.

- b. Draft opinion on the recycling process Starlinger PET direct iV+. Applicant: STARLINGER & Co. GmbH. ([EFSA-Q-2023-00182](#))**

The WG discussed the draft scientific opinion. It will be further discussed at a next WG meeting.

- c. Update of the EFSA Guidelines on Recycling Plastics ([EFSA-Q-2023-00351](#))**

The WG discussed and revised certain sections of the draft Guidance. The WG progress on the literature review was also discussed. The schedule for the next meeting was defined and tasks were distributed.

IX. Any Other Business

Not applicable.

X. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 10 and 12 of October 2023, via teleconference.

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND
PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)**

**53rd Working Group meeting on Recycling Plastics
2018-2024**

05-07 September 2023
14:00-18:00 / 09:00-18:00 / 09:00-18:00
MINUTES - Agreed on 07 September 2023



Location: EFSA, Parma/Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Daniele Comandella, Alexandros Lioupis, Remigio Marano, Sandra Rainieri, Elisa Savini, Vasiliki Sfika, Emmanouil Tsochatzis, Marta Lopez Villegas and Katharina Volk.

FDP Unit: Costanza Casiraghi
- Others:
Not Applicable

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 52nd Working Group meeting held on 11-12 July 2023, via web-conference

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The [minutes of the 52nd Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 25 July 2023, by written procedure.

V. Feedback from the CEP Panel plenary meeting

The Working Group was informed that 14 recycling opinions were adopted at the last CEP Panel plenary meeting.

VI. Feedback from the European Commission

Not applicable.

VII. Update on applications, new mandates

The EFSA staff provided a brief update on recycling applications received, including a short introduction to recently validated applications.

VIII. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

- a. **Draft opinion on the recycling process INCOM RESOURCES RECOVERY_TIANJIN (Buhler technology).** Applicant: INCOM RESOURCES RECOVERY(TIANJIN)CO.,LTD. ([EFSA-Q-2022-00028](#))

The draft opinion was discussed. The draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

- b. **Draft opinion on the recycling process Reciclar (EREMA Basic technology).** Applicant: Reciclar S.A. ([EFSA-Q-2022-00286](#))

The draft opinion was discussed. The WG considered that additional information is needed from the applicant in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application. Therefore, a request for additional information will be sent to the applicant.

- c. **Draft opinion on the recycling process Novatex (EREMA Basic technology).** Applicant: Novatex Limited ([EFSA-Q-2022-00267](#))

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The WG considered that additional information is needed from the applicant in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application. Therefore, a request for additional information will be sent to the applicant.

- d. **Draft opinion on the recycling process Shinkong (EREMA Basic technology).** Applicant: Shinkong Synthetic Fibers Corp ([EFSA-Q-2022-00362](#))

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The WG considered that additional information is needed from the applicant in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application. Therefore, a request for additional information will be sent to the applicant.

- e. **Draft opinion on the recycling process Lietpak (EREMA MPR technology).** Applicant: LIETPAK UAB ([EFSA-Q-2022-00535](#))



Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

- f. Draft opinion on the recycling process Rekis (VACUNITE technology).** *Applicant: Rekis d.o.o.* ([EFSA-Q-2022-00548](#))

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

- g. Draft opinion on the recycling process Enplater (KREYENBORG IR Clean+ technology).** *Applicant: Envases Plasticos del Ter (Enplater), S.A.* ([EFSA-Q-2022-00744](#))

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

- h. Draft opinion on the recycling process CeltiPak (KREYENBORG IR Clean+ technology).** *Applicant: CeltiPak SAS.* ([EFSA-Q-2022-00523](#))

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

- i. Draft opinion on the recycling process GTX Hanex (KREYENBORG IR Clean+ technology).** *Applicant: GTX Hanex Plastic Sp. z o.o.* ([EFSA-Q-2022-00751](#))

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

- j. Draft opinion on the recycling process Reliance Industries (ProTec technology).** *Applicant: Reliance Industries Limited.* ([EFSA-Q-2022-00616](#))

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

- k. Update on the new applications under Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/1616**

The WG discussed specific provisions of the new Regulation on PET mechanical recycling processes.

- l. Update of the EFSA Guidelines on Recycling Plastics** ([EFSA-Q-2023-00351](#))

The WG discussed the on-going literature review and certain aspects of the risk assessment criteria for PET mechanical recycling. Tasks for the next meeting were distributed.

IX. Any Other Business

Not applicable.

X. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 03-05 October 2023, via teleconference.

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND
PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)**

**52nd Working Group meeting on Recycling Plastics
2018-2024**



11-12 July 2023

14:00-18:00 / 09:00-18:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 25 July 2023

Location: EFSA, Parma/Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Vincent Dudler, Koni Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças
- Hearing Experts¹:
Laurence Castle
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not applicable
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Daniele Comandella, Sandra Rainieri, Elisa Savini, Vasiliki Sfika, Emmanouil Tsochatzis, Marta Lopez Villegas and Katharina Volk.
- Others:
Not Applicable

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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.

IV. Update of the EFSA Guidelines on Recycling Plastics

a. Update of the EFSA Guidelines on Recycling Plastics ([EFSA-Q-2023-00351](#))

The WG was informed about the progress of the literature review: for the literature related to contamination levels, the full-text screening has been finalised and a high-level summary of the topics covered in the papers identified as relevant was provided. For other topics of interest, the

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title and abstract screening is still ongoing, and an update will be given to the WG at a forthcoming meeting.

The WG discussed the data requirements for the pre-processing and post-processing, including characterisation of input and output as well as intended uses. The sections on 'Compliance with relevant provisions on food contact materials' and 'Process analysis and evaluation' were examined. Furthermore, the WG reviewed the data requirements for the recycling process and the challenge test. The schedule for the next meeting was defined and tasks were distributed.

V. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 5-7 September 2023, via teleconference.

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND
PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)**

**51st Working Group meeting on Recycling Plastics
2018-2024**



12-15 June 2023

14:00-18:00 / 14:00-18:00 / 09:00-18:00 / 14:00-18:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 15 June 2023

Location: EFSA, Parma/Webconference

Attendees:

○ Working Group Members:

Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças

○ Hearing Experts¹:

Not Applicable

○ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Bastiaan Schupp

○ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Daniele Comandella, Alexandros Lioupis, Remigio Marano, Sandra Rainieri, Elisa Savini, Vasiliki Sfika, Emmanouil Tsochatzis, Marta Lopez Villegas and Katharina Volk.

○ Others:

Not Applicable

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 50th Working Group meeting held on 24-25 May 2023 , via web-conference

The [minutes of the 50th Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 14 June 2023.

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V. Feedback from the CEP Panel plenary meeting

The Working Group was informed that 3 recycling opinions were adopted at the last CEP Panel plenary meeting.

VI. Feedback from the European Commission

Not applicable.

VII. Update on applications, new mandates

The EFSA staff provided a brief update on recycling applications received, including a short introduction to recently validated applications.

VIII. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

- a. Draft opinion on the recycling process Acepolymer (VACUREMA Prime technology).**
Applicant: Acepolymer Co., Ltd. ([EFSA-Q-2022-00528](#))

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

- b. Draft opinion on the recycling process Shangrao Bisource Technology (VACUREMA Prime technology).** *Applicant: Shangrao Bisource Technology Co., Ltd. ([EFSA-Q-2022-00612](#))*

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

- c. Draft opinion on the recycling process Ambiental de Plasticos Recyclapet (VACUREMA Prime technology).** *Applicant: Ambiental de Plasticos Recyclapet SAS ([EFSA-Q-2022-00406](#))*

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

- d. Draft opinion on the recycling process Polyrecycling (VACUREMA Prime technology).**
Applicant: Poly Recycling AG ([EFSA-Q-2022-00629](#))

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

- e. Draft opinion on the recycling process Concept Plastics Packaging (Gneuss2 technology).** *Applicant: Concept Plastics Packaging (CPP). ([EFSA-Q-2021-00401](#))*

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

- f. Draft opinion on the recycling process Loreco Plast Recyclage (VACUNITE technology).** *Applicant: Loreco Plast Recyclage S.A.S. ([EFSA-Q-2022-00090](#))*



Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

- g. Draft opinion on the recycling process CPE (VACUNITE technology).** *Applicant: CPE Contek-Pfeiffer Entsorgungsgesellschaft mbH. ([EFSA-Q-2022-00133](#))*

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

- h. Draft opinion on the recycling process Intco Malaysia (VACUNITE technology).** *Applicant: Intco Malaysia Sdn. Bhd.. ([EFSA-Q-2022-00197](#))*

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

- i. Draft opinion on the recycling process INCOM RESOURCES RECOVERY_TIANJIN (Buhler technology).** *Applicant: INCOM RESOURCES RECOVERY(TIANJIN)CO.,LTD. ([EFSA-Q-2022-00028](#))*

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The draft opinion will be presented at a next WG on Recycling Plastics meeting for further discussion.

- j. Draft opinion on the recycling process Enplater (KREYENBORG IR Clean+ technology).** *Applicant: Envases Plasticos del Ter (Enplater), S.A. ([EFSA-Q-2022-00744](#))*

The WG discussed the draft scientific opinion. The WG considered that additional information is needed from the applicant in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application. Therefore, a request for additional information will be sent to the applicant.

- k. Draft opinion on the recycling process GTX Hanex (KREYENBORG IR Clean+ technology).** *Applicant: GTX Hanex Plastic Sp. z o.o. ([EFSA-Q-2022-00751](#))*

The WG discussed the draft scientific opinion. The WG considered that additional information is needed from the applicant in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application. Therefore, a request for additional information will be sent to the applicant.

- l. Draft opinion on the recycling process CeltiPak (KREYENBORG IR Clean+ technology).** *Applicant: CeltiPak SAS. ([EFSA-Q-2022-00523](#))*

The WG discussed the draft scientific opinion. The WG considered that additional information is needed from the applicant in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application. Therefore, a request for additional information will be sent to the applicant.

- m. Draft opinion on the recycling process Silver Plastic (Reifenhäuser technology).** *Applicant: Silver Plastics GmbH & Co KG. ([EFSA-Q-2021-00744](#))*

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The WG considered that additional information is needed from the applicant in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application. Therefore, a request for additional information will be sent to the applicant.

- n. Draft opinion on the recycling process Reciclar (EREMA Basic technology).** *Applicant: Reciclar SA. ([EFSA-Q-2022-00286](#))*



Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The draft opinion will be presented at a next WG on Recycling Plastics meeting for further discussion.

o. Update of the EFSA Guidance on Recycling Plastics

The WG discussed the draft guidance and revised parts of the sections related to the assumptions used and the application of the key parameters for risk evaluation as well as the collection and pre-processing. Tasks were distributed.

IX. Any Other Business

Not applicable.

X. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 11-12 July 2023, via teleconference.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

50th Working Group meeting on Recycling Plastics
2018-2024



24-25 May 2023

09:00-18:00 / 14:00-18:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 14 June 2023

Location: EFSA, Parma/Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:

Vincent Dudler, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças

- Hearing Experts¹:

Laurence Castle

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Bastiaan Schupp

- EFSA:

FIP Unit: Daniele Comandella, Alexandros Lioupis, Remigio Marano, Sandra Rainieri, Elisa Savini, Vasiliki Sfika, Emmanouil Tsochatzis, Marta Lopez Villegas and Katharina Volk.

FDP: Costanza Casiraghi and Laura Paltrinieri.

- Others:

Not Applicable

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Konrad Grob and Constantine Papaspyrides. Konrad Grob did not participate in the meeting. Constantine Papaspyrides did not participate in the morning of the first day of the meeting. Laurence Castle participated only on the first day.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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.

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² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



IV. Update of the EFSA Guidelines on Recycling Plastics

a. Update of the EFSA Guidelines on Recycling Plastics ([EFSA-Q-2023-00351](#))

The WG was informed that the preparation of the literature review was still ongoing. The WG discussed the draft guidance and revised the sections related to 'Quality control procedures', 'Determination of the decontamination efficiency of the recycling process', 'General principles of the safety assessment of recycled plastics', 'Principles of the evaluation scheme', 'Reference contamination level of the input' as well as several subsections of 'Criterion of migration of potential contaminants'. The schedule for the next meeting was defined and tasks were distributed.

V. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 12-15 June 2023, via teleconference.

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND
PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)**

**49th Working Group meeting on Recycling Plastics
2018-2024**

10-12 May 2023

14:00-18:00 / 09:00-18:00 / 14:00-18:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 12 May 2023



Location: EFSA, Parma/Webconference

Attendees:

○ Working Group Members:

Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças

○ Hearing Experts¹:

Not Applicable

○ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not Applicable

○ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Daniele Comandella, Alexandros Lioupis, Remigio Marano, Sandra Rainieri, Elisa Savini, Vasiliki Sfika, Emmanouil Tsochatzis, Marta Lopez Villegas and Katharina Volk.

FDP: Costanza Casiraghi and Laura Paltrinieri.

○ Others:

Not Applicable

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Maria Rosaria Milana and Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças. Maria Rosaria Milana did not participate in agenda points 5 to 7 [minutes topics VIII (a) to (c)]. Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças did not participate in agenda points 8 and 9 [minutes topics VIII (d) and (e)].

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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.

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³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 48th Working Group meeting held on 26-27 April 2023 , via web-conference

The [minutes of the 48th Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 27 April 2023.

V. Feedback from the CEP Panel plenary meeting

Not applicable.

VI. Feedback from the European Commission

Not applicable.

VII. Update on applications, new mandates

The EFSA staff provided a brief update on recycling applications received, including a short introduction to recently validated applications.

VIII. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

- a. **Draft opinion on the recycling process Zhejiang Huafei Recycling Resources (VACUNITE technology).** Applicant: Veolia Huafei Polymer Technology (Zhejiang) Co., Ltd. ([EFSA-Q-2022-00163](#))

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

- b. **Draft opinion on the recycling process Guanxi Wuzhou Guolong Recyclable (VACUNITE technology).** Applicant: Guangxi Wuzhou Guolong Recyclable. ([EFSA-Q-2022-00227](#))

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

- c. **Draft opinion on the recycling process Envicco (EREMA Basic + Bühler/Polymetrix SSP Lean technology).** Applicant: Envicco Limited ([EFSA-Q-2022-00188](#))

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

- d. **Draft opinion on the recycling process Battenfeld-Cincinnati (Battenfeld technology).** Applicant: Battenfeld-Cincinnati Germany GmbH. ([EFSA-Q-2022-00014](#))

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

- e. **Update of the EFSA Guidelines on Recycling Plastics**
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The WG discussed the draft guidance and revised parts of the section related to the decontamination process. In addition, the progress on the literature review related to information of potential relevance for the new guidance was presented.

IX. Any Other Business

Not applicable.

X. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 24-25 May 2023, via teleconference.

**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND
PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)**

**48th Working Group meeting on Recycling Plastics
2018-2024**

26-27 April 2023
09:00-18:00 / 14:00-18:00
MINUTES - Agreed on 27 April 2023



Location: EFSA, Parma/Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Daniele Comandella, Alexandros Lioupis, Remigio Marano, Sandra Rainieri, Elisa Savini, Vasiliki Sfika, Emmanouil Tsochatzis, Marta Lopez Villegas and Katharina Volk.
- Others:
Not Applicable

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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.

IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 47th Working Group meeting held on 03 April 2023 , via web-conference

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The [minutes of the 47th Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 24 April 2023, by written procedure.

V. Feedback from the CEP Panel plenary meeting

Not applicable.

VI. Feedback from the European Commission

Not applicable.

VII. Update on applications, new mandates

The EFSA staff provided a brief update on recycling applications received, including a short introduction to recently validated applications.

VIII. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

- a. **Draft opinion on the recycling process Cirrec (EREMA Basic technology).** *Applicant: Cirrec Netherlands BV.* ([EFSA-Q-2021-00575](#))

The draft opinion was discussed. It will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

- b. **Draft opinion on the recycling process Loreco Plast Recyclage (VACUNITE technology).** *Applicant: Loreco Plast Recyclage S.A.S.* ([EFSA-Q-2022-00090](#))

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The WG considered that additional information is needed from the applicant in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application. Therefore, a request for additional information will be sent to the applicant.

- c. **Draft opinion on the recycling process CPE (VACUNITE technology).** *Applicant: CPE Contek-Pfeiffer Entsorgungsgesellschaft mbH* ([EFSA-Q-2022-00133](#))

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The WG considered that additional information is needed from the applicant in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application. Therefore, a request for additional information will be sent to the applicant.

- d. **Draft opinion on the recycling process Intco Malaysia (VACUNITE technology).** *Applicant: Intco Malaysia Sdn. Bhd.* ([EFSA-Q-2022-00197](#))

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The WG considered that additional information is needed from the applicant in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application. Therefore, a request for additional information will be sent to the applicant.

- e. **Draft opinion on the recycling process Rekis (VACUNITE technology).** *Applicant: Rekis d.o.o.* ([EFSA-Q-2022-00548](#))

The draft opinion was discussed. The WG considered that additional information is needed from the applicant in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application. Therefore, a request for additional information will be sent to the applicant.

- f. **Draft opinion on the recycling process Reliance Industries (OHL technology).** *Applicant: Reliance Industries Limited* ([EFSA-Q-2022-00616](#))



The draft opinion was discussed. The WG considered that additional information is needed from the applicant in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application. Therefore, a request for additional information will be sent to the applicant.

g. Draft opinion on the recycling process Concept Plastics Packaging (Gneuss2 technology). *Applicant: Concept Plastics Packaging (CPP)* ([EFSA-Q-2021-00401](#))

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The WG considered that additional information is needed from the applicant in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application. Therefore, a request for additional information will be sent to the applicant.

h. Draft opinion on the recycling process Arcoplastica (BanderaPURE15 technology).

Applicant: Arcoplastica S.R.L ([EFSA-Q-2022-00471](#))

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

IX. Any Other Business

Not applicable.

X. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 10-12 May 2023, via teleconference.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

47th Working Group meeting on Recycling Plastics
2018-2024

03 April 2023

14:00-18:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 24 April 2023



Location: EFSA, Parma / Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças
- Hearing Experts¹:
Laurence Castle
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Apostolos Kapsalis (European Commission - DG SANTE)
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Daniele Comandella, Alexandros Lioupis, Remigio Marano, Sandra Rainieri, Elisa Savini, Vasiliki Sfika, Emmanouil Tsochatzis and Katharina Volk.
FDP Unit: Laura Paltrinieri
MESE Unit: Irene Munoz Guajardo, Spela Supej
- Others:
Not Applicable

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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.

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³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 46th Working Group meeting held on 21-23 March 2023, via web-conference

The minutes of the 46th Working Group meeting were agreed on 23 March 2023.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Update of the EFSA Guidelines on Recycling Plastics

The workplan for updating the EFSA Guidelines on Recycling Plastics was presented. Timelines and allocation to reviewers were agreed. The WG discussed the draft guidance and revised the sections related to 'Background and Terms of Reference' as well as 'Scope of the Guidance'. Furthermore, an approach for a literature review related to information of potential relevance for the new guidance was presented. The WG discussed eligibility criteria, bibliographic databases as well as search terms and structure for the topics of interest.

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 26-27 April 2023, via teleconference.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

46th Working Group meeting on Recycling Plastics
2018-2024



21-23 March 2023

14:00-18:00 / 09:00-18:00 / 14:00-18:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 23 March 2023

Location: EFSA, Parma / Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:

Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças

- Hearing Experts¹:

Not Applicable

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Apostolos Kapsalis

- EFSA:

FIP Unit: Daniele Comandella, Alexandros Lioupis, Remigio Marano, Sandra Rainieri, Elisa Savini, Vasiliki Sfika, Emmanouil Tsochatzis, Marta Lopez Villegas and Katharina Volk.

FDP Unit: Costanza Casiraghi

- Others:

Not Applicable

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças. Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças did not participate in agenda points 5 to 9 [minutes topics VIII (a) to (e)].

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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.

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IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 45th Working Group meeting held on 14-16 February 2023 , in Bern, Switzerland, and via web-conference

The [minutes of the 45th Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 27 February 2023, by written procedure.

V. Feedback from the CEP Panel plenary meeting

The Working Group was informed that 12 recycling opinions were adopted at the last CEP Panel plenary meeting.

VI. Feedback from the European Commission

Not applicable.

VII. Update on applications, new mandates

The EFSA staff provided a brief update on recycling applications received, including a short introduction to recently validated applications.

VIII. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Draft opinion on the recycling process Ambiental de Plásticos Recyclapet (Vacurema Prime technology). *Applicant: Ambiental de Plásticos Recyclapet SAS. ([EFSA-Q-2022-00406](#))*

The WG discussed the draft scientific opinion. The WG considered that additional information is needed from the applicant in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application. Therefore, a request for additional information will be sent to the applicant.

b. Draft opinion on the recycling process Polyrecycling (Vacurema Prime technology). *Applicant: Poly Recycling AG ([EFSA-Q-2022-00629](#))*

The WG discussed the draft scientific opinion. The WG considered that additional information is needed from the applicant in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application. Therefore, a request for additional information will be sent to the applicant.

c. Draft opinion on the recycling process Acepolymer (Vacurema Prime technology). *Applicant: Acepolymer Co., Ltd. ([EFSA-Q-2021-00528](#))*

The WG discussed the draft scientific opinion. The WG considered that additional information is needed from the applicant in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application. Therefore, a request for additional information will be sent to the applicant.

d. Draft opinion on the recycling process Shangrao Bisource Technology (Vacurema Prime technology). *Applicant: Shangrao Bisource Technology Co., Ltd. ([EFSA-Q-2021-00612](#))*

The WG discussed the draft scientific opinion. The WG considered that additional information is needed from the applicant in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application. Therefore, a request for additional information will be sent to the applicant.

e. Draft opinion on the recycling process Umincorp Polymers (NGR technology). *Applicant: Umincorp Polymers BV ([EFSA-Q-2022-00473](#))*



Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

- f. Draft opinion on the recycling process Plastrec (Polymetrix technology).** *Applicant: Plastrec Inc.* ([EFSA-Q-2022-00162](#))

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

- g. Draft opinion on the recycling process PT Veolia Indonesia (Polymetrix technology).** *Applicant: Veolia Indonesia* ([EFSA-Q-2022-00511](#))

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

- h. Draft opinion on the recycling process ISKO (Gneuss4 technology).** *Applicant: SANKO TEKSTİL İŞLETMELERİ SANAYİ VE TİCARET A.Ş ISKO ŞB (ISKÖ)* ([EFSA-Q-2022-00187](#))

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

- i. Draft opinion on the recycling process RE–PET Kunststoffrecycling (Gneuss4 technology).** *Applicant: RE – PET Kunststoffrecycling GmbH* ([EFSA-Q-2022-00181](#))

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

- j. Draft opinion on the recycling process Lietpak (EREMA MPR technology).** *Applicant: LIETPAK UAB* ([EFSA-Q-2022-00535](#))

The WG discussed the draft scientific opinion. The WG considered that additional information is needed from the applicant in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application. Therefore, a request for additional information will be sent to the applicant.

IX. Any Other Business

The WG discussed the requirements of Regulation (EU) No.2022/1616 on novel technologies.

X. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 03 April 2023, via teleconference.



**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND
PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)**

**45th Working Group meeting on Recycling Plastics
2018-2024**



14-16 February 2023

15:00-18:00 / 09:00-18:00 / 09:00-13:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 27 February 2023 by written procedure

Location: Bern, Switzerland/EFSA - Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
EC: Bastiaan Schupp
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Daniele Comandella, Alexandros Lioupis, Remigio Marano, Sandra Rainieri, Elisa Savini, Vasiliki Sfika, Emmanouil Tsochatzis, Marta Lopez Villegas and Katharina Volk.
FDP Unit: Costanza Casiraghi
- Others:
Not Applicable

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Bastian Schupp did not participate in the agenda point 5 (minutes point VIII.a).

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 44th Working Group meeting held on 10-13 January 2023 , via web-conference

The [minutes of the 44th Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 13 January 2023.

V. Feedback from the CEP Panel plenary meeting

The working group was informed that five recycling opinions were adopted at the last CEP Panel plenary meeting.

VI. Feedback from the European Commission

DG SANTE provided an update on Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/1616 with regard to issues relevant to risk assessment.

VII. Update on applications, new mandates

The EFSA staff provided a brief update on recycling applications received, including a short introduction to recently validated applications. The WG was informed about the withdrawal of the application EFSA-Q-2021-00554.

VIII. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

- a. Draft opinion on the recycling process Reciclar (EREMA Basic technology).**
Applicant: Reciclar S.A. ([EFSA-Q-2022-00286](#))

The WG discussed the draft scientific opinion. The WG considered that additional information is needed from the applicant in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application. Therefore, a request for additional information will be sent to the applicant.

- b. Draft opinion on the recycling process Steinbeis Polyvert (VACUNITE technology) *Applicant: Steinbeis PolyVert GmbH ([EFSA-Q-2022-00074](#))***

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

- c. Draft opinion on the recycling process Cirrec (EREMA Basic technology)**
Applicant: Faerch A/S. ([EFSA-Q-2021-00575](#))

The WG discussed the draft scientific opinion. A clarification teleconference with the applicant will be held, after which the draft opinion will be presented at a next WG on Recycling Plastics meeting for further discussion.

- d. Draft opinion on the recycling process Roboplast (BanderaPURE15 technology).**
Applicant: Roboplast S.r.l. ([EFSA-Q-2021-00409](#))

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

- e. Draft opinion on the recycling process Aristea (BanderaPURE15 technology).**
Applicant: Aristea S.p.A ([EFSA-Q-2021-00418](#))
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Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

f. Draft opinion on the recycling process Silver Plastics (Reifenhäuser technology). Applicant: Silver Plastics GmbH & Co KG ([EFSA-Q-2021-00744](#))

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The WG considered that additional information is needed from the applicant in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application. Therefore, a request for additional information will be sent to the applicant.

g. Draft opinion on the recycling process Ambiental de Plásticos Recyclapet (Vacurema Prime technology). Applicant: Ambiental de Plásticos Recyclapet SAS ([EFSA-Q-2022-00406](#))

The discussion was postponed to the next WG meeting due to time limitations.

h. Draft opinion on the recycling process Polyrecycling (Vacurema Prime technology). Applicant: Poly Recycling AG ([EFSA-Q-2022-00629](#))

The discussion was postponed to the next WG meeting due to time limitations.

IX. Any Other Business

A possible update of the EFSA Guidelines on submission of a dossier for safety evaluation of a recycling process was discussed in view of the new Recycling Regulation 2022/1616.

X. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 21-23 March 2023, via teleconference.



**SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON
FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND
PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)**

**44th Working Group meeting on Recycling Plastics
2018-2024**

10-12 January 2023



Location: EFSA - Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
EC: Not Applicable
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Daniele Comandella, Alexandros Lioupis, Remigio Marano, Sandra Rainieri, Elisa Savini, Vasiliki Sfika, Emmanouil Tsochatzis, Marta Lopez Villegas and Katharina Volk.
- Others:
Not Applicable

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Konrad Grob did not participate in agenda points 5.5 and 6.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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.

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² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



IV. Agreement of the minutes of the 43rd Working Group meeting held on 12-14 December 2022 , via web-conference

The [minutes of the 43rd Working Group meeting](#) were agreed on 14 December 2022.

V. Feedback from the CEP Panel plenary meeting

The working group was informed that two recycling opinions were adopted at the last CEP Panel plenary meeting.

VI. Feedback from the European Commission

Not applicable.

VII. Update on applications, new mandates

The EFSA staff provided a brief update on recycling applications received, including a short introduction to recently validated applications. The WG was informed about the withdrawal of the application EFSA-Q-2021-00158.

VIII. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

- a. Draft opinion on the recycling process Veolia Huafei Polymer Technology (Zhejiang) (VACUNITE technology). Applicant: Zhejiang Huafei Recycling Resources Co. (VACUNITE) ([EFSA-Q-2022-00163](#))**

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft scientific opinion was discussed. The WG considered that additional information is needed from the applicant in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application. Therefore, a request for additional information will be sent to the applicant.

- b. Draft opinion on the recycling process Guanxi Wuzhou Guolong Recyclable (VACUNITE technology) Applicant: Guanxi Wuzhou Guolong Recyclable Resources Development Co., Ltd. ([EFSA-Q-2022-00227](#))**

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft scientific opinion was discussed. The WG considered that additional information is needed from the applicant in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application. Therefore, a request for additional information will be sent to the applicant.

- c. Draft opinion on the recycling process Cirrec (EREMA Basic technology). Applicant: Faerch A/S ([EFSA-Q-2021-00575](#))**

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft scientific opinion was discussed. After amendments, the draft opinion will be presented at the next WG on Recycling Plastics meeting for further discussion.

- d. Draft opinion on the recycling process Envicco(EREMA Basic + Polymetrix SSP LeaN). Applicant: Envicco Limited ([EFSA-Q-2022-00188](#))**

The WG discussed the draft scientific opinion. The WG considered that additional information is needed from the applicant in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application. Therefore, a request for additional information will be sent to the applicant.



e. Draft opinion on the recycling process Battenfeld-Cincinnati Germany (BCG).
Applicant: Battenfeld-Cincinnati Germany GmbH ([EFSA-Q-2022-00014](#))

The WG discussed the draft scientific opinion. The WG considered that additional information is needed from the applicant in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application. Therefore, a request for additional information will be sent to the applicant.

IX. Any Other Business

The WG discussed the impact of different software packages on the estimation of Cmod.

X. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 14-16 February 2023 in Bern, Switzerland.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 43rd MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2024

**Held on 12-14 December 2022,
by teleconference**

(Agreed on 14 December 2022)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças

■ Hearing Experts¹:

Not Applicable

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not Applicable

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Daniele Comandella, Alexandros Lioupis, Remigio Marano, Sandra Rainieri, Elisa Savini, Vasiliki Sfika, Emmanouil Tsochatzis, and Marta Lopez Villegas.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 42nd WG meeting (08-10 November 2022, teleconference)

The minutes of the 42nd Working Group meeting were agreed on 18 November 2022⁴.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Arcoplastica (BanderaPURE15), EFSA-Q-2022-00471

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.2. Concept Plastics Packaging (Gneuss2), EFSA-Q-2021-00401

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.3. Steinbeis PolyVert (VACUNITE), EFSA-Q-2022-00074

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.4. CPE (VACUNITE), EFSA-Q-2022-00133

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/recycling-plastics-min.pdf>



5.5. Loreco Plast Recyclage (VACUNITE), EFSA-Q-2022-00090

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.6. Intco Malaysia (VACUNITE), EFSA-Q-2022-00197

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.7. Plastipak Iberia (VACUNITE), EFSA-Q-2021-00479

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.8. Umincorp Polymers (NGR), EFSA-Q-2022-00473

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.9. Steinbeis Polyvert (Erema Basic), EFSA-Q-2021-00553

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

6. Feedback from EFSA, CEP Panel and the European Commission

EFSA provided feedback on the discussions of recycling applications that took place during the last CEP plenary meeting. The new recycling Regulation and the involvement of EFSA were also shortly discussed.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 New mandates (validated)

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were validated by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

7.2 New mandates (not yet valid)

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were received by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.



7.3 Terminated mandates

The Working Group was informed about mandates that were terminated in accordance with the provisions of the new recycling Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/1616.

8. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for 10-12 January 2023, via teleconference.



Food Ingredients and Packaging Unit

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 42nd MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2024

**Held on 08-10 November 2022,
by teleconference**

(Agreed on 18 November 2022)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças

■ Hearing Experts¹:

Not Applicable

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not Applicable

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Daniele Comandella, Alexandros Lioupis, Remigio Marano, Sandra Rainieri, Elisa Savini, Vasiliki Sfika, Emmanouil Tsochatzis, Marta Lopez Villegas and Katharina Volk.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 41st WG meeting (11-13 October 2022, teleconference)

The minutes of the 41st Working Group meeting were agreed on 13 October 2022⁴.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Plastrec (Polymetrix), EFSA-Q-2022-00162

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.2. PT Veolia Indonesia (Polymetrix), EFSA-Q-2022-00511

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.3. Steinbeis PolyVert (EREMA Advanced), EFSA-Q-2021-00554

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.4. INCOM RESOURCES RECOVERY TIANJIN (Buhler), EFSA-Q-2022-00028

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.5. RE-PETKunststoffrecycling (Gneuss⁴), EFSA-Q-2022-00181

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/recycling-plastics-min.pdf>



The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.6. ISKO (Gneuss4), EFSA-Q-2022-00187

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.7. Loreco Plast Recyclage (Vacurema PRIME), EFSA-Q-2022-00008

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.8. Creative Recycling World Company (Vacurema PRIME), EFSA-Q-2022-00030

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.9. Renovapet (VACUNITE), EFSA-Q-2021-00784

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.10. Zhenjiang Ceville Recycled Fiber (EREMA Basic), EFSA-Q-2021-00552

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.11. Plastipak Iberia (VACUNITE), EFSA-Q-2021-00479

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

6. Feedback from EFSA, CEP Panel and the European Commission

EFSA provided feedback on the discussions of recycling applications that took place during the last CEP plenary meeting. The new recycling Regulation and the involvement of EFSA were also shortly discussed.



7. Any Other Business

7.1 New mandates (validated)

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were validated by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

7.2 New mandates (not yet valid)

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were received by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

7.3 Rejected mandates

The Working Group was informed about mandates that were terminated or rejected in accordance with the provisions of the new recycling Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/1616.

8. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for 12-14 December 2022, via teleconference.



Food Ingredients and Packaging Unit

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 41TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2024

**Held on 11-13 October 2022,
by teleconference**

(Agreed on 13 October 2022)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Matilde Benedettini, Daniele Comandella, Alexandros Lioupis, Remigio Marano, Sandra Rainieri, Elisa Savini, Vasiliki Sfika, Emmanouil Tsochatzis, Marta Lopez Villegas and Katharina Volk.
FDP Unit: Costanza Casiraghi

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 40th WG meeting (19-21 September 2022, teleconference)

The minutes of the 40th Working Group meeting were agreed on 21 September 2022⁴.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Silver Plastics (Reifenhäuser) EFSA-Q-2021-00744

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.2. Fucine Film (Reifenhäuser), EFSA-Q-2021-00715

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.3. Poly Recycling (EREMA Basic), EFSA-Q-2021-00268

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.4. 4PET (EREMA Basic), EFSA-Q-2021-00575

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.5. Steinbeis PolyVert (EREMA Basic), EFSA-Q-2021-00553

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

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⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/recycling-plastics-min.pdf>



5.6. Zhejiang Huafei Recycling Resources (VACUNITE), EFSA-Q-2022-00163

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.7. Guanxi Wuzhou Guolong Recyclable (VACUNITE), EFSA-Q-2022-00227

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.8. Aristea (Bandera PRe15), EFSA-Q-2021-00418

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.9. Roboplast (Bandera PRe15), EFSA-Q-2021-00409

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.10. Loreco Plast Recyclage (Vacurema PRIME), EFSA-Q-2022-00008

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.11. Creative Recycling World Company (Vacurema PRIME), EFSA-Q-2022-00030

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.12. CCH CIRCULARPET (NGR), EFSA-Q-2021-00567



Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.13. Coca-Cola HBC Romania (NGR), EFSA-Q-2022-00029

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

6. Feedback from EFSA, CEP Panel and the European Commission

6.1 Feedback from EFSA and the EC

Not applicable.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 New mandates (validated)

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were validated by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

7.2 New mandates (not yet valid)

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were received by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

8. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for 8-10 November 2022, via teleconference.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 40TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2024

**Held on 19-21 September 2022,
by teleconference**

(Agreed on 21 September 2022)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Matilde Benedettini, Daniele Commandella, Alexandros Lioupis, Remigio Marano, Emmanouil Tsochatzis, Katharina Volk and Marta Lopez Villegas.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 39th WG meeting (11-13 July 2022, teleconference)

The minutes of the 39th Working Group meeting were agreed on 13 July 2022⁴.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Ester Industries (recoSTAR PET FG), EFSA-Q-2021-00396

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.2. Styrenics Circular Solutions (SCS) (NGR) , EFSA-Q-2021-00151

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The application will be treated in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2022/1616, replacing Regulation (EC) No 282/2008.

5.3. Styrenics Circular Solutions (SCS) (Gneuss3), EFSA-Q-2022-00039

The draft opinion was discussed. The application will be treated in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2022/1616, replacing Regulation (EC) No 282/2008.

5.4. Ineos Styrolution (Twin screw degassing extrusion), EFSA-Q-2022-00202

The draft opinion was discussed. The application will be treated in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2022/1616, replacing Regulation (EC) No 282/2008.

5.5. Poly Recycling (EREMA Basic), EFSA-Q-2021-00268

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.6. 4PET (EREMA Basic), EFSA-Q-2021-00575

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³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/recycling-plastics-min.pdf>



Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for further discussion in a future WG meeting.

5.7. Zhenjiang Ceville Recycled Fiber (EREMA Basic), EFSA-Q-2021-00552

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.8. Poly Recycling (EREMA Advanced), EFSA-Q-2021-00158

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.9. Silver Plastics (Reifenhäuser) EFSA-Q-2021-00744

The draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for further discussion in a future WG meeting.

5.10. Fucine Film (Reifenhäuser), EFSA-Q-2021-00715

The draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for further discussion in a future WG meeting.

5.11. Plastipak Iberia (VACUNITE), EFSA-Q-2021-00479

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.12. Renovapet (VACUNITE), EFSA-Q-2021-00784

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.13. Zhejiang Huafei Recycling Resources (VACUNITE), EFSA-Q-2022-00163

The draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for further discussion in a future WG meeting.

5.14. Guanxi Wuzhou Guolong Recyclable (VACUNITE), EFSA-Q-2022-00227



The draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for further discussion in a future WG meeting.

6. Feedback from EFSA, CEP Panel and the European Commission

6.1 Feedback from EFSA and the EC

Not applicable.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 New mandates (validated)

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were validated by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

7.2 New mandates (not yet valid)

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were received by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

8. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for 11-13 October 2022, via teleconference.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 39TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2024

Parma, 11-13 July 2022

(Agreed on 13 July 2022)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana,¹ Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças
- Hearing Experts²:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Matilde Benedettini, Daniele Commandella, Valeriu Curtui, Alexandros Lioupis, Remigio Marano, Sandra Rainieri, Stavroula Sampani, Emmanouil Tsochatzis and Katharina Volk.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

¹ Participated only in items 5.4-5.9, 6 and 7.1-7.2 on 12 and 13 July, by teleconference.

² As defined in Article 15 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work:
http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/expertselection.pdf



3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁴, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 38th WG meeting (8-9 June 2022, teleconference)

The minutes of the 38th Working Group meeting were agreed on 9 June 2022⁵.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. CCH CIRCULARPET (NGR), EFSA-Q-2021-00567

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.2. Coca-Cola HBC Romania (NGR), EFSA-Q-2022-00029

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.3. Poly Recycling (VACUNITE), EFSA-Q-2021-00301

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.4. Steinbeis PolyVert (VACUNITE), EFSA-Q-2022-00074

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.5. Loop Polymers, EFSA-Q2020-00458

The draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

⁴ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/recycling-plastics-min.pdf>



5.6. Creative Recycling World Company (Vacurema Prime), EFSA-Q-2022-00030

The draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for further discussion in a future WG meeting.

5.7. Loreco Plast Recyclage (Vacurema Prime), EFSA-Q-2022-00008

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.8. Poly Recycling (Erema Advanced), EFSA-Q-2021-00158

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.9. Poly Recycling (Erema Basic), EFSA-Q-2021-00268

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

6. Feedback from EFSA, CEP Panel and the European Commission

6.1 Feedback from EFSA and the EC

Not applicable.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 New mandates (validated)

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were validated by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

7.2 New mandates (not yet valid)

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were received by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

8. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for 19-21 September 2022, via teleconference.



Food Ingredients and Packaging Unit

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 38TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2024

**Held on 8-9 June 2022,
by teleconference**

(Agreed on 9 June 2022)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças¹

■ Hearing Experts²:

Not Applicable

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Bastiaan Schupp (DG SANTE)³

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Matilde Benedettini, Alexandros Lioupis, Remigio Marano, Sandra Rainieri, Stavroula Sampani, Emmanouil Tsochatzis and Katharina Volk.

FDP Unit: Costanza Casiraghi

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. This meeting was organised as a teleconference to avoid traveling to EFSA in line with the measures established to reduce the risk of coronavirus infection.

2. Adoption of agenda

¹ Participated only in items 5.5-5.9, 6.1 and 7.1-7.3 on 9 June, by teleconference.

² As defined in Article 15 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work:

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

³ Participated only in items 5.5-5.9 and 6.1 on 9 June, by teleconference.



The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence⁴ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁵, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 37th WG meeting (10-12 May 2022, teleconference)

The minutes of the 37th Working Group meeting were agreed on 12 May 2022⁶.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Ester Industries (recoSTAR PET FG), EFSA-Q-2021-00396

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.2. LOGIFRUIT HDPE and PP crates (closed loop), EFSA-Q-2021-00336

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.3. Craemer (Erema HDPE regrind pro plus refresher), EFSA-Q-2021-00411

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.4. Craemer (Leistritz extruder), EFSA-Q-2021-00416

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.5. Loop Polymers (closed loop), EFSA-Q2020-00458

⁴ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

⁵ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁶ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/recycling-plastics-min.pdf>



The draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for further discussion in a future WG meeting.

5.6. Paccor Polska (KREYENBORG IR Clean+ technology), EFSA-Q-2020-00534

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.7. Petainer Lidköping (KREYENBORG IR Clean+ technology), EFSA-Q-2020-00703

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.8. Amhil Europa (KREYENBORG IR Clean+ technology), EFSA-Q-2020-00844

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.9. AR Packaging Flexibles (KREYENBORG IR Clean+ technology), EFSA-Q-2021-00057

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

6. Feedback from EFSA, CEP Panel and the European Commission

6.1 Feedback from EFSA and the EC

DG SANTE and the EFSA Recycling Working Group discussed the regulatory developments on Plastic Recycling.

7. Any Other Business

7.1-7.2 New mandates

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were validated/rejected by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

7.3 New mandates (not yet valid)

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were received by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.



8. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for 11-13 July 2022.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 37TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2024

**Held on 10-12 May 2022,
by teleconference**

(Agreed on 12 May 2022)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças
- Hearing Experts¹:
Frank Welle (for item 6.2), Ansgar Thees-Ovelgönne (for item 6.2)
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Eric Barthélémy, Matilde Benedettini, Daniele Comandella, Alexandros Lioupis, Remigio Marano, Sandra Rainieri, Stavroula Sampani, Emmanouil Tsochatzis and Katharina Volk.
FDP Unit: Costanza Casiraghi, Irene Baratto

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. This meeting was organised as a teleconference to avoid traveling to EFSA in line with the measures established to reduce the risk of coronavirus infection.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

¹ As defined in Article 15 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work:
http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/expertselection.pdf



3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 36th WG meeting (5 April 2022, teleconference)

The minutes of the 36th Working Group meeting were agreed on 5 April 2022⁴.

5. Hearing Experts

Dr. Frank Welle, and Mr. Ansgar Thees-Ovelgönne were invited to present their views to elaborate on the specific questions they were called upon to answer for item 6.2 of the present meeting on behalf of the applicant THEES. They attended the meeting on 11 May 2021 from 09:30 to 11:30 (CET time).

In accordance with EFSA's Independence Policy 2017 and implementing rules⁵ and the Decision of the Executive Director of the European Food Safety Authority on Competing Interest Management⁶, EFSA invited Dr. Frank Welle and Mr. Ansgar Thees-Ovelgönne to submit an ADoI. Their participation was limited to providing testimony, without the possibility to take on any role undertaken by members of the Working Group, in accordance with the applicable legal framework.

6. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

6.1. Loop Polymers (closed loop), EFSA-Q-2020-00458

The additional information provided by the applicant was discussed. The draft opinion will be discussed at a next WG meeting.

6.2. THEES Kunststoffverarbeitung (HDPE and PP crates closed loop), EFSA-Q2021-00190

Upon request from EFSA, the interested parties were given the opportunity to present at a hearing the additional information available and to clarify issues raised during the assessment of the technical dossier. Following discussion during the hearing, a number of points requiring further clarification were identified. After the hearing was finished, and the hearing experts left the teleconference, the WG discussed the clarifications provided by the applicant.

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/recycling-plastics-min.pdf>

⁵ EFSA's Independence Policy 2017 and implementing rules:

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/consultation/110707b.pdf>

⁶ Decision of the Executive Director of the European Food Safety Authority on Competing Interest Management:

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/corporate/pub/independencepolicy17>



EFSA will follow up by providing the applicant with a written summary of the points discussed and the next steps and relative timelines.

Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

6.3. Paccor Polska (KREYENBORG IR Clean+ technology), EFSA-Q-2020-00534

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

6.4. Petainer Lidköping (KREYENBORG IR Clean+ technology), EFSA-Q-2020-00703

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

6.5. Amhil Europa (KREYENBORG IR Clean+ technology), EFSA-Q-2020-00844

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

6.6. AR Packaging Flexibles (KREYENBORG IR Clean+ technology), EFSA-Q2021-00057

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

6.7. Steinbeis PolyVert (EREMA Advanced technology), EFSA-Q-2021-00554

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

6.8. Zhenjiang Ceville Recycled Fiber (EREMA Basic technology), EFSA-Q-2021-00552

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

6.9. Steinbeis PolyVert (EREMA Basic technology), EFSA-Q-2021-00553



The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

7. Feedback from EFSA, CEP Panel and the European Commission

Not applicable.

8. Any Other Business

7.1 New mandates (validated)

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were validated by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

7.2 New mandates (not yet valid)

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were received by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

9. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for 8-9 June 2022, via teleconference.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 36TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2024

**Held on 05 April 2022,
by teleconference**

(Agreed on 05 April 2022)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Matilde Benedettini, Daniele Comandella, Alexandros Lioupis, Sandra Rainieri, Emmanouil Tsochatzis and Katharina Volk.
FDP Unit: Irene Baratto, Laura Paltrinieri

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Vincent Dudler for absence from the meeting. This meeting was organised as a teleconference to avoid traveling to EFSA in line with the measures established to reduce the risk of coronavirus infection.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

¹ As defined in Article 15 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work:
http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/expertselection.pdf



3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 35th WG meeting (15-17 March 2022, teleconference)

The minutes of the 35th Working Group meeting were agreed on 17 March 2022⁴.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Plastipak Iberia (VACUNITE), EFSA-Q-2021-00479

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.2. Renovapet (VACUNITE), EFSA-Q-2021-00784

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.3. 4PET (EREMA Basic), EFSA-Q-2021-00575

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.4. SGR (EREMA Basic), EFSA-Q-2019-00488

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

6. Feedback from EFSA, CEP Panel and the European Commission

Not applicable.

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/recycling-plastics-min.pdf>



7. Any Other Business

7.1 New mandates (validated)

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were validated by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

7.2 New mandates (not yet valid)

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were received by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

8. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for 10-12 May 2022, via teleconference.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 35TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2024

**Held on 15-17 March 2022,
by teleconference**

(Agreed on 17 March 2022)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana¹, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças

■ Hearing Experts²:

Not Applicable

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Bastiaan Schupp (DG SANTE)

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Daniele Comandella, Alexandros Lioupis, Remigio Marano, Sandra Rainieri, Stavroula Sampani, Emmanouil Tsochatzis and Katharina Volk.

FDP Unit: Laura Paltrinieri

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. This meeting was organised as a teleconference to avoid traveling to EFSA in line with the measures established to reduce the risk of coronavirus infection.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

¹ Participated only in items 5.1-5.2 on 15 March, by teleconference

² As defined in Article 15 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work:
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3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 34th WG meeting (22-23 February 2022, teleconference)

The minutes of the 34th Working Group meeting were agreed on 23 February 2022⁵.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. EREMA MPR and Basic (EFSA-Q-2019-00366)

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.2. EREMA MPR + DS (EREMA), EFSA-Q-2019-00367

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.3. Bangladesh Petrochemical Company Ltd (Vacurema Prime), EFSA-Q2021-00119

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.4. THEES Kunststoffverarbeitung (HDPE and PP crates closed loop), EFSA-Q2021-00190

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The WG requires clarification of the additional information provided in order to complete the risk assessment, possibly through a technical hearing.

5.5. Poly Recycling (EREMA Basic), EFSA-Q-2021-00268

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

⁴ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/recycling-plastics-min.pdf>



The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.6. Poly Recycling AG (Vacurema Advanced), EFSA-Q-2021-00158

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.7. Zibo Containers (EREMA Basic), EFSA-Q-2021-00001

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.8. NAN YA PLASTICS (EREMA Basic), EFSA-Q-2021-00085

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.9. 3R (NGR), EFSA-Q-2021-00080

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.10. Roxane Nord (VACUNITE), EFSA-Q-2021-00167

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.11. Poly Recycling (VACUNITE), EFSA-Q-2021-00301

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

6. Feedback from EFSA, CEP Panel and the European Commission

6.1 Feedback from DG SANTE

DG SANTE and the EFSA Recycling Working Group discussed the regulatory developments on Plastic Recycling.



7. Any Other Business

7.1 New mandates (validated)

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were validated by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

7.2 New mandates (not yet valid)

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were received by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

8. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for 5 April 2022, via teleconference.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 34th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2021

**Held on 22-23 February 2022,
by teleconference**

(Agreed on 23 February 2022)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças

■ Hearing Experts¹:

Not Applicable

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not Applicable

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Eric Barthélémy, Daniele Comandella, Valeriu Curtui, Alexandros Lioupis, Remigio Marano, Sandra Rainieri, Stavroula Sampani and Katharina Volk.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. This meeting was organised as a teleconference to avoid traveling to EFSA in line with the measures established to reduce the risk of coronavirus infection.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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



3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 33rd WG meeting (18-20 January 2022, teleconference)

The minutes of the 33rd Working Group meeting were agreed on 20 January 2022⁴.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Styrenics Circular Solutions (NGR), EFSA-Q-2021-00151

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.2. SGR (EREMA Basic), EFSA-Q-2019-00488

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.3. Utsumi (EREMA Basic), EFSA-Q-2020-00624

The draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.4. Zibo Containers (EREMA Basic), EFSA-Q-2021-00001

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.5. INTCO MALAYSIA (EREMA Basic), EFSA-Q-2021-00005

The draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/recycling-plastics-min.pdf>



5.6. NAN YA PLASTICS (EREMA Basic), EFSA-Q-2021-00085

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.7. Roxane Nord (VACUNITE - EREMA Basic and Polymetrix SSP V-leaN), EFSA-Q-2021- 00167

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.8. 3R (NGR), EFSA-Q-2021-00080

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

6. Feedback from EFSA, CEP Panel and the European Commission

6.1 DG SANTE FCM WG meeting (7-8 Feb 22) and any other communication

The EFSA Recycling Working Group discussed the regulatory developments on Plastic Recycling.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 New mandates (validated)

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were validated by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

7.2 New mandates (not yet valid)

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were received by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

8. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for 15-17 March 2022, via teleconference.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 33RD MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2021

**Held on 18-20 January 2022,
by teleconference**

(Agreed on 20 January 2022)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Katleen Baert, Eric Barthélémy, Daniele Comandella, Valeriu Curtui, Alexandros Lioupis, Remigio Marano, Stavroula Sampani, Emmanouil Tsochatzis and Katharina Volk.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. This meeting was organised as a teleconference to avoid traveling to EFSA in line with the measures established to reduce the risk of coronavirus infection.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

¹ As defined in Article 15 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work:
http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/expertselection.pdf



3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 32nd WG meeting (14-16 December 2021, teleconference)

The minutes of the 32nd Working Group meeting were agreed on 4 January 2022⁴.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Kunststof Recycling Nederland (pallets closed loop), EFSA-Q-2020-00772

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.2. Ester Industries (recoSTAR PET FG), EFSA-Q-2021-00396

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.3. RCS (VACUNITE - EREMA basic and Polymetrix SSP V-leaN), EFSA-Q-2020-00560

The draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.4. SGR (VACUNITE - EREMA basic and Polymetrix SSP V-leaN), EFSA-Q-2020-00129

The draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.5. World PET Plastic (VACUNITE - EREMA basic and Polymetrix SSP V-leaN), EFSA-Q-2020-00657

The draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/recycling-plastics-min.pdf>



5.6. PET Verpackungen Deutschland (EREMA basic and Polymetrix SSP leaN), EFSA-Q2020-00418

The draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.7. rPET InWaste (NGR), EFSA-Q-2020-00526

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.8. Wellman Neufchâteau Recyclage - WNR (NGR), Q-2020-00628

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.9. Indorama Ventures Recycling Verdun - IVRV (NGR), EFSA-Q-2021-00177

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.10. LOGIFRUIT (HDPE and PP crates closed loop), EFSA-Q-2021-00336

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

6. Feedback from EFSA, CEP Panel and the European Commission

6.1 Feedback from EFSA, CEP Panel and the European Commission

Not applicable.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 New mandates (validated)

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were validated by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

7.2 New mandates (not yet valid)

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were received by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.



8. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for 22-24 February 2022, via teleconference.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 32ND MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2021

**Held on 14-16 December 2021,
by teleconference**

(Agreed on 04 January 2022)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana,¹ Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças

■ Hearing Experts²:

Not Applicable

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not Applicable

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Daniele Comandella, Alexandros Lioupis, Stavroula Sampani, Emmanouil Tsochatzis and Katharina Volk

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. This meeting was organised as a teleconference to avoid traveling to EFSA in line with the measures established to reduce the risk of coronavirus infection.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

¹ Participated only in items 5.1-5.20 on 14-16 December, by teleconference.

² As defined in Article 15 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work:
http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/expertselection.pdf



3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁴, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 31st WG meeting (9-11 November 2021, teleconference)

The minutes of the 31st Working Group meeting were agreed on 11 November 2021⁵.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Loop Polymers (closed loop), EFSA-Q-2020-00458

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.2. Paccor Polska (KREYENBORG IR Clean+ technology), EFSA-Q-2020-00534

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.3. Petainer Lidköping (KREYENBORG IR Clean+ technology), EFSA-Q-2020-00703

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.4. Amhil Europa (KREYENBORG IR Clean+ technology), EFSA-Q-2020-00844

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

⁴ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/recycling-plastics-min.pdf>



5.5. AR Packaging Flexibles (KREYENBORG IR Clean+ technology), EFSA-Q-2021-00057

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.6. EREMA MPR and basic (EREMA), EFSA-Q-2019-00366

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.7. EREMA MPR + DS (EREMA), EFSA-Q-2019-00367

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.8. INTCO MALAYSIA (EREMA Basic), EFSA-Q-2021-00005

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.9. NAN YA PLASTICS (EREMA Basic), EFSA-Q-2021-00085

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.10. Zibo Containers (EREMA Basic), EFSA-Q-2021-00001

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.11. Utsumi (EREMA Basic), EFSA-Q-2020-00624

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.12. SGR (EREMA Basic), EFSA-Q-2019-00488



Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.13. RCS (EREMA Basic+Polymetrix SSP), EFSA-Q-2020-00560

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for further discussion at a forthcoming WG meeting.

5.14. SGR (EREMA Basic+Polymetrix SSP), EFSA-Q-2020-00129

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for further discussion at a forthcoming WG meeting.

5.15. PET Verpackungen Deutschland (EREMA Basic+Polymetrix SSP), EFSA-Q-2020-00418

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for further discussion at a forthcoming WG meeting.

5.16. World PET (EREMA Basic+Polymetrix SSP), EFSA-Q-2020-00657

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for further discussion at a forthcoming WG meeting.

5.17. CAPEC_PP and HDPE crates (closed loop), EFSA-Q-2021-00294

The draft opinion was discussed. When the procedure⁶ implementing transparency and confidentiality requirements⁷ and the public consultation on information contained in the application⁸ is finalized, the revised draft opinion will be scheduled for further discussion at a WG meeting or for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.18. Bangladesh Petrochemical Company Ltd (Vacurema Prime), EFSA-Q-2021-00119

⁶ As described in the administrative guidance for the preparation of applications on recycling processes to produce recycled plastics intended to be used for manufacture of materials and articles in contact with food, EFSA 2021. doi:10.2903/sp.efsa.2021.EN-6512.

⁷ In accordance with relevant provisions of the Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 as amended by Regulation (EU) 2019/1381, Article 20 of Regulation (EC) No 1935/2004 and with EFSA's Practical Arrangements concerning transparency and confidentiality ([Decision of the Executive Director of the European Food Safety Authority laying down practical arrangements concerning transparency and confidentiality](#)).

⁸ In accordance with Article 32c(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2019/1381 and EFSA's Practical Arrangements on pre-submission phase and public consultations ([Decision of the Executive Director of the European Food Safety Authority laying down the Practical Arrangements on pre-submission phase and public consultations](#)).



Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.19. Enkador (Vacurema Prime), EFSA-Q-2019-00699

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.20. Coca-Cola HBC Polska (Vacurema Prime), EFSA-Q-2020-00596

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.21. Verdeco (PET Direct iV+), EFSA-Q-2021-00304

The draft opinion was discussed. When the procedure⁶ implementing transparency and confidentiality requirements⁷ and the public consultation on information contained in the application⁸ is finalized, the revised draft opinion will be scheduled for further discussion at a WG meeting or for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

6. Feedback from EFSA, CEP Panel and the European Commission

6.1 Feedback from EFSA and the European Commission

The EFSA Recycling Working Group was informed about regulatory developments on Plastic Recycling.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 New mandates (validated)

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were validated by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

7.2 New mandates (not yet valid)

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were received by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

8. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for 18-20 January 2021, via teleconference.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 31ST MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2021

**Held on 9-11 November 2021,
by teleconference**

(Agreed on 11 November 2021)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana,¹ Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças
- Hearing Experts²:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Daniele Comandella, Alexandros Lioupis, Stavroula Sampani, Emmanouil Tsochatzis and Katharina Volk

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. This meeting was organised as a teleconference to avoid traveling to EFSA in line with the measures established to reduce the risk of coronavirus infection.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

¹ Participated only in items 5.4-5.8 on 10th and 11th of November, by teleconference.

² As defined in Article 15 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work:
http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/expertselection.pdf



3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁴, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 30th WG meeting (19-21 October 2021, teleconference)

The minutes of the 30th Working Group meeting were agreed on 5 November 2021⁵.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. World PET Plastic (EREMA Basic + Polymetrix SSP), EFSA-Q-2020-00657

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.2. PET Verpackungen Deutschland (EREMA Basic + Polymetrix SSP), EFSA-Q-2020-00418

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.3. SGR (EREMA Basic + Polymetrix SSP), EFSA-Q-2020-00129

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.4. rPET InWaste (NGR), EFSA-Q-2020-00526

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

⁴ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/recycling-plastics-min.pdf>



5.5. Wellman Neufchâteau Recyclage (NGR), EFSA-Q-2020-00628

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.6. THEES Kunststoffverarbeitung (HDPE and PP crates closed loop), EFSA-Q-2021-00190

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.7. Novapet (Polymetrix pellet), EFSA-Q-2021-00190

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.8. Bangladesh Petrochemical Company Ltd (Vacurema Prime), EFSA-Q-2021-00119

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

6. Feedback from EFSA, CEP Panel and the European Commission

6.1 Feedback from EFSA

Not applicable.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 New mandates (validated)

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were validated by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

7.2 New mandates (not yet valid)

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were received by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

8. Next meeting(s)



The next meeting is scheduled for 14-16 December 2021, via teleconference.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 30th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2021

**Held on 19-21 October 2021,
by teleconference**

(Agreed on 05 November 2021)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Bastiaan Schupp (DG SANTE)²
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Eric Barthélémy, Daniele Comandella, Alexandros Lioupis, Stavroula Sampani, Emmanouil Tsochatzis and Katharina Volk
APDESK Unit: Costanza Casiraghi, Irene Baratto

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. This meeting was organised as a teleconference to avoid traveling to EFSA in line with the measures established to reduce the risk of coronavirus infection.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

¹ As defined in Article 15 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work:
http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/expertselection.pdf

² Participated only for items 5.1 and 6.1, discussed on the 19th of October.



3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁴, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 29th WG meeting (28-30 September 2021, teleconference)

The minutes of the 29th Working Group meeting were agreed on 8 October 2021⁵.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Schwarz Produktion MEG Weißenfels (Erema HDPE regrind pro plus refresher), EFSA-Q-2020-00511

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.2. Enkador (Vacurema Prime), EFSA-Q-2019-00699

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.3. Coca-Cola HBC Polska (Vacurema Prime), EFSA-Q-2020-00596

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.4. EREMA (EREMA MPR and Basic), EFSA-Q-2019-00366

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.5. EREMA (EREMA "MPR+DS"), EFSA-Q-2019-00367

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

⁴ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/recycling-plastics-min.pdf>



Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.6. RCS PLastics (EREMA Basic and Polymetrix SSP V-leanN), EFSA-Q-2020-00560

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.7. Roxane Nord (EREMA Basic and Polymetrix SSP V-leanN), EFSA-Q-2021-00167

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.8. Kunststof Recycling Nederland (HDPE pallets closed loop) EFSA-Q-2020-00772

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

6. Feedback from EFSA, CEP Panel and the European Commission

6.1 Feedback from the European Commission

The Working Group was updated on the regulatory developments in plastic FCM recycling.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 New mandates (validated)

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were validated by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

7.2 New mandates (not yet valid)

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were received by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

8. Next meeting(s)



The next meeting is scheduled for 9-11 November 2021, via teleconference.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 29th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2021

**Held on 28-30 September 2021,
by teleconference**

(Agreed on 8 October 2021)

Participants

- Working Group Members:

Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças

- Hearing Experts¹:

Not Applicable

- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Not Applicable

- EFSA:

FIP Unit: Katleen Baert, Eric Barthélémy, Daniele Comandella, Marcello Laganaro, Alexandros Lioupis, Stavroula Sampani and Katharina Volk

APDESK Unit: Costanza Casiraghi

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. This meeting was organised as a teleconference to avoid traveling to EFSA in line with the measures established to reduce the risk of coronavirus infection.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

¹ As defined in Article 15 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work:
http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/expertselection.pdf



3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 28th WG meeting (2 September 2021, teleconference)

The minutes of the 28th Working Group meeting were agreed on 2 September 2021⁴.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Novapet (Polymetrix Pellet), EFSA-Q-2019-00753

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.2. LuxPET (Polymetrix Pellet), EFSA-Q-2020-00342

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.3. MOPET (Polymetrix Pellet), EFSA-Q-2020-00421

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.4. 3R (NGR), EFSA-Q-2021-00080

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.5. IVRV (NGR), EFSA-Q-2021-00177

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/recycling-plastics-min.pdf>



The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.6. THEES Kunststoffverarbeitung (HDPE and PP crates closed loop), EFSA-Q-2019-00296

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting

5.7. PET to PET Recycling Österreich (Starlinger HDPE), EFSA-Q-2019-00296

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were introduced. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.8. Utsumi (EREMA Basic), EFSA-Q-2020-00624

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

6. Feedback from EFSA, CEP Panel and the European Commission

6.1 Risk assessment: new steps for applications accepted and validated under the Transparency Regulation

EFSA informed the WG about the new risk assessment process that will be followed for applications accepted and validated under the Transparency Regulation.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 New mandates (validated)

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were validated by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

7.2 New mandates (not yet valid)

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were received by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

Next meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for 19-21 October 2021, via teleconference.



Food Ingredients and Packaging Unit

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 28th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2021

**Held on 2 September 2021,
by teleconference**

(Agreed on 2 September 2021)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Bastiaan Schupp (DG SANTE)
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Katleen Baert, Marcello Laganaro, Alexandros Lioupis and Stavroula Sampani

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. This meeting was organised as a teleconference to avoid traveling to EFSA in line with the measures established to reduce the risk of coronavirus infection.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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



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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 27th WG meeting (12-14 July 2021, teleconference)

The minutes of the 27th Working Group meeting were agreed on 14 July 2021⁴.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

Not Applicable.

6. Feedback from EFSA, CEP Panel and the European Commission

6.1 Feedback from EFSA and the European Commission

The EFSA Recycling Working Group and DG SANTE FCM discussed the regulatory developments on Plastic Recycling.

7. Any Other Business

Not Applicable.

8. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for 28-30 September 2021, via teleconference.

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wqs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/recycling-plastics-min.pdf>

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 27th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2021

**Held on 12-14 July 2021,
by teleconference**

(Agreed on 14 July 2021)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Bastiaan Schupp ²(DG SANTE)
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Eric Barthélémy, Marcello Laganaro, Alexandros Lioupis and Stavroula Sampani
APDESK Unit: Costanza Casiraghi

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. This meeting was organised as a teleconference to avoid traveling to EFSA in line with the measures established to reduce the risk of coronavirus infection.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

¹ As defined in Article 15 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work:
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² Present only on 12 July



3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 26th WG meeting (15-17 June 2021, teleconference)

The minutes of the 26th Working Group meeting were agreed on 17 June 2021⁵.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. PET to PET Recycling Österreich (Starlinger HDPE), EFSA-Q-2019-00296

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The draft opinion will be discussed again at a next WG meeting for possible finalisation.

5.2. World PET Plastic (EREMA basic and Polymetrix SSP LeaN), EFSA-Q-2020-00657

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.3. Green Loop System (closed loop), EFSA-Q-2019-00016

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.4. Loop Polymers (closed loop), EFSA-Q-2020-00458

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.5. Paccor Polska (KREYENBORG IR Clean +), EFSA-Q-2020-00534

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

⁴ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/recycling-plastics-min.pdf>



5.6. Petainer Lidköping (KREYENBORG IR Clean +), EFSA-Q-2020-00703

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.7. Amhil Europa (KREYENBORG IR Clean +), EFSA-Q-2020-00844

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.8. AR Packaging Flexibles (KREYENBORG IR Clean +), EFSA-Q-2021-00057

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.9. INTCO MALAYSIA (EREMA Basic), EFSA-Q-2021-00005

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.10. Zibo Containers (EREMA Basic), EFSA-Q-2021-00001

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.11. NAN YA PLASTICS (EREMA Basic), EFSA-Q-2021-00085

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.12. Omorika Recycling (PET direct iV+), EFSA-Q-2021-00058

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

6. Feedback from EFSA, CEP Panel and the European Commission

6.1 Feedback from EFSA

7. Any Other Business

7.1 New recycling applications validated



The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were validated by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

7.2 New recycling applications received

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were received by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

Next meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for 28-30 September 2021, via teleconference.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 26th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2021

**Held on 15-17 June 2021,
by teleconference**

(Agreed on 17 June 2021)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Apologies received.
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Alexandros Lioupis, Stavroula Sampani and Marcello Laganaro

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. This meeting was organised as a teleconference to avoid traveling to EFSA in line with the measures established to reduce the risk of coronavirus infection.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the

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² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



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 25th WG meeting (25-26-27 May 2021, teleconference)

The minutes of the 25th Working Group meeting were agreed on 27 May 2021³.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Green Loop System, EFSA-Q-2019-00016

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The draft opinion will be discussed again at a next WG meeting for possible finalisation.

5.2. PET Verpackungen Deutschland (EREMA basic and Polymetrix SSP lean), EFSA-Q-2020-00418

The additional information requested from the applicant was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.3. SGR (Polymetrix V-LEAN), EFSA-Q-2020-00129

The additional information requested from the applicant was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.4. deSter, EFSA-Q-2020-00231

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.5. rPET InWaste (NGR), EFSA-Q-2020-00526

The additional information requested from the applicant was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.6. Wellman Neufchâteau Recyclage - WNR (NGR), Q-2020-00628

The additional information requested from the applicant was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/recycling-plastics-min.pdf>



5.7. Viridor (Starlinger iV+), EFSA-Q-2019-00703

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.8. ESTERPET (Starlinger iV+), EFSA-Q-2019-00749

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.9. Nosoplas (Starlinger iV+), EFSA-Q-2020-00106

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.10. PET STAR (Starlinger iV+), EFSA-Q-2020-00334

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.11. RECINPRA (Starlinger iV+), EFSA-Q-2020-00336

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.12. HIROYUKI (Starlinger iV+), EFSA-Q-2020-00357

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.13. Veolia (Starlinger iV+), EFSA-Q-2019-00648

The additional information requested from the applicant was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.14. Enkador (Vacurema Prime), EFSA-Q-2020-00554

The additional information requested from the applicant was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.15. Coca-Cola (Vacurema Prime), EFSA-Q-2020-00596

The additional information requested from the applicant was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

6. Feedback from EFSA, CEP Panel and the European Commission



7.1 Feedback from EFSA

7. Any Other Business

8.1 New recycling applications validated

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were validated by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

8.2 New recycling applications received

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were received by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

Next meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for 12-14 July 2021, via teleconference.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 25th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2021

**Held on 25-27 May 2021,
by teleconference**

(Agreed on 27 May 2021)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças

■ Hearing Experts¹:

- Frank Welle (for items 6.9 and 6.10); Haider Stephanie (for items 6.9 and 6.10); Wöss Christoph (for items 6.9 and 6.10)

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Apologies received.

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Katleen Baert, Alexandros Lioupis, Stavroula Sampani and Katharina Volk

APDESK Unit: Costanza Casiraghi, Remigio Marano

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. This meeting was organised as a teleconference to avoid traveling to EFSA in line with the measures established to reduce the risk of coronavirus infection.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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



3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 24th WG meeting (24-25 April 2021, teleconference)

The minutes of the 24th Working Group meeting were agreed on 12 May 2021 by written procedure⁴.

5. Hearing Experts

Dr. Frank Welle, Ms. Stephanie Haider and Mr. Christoph Wöss were invited to present their views to elaborate on the specific questions they were called upon to answer solely for items 6.9 and 6.10 of the present meeting on behalf of the applicant EREMA. They attended the meeting on 26 May 2021 from 09:30 to 11:30 (CET time).

In accordance with EFSA's Independence Policy 2017 and implementing rules⁵ and the Decision of the Executive Director of the European Food Safety Authority on Competing Interest Management⁶, EFSA invited Dr. Frank Welle, Ms. Stephanie Haider and Mr. Christoph Wöss to submit an ADoI. Their participation was limited to providing testimony, without the possibility to take on any role undertaken by members of the Panel, in accordance with the applicable legal framework.

6. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

6.1. Viridor (EFSA-Q-2019-00703)

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The draft opinion will be discussed again at a next WG meeting for possible finalisation.

6.2. ESTERPET (EFSA-Q-2019-00749)

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The draft opinion will be discussed at a next WG meeting for possible finalisation.

6.3. Nosoplas (EFSA-Q-2020-00106)

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/recycling-plastics-min.pdf>

⁵ EFSA's Independence Policy 2017 and implementing rules:

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/consultation/110707b.pdf>

⁶ Decision of the Executive Director of the European Food Safety Authority on Competing Interest Management:

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/corporate/pub/independencepolicy17>



Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The draft opinion will be discussed at a next WG meeting for possible finalisation.

6.4. PET STAR (EFSA-Q-2020-00334)

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The draft opinion will be discussed at a next WG meeting for possible finalisation.

6.5. RECINPRA (EFSA-Q-2020-00336)

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The draft opinion will be discussed at a next WG meeting for possible finalisation.

6.6. HIROYUKI (EFSA-Q-2020-00357)

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The draft opinion will be discussed at a next WG meeting for possible finalisation.

6.7. Veolia (EFSA-Q-2019-00648)

The additional information requested from the applicant was discussed. The draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

6.8. SML (EFSA-Q-2019-00377)

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be discussed at a next CEP Panel meeting for discussion and possible adoption.

6.9. EREMA MPR and Basic (EFSA-Q-2019-00366)

Upon request from EFSA, the interested parties were given the opportunity to present at a hearing the additional information available and to clarify issues raised during the assessment of the technical dossier. Following discussion during the hearing, a number of points requiring further clarification were identified. After the hearing was finished, and the hearing experts left the teleconference, the WG discussed the clarifications provided by the applicant.

EFSA will follow up by providing the applicant with a written summary of the points discussed and the next steps and relative timelines.

Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

6.10. EREMA "MPR+DS" (EFSA-Q-2019-00367)

Upon request from EFSA, the interested parties were given the opportunity to present at a hearing the additional information available and to clarify issues raised during the assessment of the technical dossier. Following discussion during the hearing, a number of points requiring further clarification were identified. After the hearing was finished, and the hearing experts left the teleconference, the WG discussed the clarifications provided by the applicant.



EFSA will follow up by providing the applicant with a written summary of the points discussed and the next steps and relative timelines.

Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

6.11. RCS Plastics (VACUNITE - EREMA basic and Polymetrix SSP V-lean) (EFSA-Q-2020-00560)

The additional information requested from the applicant was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

6.12. deSter (closed loop) (EFSA-Q-2020-00231)

The additional information requested from the applicant was discussed. The draft opinion will be discussed at a next WG meeting.

6.13. NOVAPET (Protec Process) (EFSA-Q-2020-00554)

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be discussed at a next CEP Panel meeting for discussion and possible adoption.

6.14. Vacurema Prime: Enkador (EFSA-Q-2019-00699)

The additional information requested from the applicant was discussed. The draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

6.15. Coca-Cola (EFSA-Q-2020-00596)

The additional information requested from the applicant was discussed. The draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

7. Feedback from EFSA, CEP Panel and the European Commission

7.1 Feedback from EFSA

8. Any Other Business

8.1 New recycling applications validated

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were validated by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

8.2 New recycling applications received



The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were received by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

Next meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for 15-17 June 2021, via teleconference.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 24th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2021

**Held on 20-21 April 2021,
by teleconference**

(Agreed on 12 May 2021)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Apologies received.
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Katleen Baert, Alexandros Lioupis, Stavroula Sampani and Katharina Volk
APDESK Unit: Costanza Casiraghi

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. This meeting was organised as a teleconference to avoid traveling to EFSA in line with the measures established to reduce the risk of coronavirus infection.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members



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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 23rd WG meeting (16-18 March 2021, teleconference)

The minutes of the 23rd Working Group meeting were agreed at the end on 18 March 2021 by written procedure³.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Martogg Group (EREMA advanced) (EFSA-Q-2020-00432)

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be discussed at a next CEP Panel meeting for discussion and possible adoption.

5.2. EREMA MPR and Basic (EFSA-Q-2019-00366)

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The WG requires clarification of the additional information provided in order to complete the risk assessment, possibly through a technical hearing.

5.3. EREMA "MPR+DS" (EFSA-Q-2019-00367)

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed. The WG requires clarification of the additional information provided in order to complete the risk assessment, possibly through a technical hearing.

5.4. rPET InWaste (NGR) (EFSA-Q-2020-00526)

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.5. Wellman Neufchâteau Recyclage - WNR (NGR) (EFSA-Q-2020-00628)

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/recycling-plastics-min.pdf>



6. Feedback from EFSA, CEP Panel and the European Commission

6.1 Feedback from EFSA

7. Any Other Business

7.1 New recycling applications validated

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were validated by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

7.2 New recycling applications received

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were received by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

Next meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for 25-27 May 2021, via teleconference.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 23rd MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2021

**Held on 16-18 March 2021,
by teleconference**

(Agreed on 18 March 2021)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Apologies received.
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Katleen Baert, Alexandros Lioupis, Stavroula Sampani and Katharina Volk
APDESK Unit: Irene Barrato, Costanza Casiraghi and Remigio Marano

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. This meeting was organised as a teleconference to avoid traveling to EFSA in line with the measures established to reduce the risk of coronavirus infection.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members



In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 22nd WG meeting (9-10 February 2021, teleconference)

The minutes of the 22nd Working Group meeting were agreed at the end on 01 March 2021 by written procedure³.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. SML Maschinengesellschaft (SML technology) (EFSA-Q-2019-00377)

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.2. Martogg Group (EREMA advanced technology) (EFSA-Q-2020-00432)

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be discussed at a next Working Group meeting for finalisation.

5.3. Viridor (Starlinger iV+ technology) (EFSA-Q-2019-00703)

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.4. ESTERPET (Starlinger iV+ technology) (EFSA-Q-2019-00749)

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.5. RECINPRA (Starlinger iV+ technology) (EFSA-Q-2020-00336)

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/recycling-plastics-min.pdf>



5.6. PET STAR (Starlinger iV+ technology) (EFSA-Q-2020-00334)

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.7. HIROYUKI (Starlinger iV+ technology) (EFSA-Q-2020-00357)

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.8. Nosoplas (Starlinger iV+ technology) (EFSA-Q-2020-00106)

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.9. Discussion on the Recycling Guidance

A discussion on a possible revision of the EFSA Recycling Guidelines was held.

6. Feedback from EFSA, CEP Panel and the European Commission

6.1 Feedback from EFSA

7. Any Other Business

7.1 New recycling applications validated

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were validated by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

7.2 New recycling applications received

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were received by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

Next meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for 20-22 April 2021, via teleconference.





Food Ingredients and Packaging Unit

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 22nd MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2021

**Held on 23-24 February 2021,
by teleconference**

(Agreed on 01 March 2021)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Apologies received.
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Katleen Baert, Alexandros Lioupis, Stavroula Sampani and Katharina Volk
APDESK Unit: Irene Barrato, Costanza Casiraghi

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. This meeting was organised as a teleconference to avoid traveling to EFSA in line with the measures established to reduce the risk of coronavirus infection.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members



In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 21st WG meeting (9-10 February 2021, teleconference)

The minutes of the 21st Working Group meeting were agreed at the end of the meeting on 10th February 2021³.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Plastrec (Polymetrix pellet) (EFSA-Q-2019-00294)

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.2. Discussion on the Recycling Guidance

A preliminary discussion on a possible revision of the EFSA Recycling Guidelines⁴ was held.

5.3. SGR (Polymetrix V-LEAN), (EFSA-Q-2020-00129)

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.4. Drava International (Starlinger deCON), (EFSA-Q-2020-00750)

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

6. Feedback from EFSA, CEP Panel and the European Commission

6.1 Feedback from EFSA

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/recycling-plastics-min.pdf>

⁴ EFSA (European Food Safety Authority), 2008. Guidelines for the submission of an application for safety evaluation by the EFSA of a recycling process to produce recycled plastics intended to be used for manufacture of materials and articles in contact with food, prior to its authorisation. EFSA Journal 2008,6(7):717, 12 pp. <https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2008.717>.



7. Any Other Business

7.1 New recycling applications validated

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were validated by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

7.2 New recycling applications received

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were received by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

Next meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for 16-18 March 2021, via teleconference.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 21st MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2021

**Held on 9-10 February 2021,
by teleconference**

(Agreed on 10 February 2021)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Apologies received.
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Katleen Baert, Alexandros Lioupis, Stavroula Sampani and Katharina Volk
APDESK Unit: Irene Barrato, Costanza Casiraghi

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. This meeting was organised as a teleconference to avoid traveling to EFSA in line with the measures established to reduce the risk of coronavirus infection.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members



In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 20th WG meeting (14 January 2021, teleconference)

The minutes of the 20th Working Group meeting were agreed at the end of the meeting on 14th January 2021³.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. DENTIS RECYCLING ITALY (PET direct iV+) (EFSA-Q-2020-00621)

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.2. DY Polymer (PET direct iV+) (EFSA-Q-2020-00329)

During the finalisation of the draft opinion, the WG identified the need for further discussion, therefore this agenda point has been included in this WG meeting. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.3. SGR (EREMA Basic), EFSA-Q-2019-00488)

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

6. Feedback from EFSA, CEP Panel and the European Commission

6.1 Feedback from EFSA

7. Any Other Business

7.1 New recycling applications validated

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/recycling-plastics-min.pdf>



The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were validated by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

7.2 New recycling applications received

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were received by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

Next meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for 23-24 February 2021, via teleconference.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 20TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2021

**Held on 12-14 January 2021,
by teleconference**

(Agreed on 14 January 2021)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Apologies received.
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Katleen Baert, Alexandros Lioupis, Stavroula Sampani and Katharina Volk
APDESK Unit: Costanza Casiraghi

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. This meeting was organised as a teleconference to avoid traveling to EFSA in line with the measures established to reduce the risk of coronavirus infection.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members



In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 19th WG meeting (16 November 2020, teleconference)

The minutes of the 19th Working Group meeting were agreed at the end of the meeting on 16th November 2020³.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. DY Polymer (PET direct iV+) ([EFSA-Q-2020-00329](#))

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.2. Plastrec (Polymetrix Pellet) ([EFSA-Q-2019-00294](#))

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be discussed at a next Working Group meeting for finalisation.

5.3. LuxPET (Polymetrix Pellet) ([EFSA-Q-2020-00342](#))

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.4. MOPET (Polymetrix Pellet SSP leaN) ([EFSA-Q-2020-00421](#))

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.5. Enkador (Vacurema Prime) ([EFSA-Q-2019-00699](#))

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/recycling-plastics-min.pdf>



5.6. Coca-Cola HBC Polska (Vacurema Prime) ([EFSA-Q-2020-00596](#))

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.7. NOVAPET (Protec) ([EFSA-Q-2020-00554](#))

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.8. Veolia (Starlinger iV+) ([EFSA-Q-2019-00648](#))

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.9. RCS Plastics (VACUNITE - EREMA basic and Polymetrix SSP V-lean) ([EFSA-Q-2020-00560](#))

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

6. Feedback from EFSA, CEP Panel and the European Commission

6.1 Feedback from EFSA

7. Any Other Business

7.1 New recycling applications validated

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were validated by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

7.2 New recycling applications received

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were received by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

Next meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for 9-10 February 2021, via teleconference.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 19TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2021

**Held on 16 November 2020,
by teleconference**

(Agreed on 16 November 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Apologies received.
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Alexandros Lioupis, Stavroula Sampani and Katharina Volk

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. This meeting was organised as a teleconference to avoid traveling to EFSA in line with the measures established to reduce the risk of coronavirus infection.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members



In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 18th WG meeting (9-10 November 2020, teleconference)

The minutes of the 18th Working Group meeting were agreed at the end of the meeting on 10th November 2020³.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Request for safety evaluation of the deSter BVBA recycling process (deSter closed loop) to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses ([EFSA-Q-2020-00231](#))

The additional information request letter was finalised. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.2. Request for the evaluation of the EREMA Engineering Recycling Maschinen und Anlagen recycling process (EREMA "MPR" and "basic") for direct food application ([EFSA-Q-2019-00366](#))

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.3. Request for the evaluation of the EREMA Engineering Recycling Maschinen und Anlagen recycling process (EREMA "MPR + DS") for direct food application ([EFSA-Q-2019-00367](#))

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

6. Feedback from EFSA, CEP Panel and the European Commission

6.1 Feedback from EFSA

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/recycling-plastics-min.pdf>



7. Any Other Business

7.1 New recycling applications validated

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were validated by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

7.2 New recycling applications received

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were received by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

Next meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for 12-14 January 2021, via teleconference.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 18TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2021

**Held on 9 and 10 November 2020,
by teleconference**

(Agreed on 10 November 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Apologies received.
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Alexandros Lioupis, Cristina Croera, Claudia Roncancio-Pena, Stavroula Sampani
APDESK Unit: Remigio Marano

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. This meeting was organised as a teleconference to avoid traveling to EFSA in line with the measures established to reduce the risk of coronavirus infection.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

The following items were included to the Agenda because the WG identified the need for further discussion: DY Polymer (PET direct iV+) - ([EFSA-Q-2020-00329](#)) Nosoplas (Starlinger iV+) ([EFSA-Q-2020-00106](#)), Viridor (Starlinger iV+) - ([EFSA-Q-2019-00703](#)), Esterpet (Starlinger iV+) - ([EFSA-Q-](#)



[2019-00749](#)), RECINPRA (Starlinger iV+) – ([EFSA-Q-2020-00336](#)), PET STAR RECYCLING (Starlinger iV+) – ([EFSA-Q-2020-00334](#)), HIROYUKI INDUSTRIES (M) SDN BHD (Starlinger iV+) – ([EFSA-Q-2020-00357](#))

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 17th WG meeting (5, 6 and 8 October 2020, teleconference)

The minutes of the 17th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 29 October 2020³.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1a DY Polymer (PET direct iV+), [EFSA-Q-2020-00329](#)

During the finalisation of the list of questions, the WG identified the need for further discussion, therefore this agenda point has been included in this WG. It has been agreed that at this stage, no further questions are requested and the draft opinion will be re-discussed at one of the next WG meetings for finalisation.

5.1b Nosoplas (Starlinger iV+), [EFSA-Q-2020-00106](#)

During the finalisation of the list of questions, the WG identified the need for further discussion. Therefore this agenda point has been included again in this WG. The WG agreed on the final list of questions in order to clarify the descriptions in the dossier and complete the risk assessment. A request will be sent to the applicant. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.1c Viridor (Starlinger iV+), [EFSA-Q-2019-00703](#)

During the finalisation of the list of questions, the WG identified the need for further discussion, therefore this agenda point has been included again in this WG. The WG agreed on the final list of questions in order to complete the risk assessment and a request will be sent to the applicant. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.1d Esterpet (Starlinger iV+), [EFSA-Q-2019-00749](#)

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/recycling-plastics-min.pdf>



During the finalisation of the list of questions, the WG identified the need for further discussion, therefore this agenda point has been included again in this WG. The WG agreed on the final list of questions in order to complete the risk assessment and a request will be send to the applicant. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.1e RECINPRA (Starlinger iV+), [EFSA-Q-2020-00336](#)

During the finalisation of the list of questions, the WG identified the need for further discussion, therefore this agenda point has been included again in this WG. The WG agreed on the final list of questions in order to complete the risk assessment and a request will be send to the applicant. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.1f PET STAR RECYCLING (Starlinger iV+), [EFSA-Q-2020-00334](#)

During the finalisation of the list of questions, the WG identified the need for further discussion, therefore this agenda point has been included again in this WG. The WG agreed on the final list of questions in order to complete the risk assessment and a request will be send to the applicant. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.1g HIROYUKI INDUSTRIES (M) SDN BHD (Starlinger iV+), [EFSA-Q-2020-00357](#)

During the finalisation of the list of questions, the WG identified the need for further discussion, therefore this agenda point has been included again in this WG. The WG agreed on the final list of questions in order to complete the risk assessment and a request will be send to the applicant. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.2 deSter (closed loop), [EFSA-Q-2020-00231](#)

The draft opinion was discussed. Initial discussion took place on the additional information to be requested to the applicant. The draft letter will be finalised at the next WG meeting.

5.3 PET Verpackungen Deutschland (EREMA basic and Polymetrix SSP leaN), [EFSA-Q-2020-00418](#)

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.4 SML Maschinengesellschaft (SML technology), [EFSA-Q-2019-00377](#)

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

6. Feedback from EFSA, CEP Panel and the European Commission



6.1 Feedback from EFSA

The Head of the FIP unit has informed the WG that Katleen Baert is the new team leader in the FCM area. She has started on part time basis since the 1 November and fully moving as of 1 January 2021.

General discussion was held regarding the data gaps, deficiencies and lack of clarity/details identified in some of the dossiers submitted, which have an impact in the efficiency of the WG. Different proposals to address this issue were discussed and follow up will be needed. Regular feedback to the WG will be provided by EFSA.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 New recycling applications validated

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were validated by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

7.2 New recycling applications received

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were received by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

Next meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for 16 November 2020, via Teleconference.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 17TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2021

**Held on 5,6 and 8 October 2020,
by teleconference**

(Agreed on 29 October 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças¹
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Bastiaan Schupp (DG SANTE)
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Alexandros Lioupis, Katharina Volk, Cristina Croera, Stavroula Sampani
APDESK Unit: Remigio Marano

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. This meeting was organised as a teleconference to avoid traveling to EFSA in line with the measures established to reduce the risk of coronavirus infection. Apologies were received from Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças for her absence.¹

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

¹ Participated only in items 5.1-5.11 on 5th and 6th of October, by teleconference.



3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 16th WG meeting (7 July 2020)

The minutes of the 16th Working Group meeting were agreed on 23 July 2020⁴.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Green Loop System, EFSA-Q-2019-00016⁵

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.2 DY Polymer (PET direct iV+), EFSA-Q-2020-00329⁶

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.3 SGR (EREMA Basic), EFSA-Q-2019-00488⁷

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.4 Martogg (EREMA advanced), EFSA-Q-2020-00432⁸

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/recycling-plastics-min.pdf>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00016>

⁶ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2020-00329>

⁷ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00488>

⁸ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2020-00432>



5.5 SGR (Polymetrix V-LEAN), EFSA-Q-2020-00129⁹

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.6 Nosoplas (Starlinger iV+), EFSA-Q-2020-00106¹⁰

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.7 Viridor (Starlinger iV+), EFSA-Q-2019-00703¹¹

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.8 Esterpet (Starlinger iV+), EFSA-Q-2019-00749¹²

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.9 RECINPRA (Starlinger iV+), EFSA-Q-2020-00336¹³

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.10 PET STAR RECYCLING (Starlinger iV+), EFSA-Q-2020-00334¹⁴

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

5.11 HIROYUKI INDUSTRIES (M) SDN BHD (Starlinger iV+), EFSA-Q-2020-00357¹⁵

The draft opinion was discussed. Additional information is needed to complete the risk assessment. Once the additional information is received, the revised draft opinion will be discussed in a future WG meeting.

⁹ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2020-00129>

¹⁰ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2020-00106>

¹¹ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00703>

¹² <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00749>

¹³ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2020-00336>

¹⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2020-00334>

¹⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2020-00357>



5.12 Severn Valley Polymers (Starlinger deCON), EFSA-Q-2019-00698¹⁶

The draft opinion was discussed in the WG and it will be scheduled in the Panel for discussion and possible adoption.

6. Feedback from EFSA, CEP Panel and the European Commission

6.1 Feedback from EFSA

Not Applicable.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 Influence of geometrical parameters of input flakes on challenge test

Due to lack of time the discussion was postponed.

7.2 Input specifications for PET recycling

Due to lack of time the discussion was postponed.

7.3 New recycling applications

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were received by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting and the ones which have now been validated.

Next meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for 9-10 November 2020, via Teleconference.

¹⁶ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00698>



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 16TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2021

**Held on 7 July 2020,
by teleconference**

(Agreed on 23 July 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Bastiaan Schupp (DG SANTE)
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Anna Federica Castoldi, Alexandros Lioupis, Katharina Volk, Cristina Croera
APDESK Unit: Remigio Marano

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. This meeting was organised as a teleconference to avoid traveling to EFSA in line with the measures established to reduce the risk of coronavirus infection.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members



In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 15th WG meeting (02 July 2020)

The minutes of the 15th Working Group meeting were agreed on 15 July 2020³.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Severn Valley Polymers (Starlinger deCON), EFSA-Q-2019-00698⁴

The WG discussed the additional information received and identified further questions to the applicant. Once the additional information is received, the draft opinion will be discussed at a future WG meeting.

5.2 Ondupet (EREMA Basic), EFSA-Q-2019-00379⁵

As no response to the request for additional data was received, the WG discussed the draft opinion based on the information provided in the initial submission of the dossier. Changes to the draft opinion were noted and it will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

6. Feedback from EFSA, CEP Panel and the European Commission

6.1 Feedback from EFSA

The WG was informed about the need for EFSA to revise certain guidance documents in order to comply with the Regulation (EU) 2019/1381 which will enter into force on 27 March 2021. The new legal requirements introduced by this so-called Transparency Regulation will impact various areas of EFSA's work, including the handling of application dossiers in the context of regulated products, and therefore have to be correctly reflected in the guidance documents provided to applicants, so that both EFSA and the applicants can comply with the new requirements. Draft changes to the guidance document which is pertinent to the WG's work, i.e. the guidelines for recycling processes (EFSA AFC Panel, 2008), were presented.

7. Any Other Business

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/recycling-plastics-min.pdf>

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00698>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00379>



7.1 New recycling applications

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were received by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting and the ones which have now been validated.

Next meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for 5-8 October 2020.



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 15TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2021

**Held on 2 July 2020,
by teleconference**

(Agreed on 15 July 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Anna Federica Castoldi, Alexandros Lioupis, Katharina Volk, Cristina Croera
APDESK Unit: Remigio Marano

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. This meeting was organised as a teleconference to avoid traveling to EFSA in line with the measures established to reduce the risk of coronavirus infection.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members



In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 14th WG meeting (20 May 2020)

The minutes of the 14th Working Group meeting were agreed on 20 May 2020³.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Somoplast (Starlinger deCON), EFSA-Q-2020-00048⁴

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.2 Flight Plastics (UK) Ltd (Starlinger deCON), EFSA-Q-2020-00110⁵

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.3 PT Asiaplast (Starlinger deCON), EFSA-Q-2020-00171⁶

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.4 Erreplast (Starlinger deCON), EFSA-Q-2020-00152⁷

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.5 sicht-pack Hagner (Starlinger deCON), EFSA-Q-2020-00247⁸

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/recycling-plastics-min.pdf>

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2020-00048>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2020-00110>

⁶ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2020-00171>

⁷ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2020-00152>

⁸ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2020-00247>



5.6 Nosoplas (Starlinger iV+), EFSA-Q-2020-00106⁹

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The WG requires additional information to complete the risk assessment. The scientific evaluation is currently suspended, awaiting submission of the additional information requested.

6. Feedback from EFSA, CEP Panel and the European Commission

7. Any Other Business

7.1 New recycling applications

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were received by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting and the ones which have now been validated.

Next meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for 7 July 2020.

⁹ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2020-00106>



Food Ingredients and Packaging Unit

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 14TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2021

**Held on 20 May 2020,
by teleconference**

(Agreed on 20 May 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Bastiaan Schupp
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Anna Federica Castoldi, Alexandros Lioupis, Katharina Volk
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. This meeting was organised as a teleconference to avoid traveling to EFSA in line with the measures established to reduce the risk of coronavirus infection.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.



3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 13th WG meeting (31 March 2020)

The minutes of the 13th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 22 April 2020³.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Severn Valley Polymers (Starlinger deCON), EFSA-Q-2019-00698⁴

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The WG requires additional information to complete the risk assessment. The scientific evaluation is currently suspended, awaiting submission of the additional information requested.

5.2 Technoplastika Prima Perdana (Starlinger deCON), EFSA-Q-2019-00737⁵

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.3 WIP (Starlinger deCON), EFSA-Q-2019-00758⁶

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.4 Carton Pack (Starlinger deCON), EFSA-Q-2019-00787⁷

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

6. Feedback from EFSA, CEP Panel and the European Commission

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/recycling-plastics-min.pdf>

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00698>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00737>

⁶ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00758>

⁷ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00787>



6.1 Feedback from EFSA

Following the discussion at the 12th REC WG meeting (27-28/02/2020) on the draft opinions on the safety assessment of the PET recycling processes:

- Viridor Waste Management (Starlinger iV+ technology), EFSA-Q-2019-00703⁸,
- ESTERPET (Starlinger iV+ technology), EFSA-Q-2019-00749⁹ and
- Plastrec (Polymetrix pellet technology), EFSA-Q-2019-00294¹⁰

the WG required additional information to complete the risk assessments. The scientific evaluations are currently suspended, awaiting submission of the additional information requested.

6.2 Feedback from EC

The WG was updated on recent regulatory developments.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 New recycling applications

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were received by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting and the ones which have now been validated.

Next meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for 02 July 2020.

⁸ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00703>

⁹ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00749>

¹⁰ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00294>



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 13TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2021

TELE-conference, 31 March 2020

(Agreed on 22 April 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Greta Borg, Bastiaan Schupp (DG SANTE)
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Eric Barthélémy, Alexandros Lioupis, Remigio Marano, Katharina Volk, Francesca Werner
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. This meeting was organised as a teleconference to avoid traveling to EFSA in line with the measures established to reduce the risk of coronavirus infection.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.



3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 12th WG meeting held on 27-28 February, TELE-conference

The minutes of the 12th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 20 March 2020³.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 PET to PET Recycling Österreich (Starlinger HDPE), EFSA-Q-2019-00296⁴

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The WG requires additional information to complete the risk assessment. The scientific evaluation is currently suspended, awaiting submission of the additional information requested.

6. Feedback from EFSA, CEP Panel and the European Commission

7. Any Other Business

7.1 New recycling applications

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were received by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting and the ones which have now been validated.

8. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for 20 May 2020.

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/recycling-plastics-min.pdf>

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00296>



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 12TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2021

**Held on 27-28 February 2020,
by teleconference**

(Agreed on 20 March 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob¹, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Eric Barthélémy, Anna Federica Castoldi, Alexandros Lioupis, Katharina Volk
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. This meeting, originally scheduled as a physical meeting, was converted into a teleconference to avoid traveling to EFSA in line with the measures established to reduce the risk of coronavirus infection.

2. Adoption of agenda

¹ Present only on the 1st day



The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 11th WG meeting (13-14 January 2020)

The minutes of the 11th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 3 February 2020⁴.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Viridor Waste Management (Starlinger iV+), EFSA-Q-2019-00703⁵

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.2 ESTERPET (Starlinger iV+), EFSA-Q-2019-00749⁶

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.3 Plastrec recycling process (Polymetrix pellet), EFSA-Q-2019-00294⁷

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled at a next Working Group meeting for finalisation.

5.4 Veolia (URRC), EFSA-Q-2018-00768⁸

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.5 PET to PET Recycling Österreich (Starlinger HDPE), EFSA-Q-2019-00296⁹

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/recycling-plastics-min.pdf>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00703>

⁶ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00749>

⁷ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00294>

⁸ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00768>

⁹ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00296>



The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled at the next Working Group meeting for further discussion.

5.6 ONDUPET (EREMA Basic), EFSA-Q-2019-00379¹⁰

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The WG requires additional information to complete the risk assessment. The scientific evaluation is currently suspended, awaiting submission of the additional information requested.

5.7 Severn Valley Polymers (Starlinger deCON), EFSA-Q-2019-00698¹¹

The draft opinion was deferred to a next WG meeting.

5.8 Technoplastika Prima Perdana (Starlinger deCON), EFSA-Q-2019-00737¹²

The draft opinion was deferred to a next WG meeting.

5.9 WIP (Starlinger deCON), EFSA-Q-2019-00758¹³

The draft opinion was deferred to a next WG meeting.

5.10 Carton Pack (Starlinger deCON), EFSA-Q-2019-00787¹⁴

The draft opinion was deferred to a next WG meeting.

6. Feedback from EFSA, CEP Panel and the European Commission

7. Any Other Business

7.1 New recycling applications

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were received by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting and the ones which have now been validated.

Next meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for 31 March 2020.

¹⁰ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00379>

¹¹ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00698>

¹² <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00737>

¹³ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00758>

¹⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00787>



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 11TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2021

**Held on 13-14 January 2020,
Parma**

(Agreed on 3 February 2020)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças

Maria Rosaria Milana and Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças participated via teleconference.

■ Hearing Experts:

Not Applicable

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Bastiaan Schupp (DG SANTE)

■ EFSA:

FIP Unit: Eric Barthélémy, Anna Federica Castoldi, Alexandros Lioupis, Katharina Volk

■ Others:

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.



3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 10th WG meeting (29 November 2019)

The minutes of the 10th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 19 December 2019³.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Veolia (URRC), EFSA-Q-2018-00768⁴

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled at the next Working Group meeting for finalisation.

5.2 Review of recycling applications (2019 and 2020)

An overview of the tasks and achievements of the Recycling WG in 2019 was presented. Lessons learned and foreseen workload for 2020 were discussed.

5.3 Buergofol (EREMA Basic), EFSA-Q-2019-00495⁵

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.4 STF (EREMA Basic), EFSA-Q-2019-00384⁶

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

6. Feedback from EFSA, CEP Panel and the European Commission

The WG discussed with the DG SANTE representative on the developments on recycling technologies and regulatory provisions.

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/recycling-plastics-min.pdf>

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00768>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00495>

⁶ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00384>



7. Any Other Business

7.1 New recycling applications

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were received by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting and the ones which have now been validated.

Next meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for 27-28 February 2020.



Food Ingredients and Packaging Unit

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 10TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2021

Held on 29 November 2019 by teleconference

(Agreed on 19 December 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Vincent Dudler, Eugenia Lampi (Chair) Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Eric Barthelemy, Alexandros Lioupis
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received by Konrad Grob.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members



In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1 Mpact Polymers (Krones flakes), EFSA-Q-2019-00391³

The draft opinion was discussed. The WG requires additional information to complete the risk assessment. The scientific evaluation is currently suspended, awaiting submission of the additional information requested.

5. Feedback from EFSA, CEP Panel and the European Commission

The developments on recycling following the MS FCM WG of the SC PAFF on 25 November 2019, were communicated to the Recycling WG.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 New recycling applications

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were received by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

Next meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for 13-14 January 2020.

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

³ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00391>



Food Ingredients and Packaging Unit

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 9TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2021

Held on 7-8 October 2019, Parma

(Agreed on 08 October 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob¹, Eugenia Lampi (Chair) Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides, Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Bastiaan Schupp (DG SANTE)
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Cristina Croera, Alexis Lioupis and Katharina Volk
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

¹ Present only on 2nd day



3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 8th WG meeting, held on 13 September 2019, by teleconference.

The minutes of the 8th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 30 September 2019⁴.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 MALKO re-circulation plate, EFSA-Q-2019-00016⁵

The draft opinion was discussed. The WG requires additional information to complete the risk assessment. The scientific evaluation is currently suspended, awaiting submission of the additional information requested.

5.2 Ltd. PolyER (Starlinger deCON), EFSA-Q-2019-00372⁶

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.3 STF (EREMA Basic), EFSA-Q-2019-00384⁷

The draft opinion was discussed. The WG requires additional information to complete the risk assessment. The scientific evaluation is currently suspended, awaiting submission of the additional information requested.

5.4 RE-PET (EREMA Basic), EFSA-Q-2019-00386⁸

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

6. Feedback from EFSA, CEP Panel and the European Commission

A presentation on the work on recycling process authorisations and other regulatory issues was provided by the EC.

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/recycling-plastics-min.pdf>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00016>

⁶ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00372>

⁷ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00384>

⁸ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00386>



7. Any Other Business

7.1 New recycling applications

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were received by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

Next meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for November 2019.



Food Ingredients and Packaging Unit

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 8TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2021

TELE-conference, 13 September 2019

(Agreed on 30 September 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Vincent Dudler, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Constantine Papaspyrides and Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Alexandros Lioupis, Anna F. Castoldi
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Konrad Grob and Maria Rosaria Milana.

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work :
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.



2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 7th WG meeting, held on 10 September 2019.

The minutes of the 7th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 30 September 2019⁴.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Discussion on recycling applications based on the EREMA technology.

The WG discussed issues relevant to the information provided in the technical dossiers of past recycling applications which used the EREMA technology and discussed in detail the steps of their risk assessment and the requirements for additional information, depending on what is provided in each application.

6. AOB

The WG was informed about new mandates on recycling applications that were received by EFSA since the 6th WG meeting of 20-21 June 2019.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 7-8 October 2019.

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/recycling-plastics-min.pdf>



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 7TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2021

TELE-conference, 10 September 2019

(Agreed on 30 September 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair) and Constantine Papaspyrides
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Cristina Croera, Anna F. Castoldi
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Maria Rosaria Milana and Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças.

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work :
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.



2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 6th WG meeting, held on 20-21 June 2019, Zurich.

The minutes of the 6th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 16 July 2019⁴.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Poly Recycling (PET direct iV+ technology), EFSA-Q-2018-00811⁵

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for 13 September 2019.

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wqs/food-ingredients-and-packaging/recycling-plastics-min.pdf>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00811>



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 6TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2021

Held on 20-21 June 2019, Zurich

(Agreed on 16 July 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides and Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças¹
- Hearing Experts²:
 - for item 5.2: Lisa Straub (Ims consulting); Markus Fellinger (Starlinger viscotec); Stefan Wolkerstorfer (Starlinger viscotec)
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Eric Barthélémy, Alexandros Lioupis, Anna F. Castoldi
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

¹ Participated only in items 5.1-5.9 and 5.13, by teleconference.

² As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work :
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.



2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 5th WG meeting, held on 16-17 April 2019, TELE-conference.

The minutes of the 5th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 15 May 2019.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 AMB (Bandera technology), EFSA-Q-2018-00375⁵

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.2 Marcato (Starlinger Decon), EFSA-Q-2018-00897⁶

Upon request from EFSA, the interested parties were given the opportunity to clarify issues raised during the assessment of the technical dossier, at a technical hearing. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.3 Veripack Embalajes (Starlinger Decon), EFSA-Q-2019-00149⁷

The draft opinion was discussed. The WG requires additional information to complete the risk assessment. The Secretariat will request the applicant to provide the additional data. The scientific evaluation is currently suspended, awaiting submission of the additional information requested. Subject to the data provided a new draft opinion will be scheduled for a next WG or plenary meeting.

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

⁴ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00375>

⁶ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00897>

⁷ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00149>



5.4 PETman (Starlinger viscotec deCON), EFSA-Q-2018-00899⁸

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.5 Reco-Kavala (Starlinger viscotec deCON), EFSA-Q-2018-00924⁹

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.6 V&T Trade (Starlinger viscotec deCON), EFSA-Q-2018-01048¹⁰

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.7 Sharpak Brigdewater (Starlinger viscotec deCON), EFSA-Q-2019-00103¹¹

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.8 Pinaform (Starlinger viscotec deCON), EFSA-Q-2019-00126¹²

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.9 Ferrarelle (Starlinger viscotec deCON), EFSA-Q-2019-00109¹³

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.10 Texplast (Starlinger iV+), EFSA-Q-2019-00058¹⁴

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

5.11 Poly Recycling (Starlinger iV+), EFSA-Q-2018-01042¹⁵

The draft opinion was discussed. The WG requires additional information to complete the risk assessment. The Secretariat will request the applicant to provide the additional data. The scientific

⁸ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00899>

⁹ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00924>

¹⁰ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-01048>

¹¹ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00103>

¹² <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00126>

¹³ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00109>

¹⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00058>

¹⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-01042>



evaluation is currently suspended, awaiting submission of the additional information requested. Subject to the data provided a new draft opinion will be scheduled for a next WG or plenary meeting.

5.12 Poly Recycling (recoSTAR PET FG), EFSA-Q-2018-01002¹⁶

The draft opinion was discussed . The WG requires additional information to complete the risk assessment. The Secretariat will request the applicant to provide the additional data. The scientific evaluation is currently suspended, awaiting submission of the additional information requested. Subject to the data provided a new draft opinion will be scheduled for a next WG or plenary meeting.

5.13 Quinn Packaging (EREMA Basic), EFSA-Q-2019-00085¹⁷

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

6. AOB

The WG was informed about new mandates on recycling applications that were received by EFSA since the last WG meeting.

7. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for September 2019.

¹⁶ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-01002>

¹⁷ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00085>



Food Ingredients and Packaging Unit

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 5TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2021

TELE-conference, 16-17 April 2019

(Agreed on 15 May 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides and Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
FIP Unit: Eric Barthélémy, Cristina Croera¹, Alexis Lioupis, Anna F. Castoldi
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

¹ On 16 April



2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 WG meeting, held on 11-12 March 2019, Parma.

The minutes of the 4th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 2 April 2019.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Poly Recycling (Starlinger PET direct iV+), EFSA-Q-2018-00811⁴

The draft opinion was discussed. The WG requires additional information to complete the risk assessment. The Secretariat will request the applicant to provide the additional data. The scientific evaluation is currently suspended, awaiting submission of the additional information requested. Subject to the data provided a new draft opinion will be scheduled for a next WG meeting.

5.2. Marcato recycling process (Starlinger viscotec deCON technology), EFSA-Q-2018-00897⁵

The draft opinion was discussed and deferred to a next WG meeting for further discussion.

5.3. PETman (Starlinger viscotec deCON), EFSA-Q-2018-00899⁶

The draft opinion was discussed and deferred to a next WG meeting for further discussion.

5.4. Reco-Kavala (Starlinger viscotec deCON), EFSA-Q-2018-00924⁷

The draft opinion was discussed and deferred to a next WG meeting for further discussion.

5.5. V&T Trade (Starlinger viscotec deCON), EFSA-Q-2018-01048⁸

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00811>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00897>

⁶ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00899>

⁷ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00924>

⁸ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-01048>



The draft opinion was discussed and deferred to a next WG meeting for further discussion.

5.6 Sharpak Brigdewater (Starlinger viscotec deCON), EFSA-Q-2019-00103⁹

The draft opinion was discussed and deferred to a next WG meeting for further discussion.

5.7 Pinaform (Starlinger viscotec deCON), EFSA-Q-2019-00126¹⁰

The draft opinion was discussed and deferred to a next WG meeting for further discussion.

5.8 Ferrarelle (Starlinger viscotec deCON), EFSA-Q-2019-00109¹¹

The draft opinion was discussed and deferred to a next WG meeting for further discussion.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for 20-21 June 2019.

⁹<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00103>

¹⁰<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00126>

¹¹<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2019-00109>



SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

MINUTES OF THE 4TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RECYCLING PLASTICS 2018-2021

Held on 11-12 March 2019, Parma

(Agreed on 02 April 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides and Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças
Maria Rosaria Milana has participated via teleconference, in agenda points 5.1 and 5.2
- Hearing Experts:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Bastiaan Schupp (DG SANTE)
- EFSA:
Not Applicable
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.



2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 3rd WG meeting, held on 15 January 2019, TELE-conference.

The minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 29 January 2019.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Recycling process AMB (Bandera technology), EFSA-Q-2018-00375³

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed, and changes were noted. The WG identified issues for clarification to be further discussed at a next WG meeting. The Secretariat will request the applicant to provide the additional information. The scientific evaluation is currently suspended, awaiting submission of the additional information requested. Subject to the information provided a new draft opinion will be scheduled for a next WG meeting.

5.2. Recycling process Veolia (URRC technology), EFSA-Q-2018-00768⁴

The draft opinion was discussed. The WG requires additional information to complete the risk assessment. The Secretariat will request the applicant to provide the additional data. The scientific evaluation is currently suspended, awaiting submission of the additional information requested. Subject to the data provided a new draft opinion will be scheduled for a next WG meeting.

5.3. Alimpet recycling process (EREMA MPR B2B technology), EFSA-Q-2018-00706⁵

The draft opinion was finalised in the WG and it will be scheduled for the CEP Panel meeting for discussion and possible adoption.

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

³ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00375>

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00768>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00706>



5.4. Texplast recycling process (EREMA advanced technology), EFSA-Q-2018-00642⁶

The draft opinion was finalised in the WG and it will be scheduled for the CEP Panel meeting for discussion and possible adoption.

5.5. Marcato recycling process (Starlinger viscotec deCON technology), EFSA-Q-2018-00897⁷

The draft opinion was discussed and deferred to a next WG meeting for further discussion.

5.6. PETman (Starlinger viscotec deCON), EFSA-Q-2018-00899⁸

The draft opinion was deferred to a next WG meeting.

5.7. Reco-Kavala (Starlinger viscotec deCON), EFSA-Q-2018-00924⁹

The draft opinion was deferred to a next WG meeting.

5.8. Poly Recycling (Starlinger PET direct iV+), EFSA-Q-2018-00811¹⁰

The draft opinion was deferred to a next WG meeting.

6. Any Other Business

6.1. Feedback from the EC WG on FCM and Task force on Recycling (DG SANTE)

7. AOB

7.1. New recycling applications

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were received by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

8. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for 16-17 April 2019.

⁶ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00642>

⁷ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00897>

⁸ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00899>

⁹ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00924>

¹⁰ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00811>

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

Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group on Recycling Plastics 2018-2021

Held by teleconference, on 15 January 2019

(Minutes Agreed on 29 January 2019, by written procedure)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides and Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças

- **EFSA:**

Eric Barthélémy, Anna Federica Castoldi and Alexandros Lioupis

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group (WG) members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been

¹http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

²http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

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 2nd WG meeting, held on 13 November 2019, Parma

The minutes of the 2nd WG meeting were agreed by written procedure on 3 December 2018.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Recycling process Jász-Plasztik (Vacurema Prime technology) (EFSA-Q-2018-00529)³

The draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

6. AOB

6.1 New recycling applications

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were received by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

7. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for 11-12 March 2019.

³<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00529>

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

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group on Recycling Plastics 2018-2021

Held by teleconference, on 13 November 2018

(Minutes Agreed on 4 December 2018, by written procedure)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Vincent Dudler, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides and Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças

- **EFSA:**

Eric Barthélémy, Alexandros Lioupis, Foteini Pantazi and Katharina Volk

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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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 1st WG meeting, held on 9 October 2018, Parma

The minutes of the 1st WG meeting were agreed by written procedure on 24 October 2018.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Recycling process AMB (Bandera technology) (EFSA-Q-2018-00375)³

The draft opinion was discussed. The WG requires additional information to complete the risk assessment. The scientific evaluation is currently suspended, awaiting submission of the additional information requested.

5.2. Recycling process Jász-Plasztik (Vacurema prime technology) (EFSA-Q-2018-00529)⁴

The dossier received from the applicant was discussed. The main points of the application were presented, comments were noted and the draft opinion was scheduled for further discussion at the next working group meeting.

6. AOB

6.2 New recycling applications

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were received by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

7. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for 14-15 January 2019 via teleconference.

³<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00375>

⁴<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00529>

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

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on Recycling Plastics 2018-2021

Held in Parma, on 9 October 2018

(Minutes Agreed on 24 October 2018, by written procedure)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Vincent Dudler¹, Konrad Grob, Eugenia Lampi (Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Constantine Papaspyrides¹ and Maria de Fátima Tavares Poças¹

- **EFSA:**

Eric Barthélémy, Julia Cara Carmona, Anna Federica Castoldi, Cristina Croera, Alexandros Lioupis and Katharina Volk

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working

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Group 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. RecyPET Hungaria (EFSA-Q-2017-00092)⁴

Further to the receipt of the additional information requested from the applicant, the draft opinion was discussed and changes were noted. The revised draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion and possible adoption by the CEP Panel.

4.2. Recycling process AMB (Bandera technology) (EFSA-Q-2018-00375)⁵

The main points of the application were presented, comments were noted and the draft opinion was scheduled for further discussion at the next working group meeting.

5. AOB

5.1 New EFSA rules for DOIs.

Following the entry into force of the new ED decision on Conflict of Interest Management on 1 July 2018, the submission of specific declarations of interest (sDoIs) is no longer required.

5.2 New recycling applications

The Working Group was informed about new mandates on recycling processes that were received by EFSA since the last Working Group meeting.

6. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held on 13 November 2018 via teleconference.

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⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2018-00375>