

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

MINUTES OF THE 19TH PLENARY MEETING

Held on 25 February 2021, by Teleconference

(Agreed on 12/03/2021)¹

Participants

■ Panel Members:

José Manuel Barat Baviera, Claudia Bolognesi, Andrew Chesson, Pier Sandro Cocconcelli, Riccardo Crebelli, David Michael Gott, Konrad Grob, Claude Lambré, Evgenia Lampi, Marcel Mengelers, Alicja Mortensen, Gilles Rivière, Inger-Lise Steffensen, Henk Van Loveren (acting Chair), Laurence Vernis and Holger Zorn

■ European Commission:

■ EFSA:

Food Ingredients and Packaging (FIP) Unit: Jaime Aguilera, Magdalena Andryszkiewicz, Katleen Baert, Eric Barthelemy, Ana Gomes, Natalia Kovalkovicova, Yi Liu, Simone Lunardi, Sandra Rainieri, Claudia Roncancio Peña, Stavroula Sampani and Ellen Van Haver.

Legal Department: Simone Gabbi

■ Others:

Tasking grant: National Food Institute, Technical University of Denmark; Karin Norby, Elsa Ebbesen Nielsen

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Christina Tlustos for the entire Plenary.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

¹ Adopted by written procedure



3. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Panel 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 18th Plenary meeting held on 27 January 2021, Parma

The minutes of the 18th Plenary meeting held on 27 January 2021 were agreed by written procedure on 27th January 2021⁴.

5. Report on written procedures since 18th Plenary meeting

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

6. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion and possible adoption

Guidance on the submission of dossiers on Food Enzymes for safety evaluation (EFSA-2020-00477)

The draft of the guidance on the submission of dossiers on Food Enzymes for safety evaluation was presented to the members of the CEP Panel together with the main points for discussion. The CEP Panel discussed the different parts of the risk assessment and unanimously endorsed the opinion, subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

7. Feedback from the Scientific Committee/Panel(s), EFSA, European Commission

7.1. Scientific Committee/Panel(s) including their Working Groups

The Chair reported the main point discussed during the 102nd SC Plenary, held the 17-18 Feb. 2021.

7.2. EFSA including its Working Groups /Task Forces

7.2.1. CEP WG on Food Contact Materials

No additional issues were brought to the attention of the CEP Panel further to what is already recorded in the **minutes of the WG**.

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 <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/event/2020/16th-plenary-meeting-cep-panel-minutes.pdf>



7.2.2. CEP WG on Recycling Plastic

No additional issues were brought to the attention of the CEP Panel further to what is already recorded in the [minutes of the WG](#).

7.2.3. CEP WG on Enzymes

No additional issues were brought to the attention of the CEP Panel further to what is already recorded in the [minutes of the WG](#).

7.2.4. CEP WG on the Update of the Guidance on Food Enzymes

No additional issues were brought to the attention of the CEP Panel further to what is already recorded in the [minutes of the WG](#).

7.2.5. CEP WG on BPA re-evaluation

No additional issues were brought to the attention of the CEP Panel further to what is already recorded in the [minutes of the WG](#).

7.2.6. CEP WG on preparation for re-evaluation of phthalates, structurally similar substances and replacement substances

No additional issues were brought to the attention of the CEP Panel further to what is already recorded in the [minutes of the WG](#).

7.2.7. CEP WG on the evaluation of substances used to reduce microbial contamination from products of animal origin

No additional issues were brought to the attention of the CEP Panel further to what is already recorded in the [minutes of the WG](#).

7.3 EFSA

7.3.1 CEP WG on Extraction Solvents

The CEP Panel was informed about the establishment of a new working group on extraction solvents for assessing the safety of extraction solvents used in the production of foodstuffs and food ingredients that are regulated under Directive 2009/32/EC, following the receipt of a new request (EFSA-Q-2021-00010). Claude Lambré has been appointed as chair of the WG.

7.3.2 Withdrawal of the adoption of draft opinion “safety assessment of Food enzyme isomaltulose synthase from *Protaminobacter rubrum* (Z12A)” (EFSA-Q-2015-00620)

At the 18th CEP Plenary meeting held in January 2021, the CEP Panel adopted the scientific opinion on the safety assessment of Food enzyme isomaltulose synthase from *Protaminobacter rubrum* (Z12A) (EFSA-Q-2015-00620). During the pre-notification phase previous to publication, EFSA became aware of some technical inaccuracies affecting different sections of the opinion. In accordance with the applicable EFSA SOP 12, the publication of the adopted scientific opinion was put on hold. The CEP Panel decided to withdraw the adoption. The opinion will go back to the WG to be revised.



7.4 European Commission

n.a

8. New mandates

n.a

9. Other scientific topics for information and/or discussion

None

10. Any Other business

Election of one Chair and two vice Chairs for the CEP Panel were held. Two candidates presented for the role of Chair (Alicja Mortensen and Claude Lambré) and two for the role of vice chairs (Alicja Mortensen and Henk van Loveren). Claude Lambré was finally elected as Chair of the CEP Panel with a 56% majority of the votes. Alicja Mortensen and Henk Van Loveren were elected as vice chairs.