



FOOD INGREDIENTS AND PACKAGING UNIT

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

MINUTES OF THE 20TH PLENARY MEETING

Held on 23-24 March 2021, by Teleconference

(Agreed on 02/04/2021)¹

Participants

■ Panel Members:

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■ Hearing experts: Laurence Castle²

■ European Commission:

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■ EFSA:

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■ ECHA²:

Birgit Ahrens, Evelin Fabjan, Ronan Nicolas and Letizia Polci

■ Others:

Tasking grant⁴: National Food Institute, Technical University of Denmark; Elsa Ebbesen Nielsen

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Christina Tlustos for the entire Plenary. Alicja Mortensen left the meeting on 24 March at 15:30.

¹ Adopted by written procedure

² For agenda Item:6.7

³ For agenda item: 6.1

⁴ For agenda item 6.3



2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Panel members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence⁵ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁶, 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 Plenary meeting held on 25 February 2021, Parma

The minutes of the 19th Plenary meeting held on 25 February 2021 were agreed by written procedure on 12th March 2021⁷.

5. Report on written procedures since 19th Plenary meeting

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

6. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion and possible adoption

6.1. Recycling process Plastrec (Polymetrix pellet technology) (EFSA-2019-00294)

The draft recycling process Plastrec (Polymetrix pellet technology) was presented to the members of the CEP Panel together with the main points for discussion. The CEP Panel discussed the different parts of the risk assessment and unanimously adopted the opinion, subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

6.2. Food enzyme endo-1,4-beta-xylanase from a genetically modified strain of *Bacillus subtilis* (DP-Ezd31) (EFSA-2015-00839)

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the food enzyme endo-1,4-beta-xylanase from a genetically modified strain of *Bacillus subtilis* DP-Ezd31 was presented to the members of the CEP Panel together with the main points for discussion. The CEP Panel discussed the different parts of the risk assessment and unanimously adopted the opinion, subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

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

⁶ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁷ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/event/2020/16th-plenary-meeting-cep-panel-minutes.pdf>



6.3. Food enzyme Tryacylglycerol Lipase from a genetically modified *Aspergillus niger* agg. (strain FL100SC) (EFSA-2015-00447)

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the food enzyme lipase from a genetically modified strain of *Aspergillus niger* agg. (renamed *Aspergillus luchuensis*) FL100SC was presented to the members of the CEP Panel together with the main points for discussion. The CEP Panel discussed the different parts of the risk assessment and unanimously adopted the opinion, subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

6.4. Food enzyme Glucan 1,4-alpha-glucosidase and alpha amylase from a genetically modified strain of *Aspergillus niger* (NZYM-BX) (EFSA-2013-00877)

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the food enzyme glucan 1,4-alpha-glucosidase and alpha amylase from a genetically modified strain of *Aspergillus niger* NZYM-BX was presented to the members of the CEP Panel together with the main points for discussion. The CEP Panel discussed the different parts of the risk assessment and unanimously adopted the opinion, subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

6.5. Food enzyme Alpha-amylase from a genetically modified strain of *Bacillus licheniformis* (EFSA-2016-00093)

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the food enzyme alpha-amylase from a genetically modified strain of *Bacillus licheniformis* was presented to the members of the CEP Panel together with the main points for discussion. The CEP Panel discussed the different parts of the risk assessment and unanimously adopted the opinion, subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

6.6. Food enzyme D-allulose 3-epimerase from a genetically modified strain of *Escherichia coli* (K-12 W3110) (EFSA-2019-00445)

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the food enzyme D-allulose 3-epimerase from a genetically modified strain of *Escherichia coli* K-12 W3110 was presented to the members of the CEP Panel together with the main points for discussion. The CEP Panel discussed the different parts of the risk assessment and unanimously adopted the opinion, subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

6.7. Phthalates – task 1 (prioritisation of substances): first presentation of pool of substances and prioritisation approach (EFSA-2020-00725)

Draft approaches for building a pool of substances and for prioritising relevant substances were presented to the members of the CEP Panel. The proposals were discussed and endorsed by the Panel and will be further elaborated in the form of a draft scientific opinion which will be presented to the Panel in a future meeting.



6.8. Food enzyme Isomaltulose synthase from *Protaminobacter rubrum* (Z12A) (2015-00620)

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the food enzyme isomaltulose synthase from a strain of *Protaminobacter rubrum* (renamed *Serratia plymuthica*) Z12A, formerly adopted and then withdrawn,⁸ was presented to the members of the CEP Panel together with the modifications introduced by the WG. The CEP Panel discussed the modifications and unanimously adopted 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

No Scientific Committee Plenary was held since the 19th CEP Plenary held on 25th February.

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](#).

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](#).

⁸ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/event/2021/18th-plenary-meeting-cep-panel-minutes.pdf>).



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](#).

7.2.8 BIOHAZ WG on high pressure processing

The EC requested EFSA to assess the efficacy and the safety of high pressure processing (HPP) used in food production (EFSA-Q-2020-00380). The potential chemical food safety risks through food contact materials in HPP-treated food is under the remit of the CEP Panel that will endorse the specific section. The status of the preparatory work and the protocol development related to food contact materials were presented. The FCM section of the draft opinion will be scheduled for discussion at the next CEP Plenary meeting.

7.3 EFSA

The Panel was informed on: a) the rapporteurship scheme to compensate additional tasks to WG and/or Panel members, b) the new tool for the submission of the declarations of interests and the related training, 3) the need for confirming Chair, vice-Chairs and Working Groups in view of the prolongation of the term of office of the members of the Scientific Committee and of the Scientific Panels who are in office on 30 June 2021, and 4) the calendar with the dates of the Plenary meetings that will take place in 2022.

7.4 European Commission

Nothing was reported.

8. New mandates

The presentation of the new, the validated and the withdrawn questions was postponed to the next Plenary meeting.

9. Other scientific topics for information and/or discussion

None.

10. Any Other business

Following his election at the 19th CEP Plenary meeting on 25 February, the Chair presented his views on the organisation of the discussions at the Plenary.