MINUTES OF THE 25th PLENARY MEETING

Held on 23-26 November 2021, by Teleconference

(Agreed on 14/12/2021)¹

Participants

Panel Members:
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Observers:
EC Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS): Maria Dusinska²
European Commission: Greta Borg³, Jonathan Briggs², Stella D’Amore³, Catherine Evrevin⁴, Apostolos Kapsalis⁵, Bastiaan Schupp⁵

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Scientific Committee and Emerging Risk Unit (SCER): Jose Tarazona

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

¹ Adopted by written procedure
² For Agenda item 6.1
³ For Agenda item 6.1 and 6.4.
⁴ For Agenda item 6.6 and 6.11.
⁵ For Agenda item 6.1 and 6.4, and 7.
The Chair welcomed the participants in the meeting. Apologies were received from Christina Tlustos for the entire Plenary; from Claudia Bolognesi for the 24th from 9h to 10h, from Evgenia Lampi for the 25th from 10h to 13h; from Marcel Mengelers for the 25th from 14h15 to 15h30; from Alicja Mortensen for the 26th from 9h to 13h; and from Pier Sandro Cocconcelli for the 26th from 10h40 to 13h.

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 Independence⁶ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁷, 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 24th Plenary meeting held on 27-28 October 2021
The minutes of the 24th Plenary meeting held on 27-28 October 2021 were agreed by written procedure on 19th November 2021⁸.

5. Report on written procedures since 24th 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. Re-evaluation of the risks to public health related to the presence of bisphenol A (BPA) in foodstuffs (EFSA-Q-2016-00635)
The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the re-evaluation of the risks to public health related to the presence of bisphenol A (BPA) in foodstuffs was presented to the members of the CEP Panel together with the main points for discussion. The draft opinion was endorsed for public consultation by the Panel subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

6.2. Recycling process Green Loop System (EFSA-Q-2019-00016)
The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the recycling process Green Loop System was presented to the members of the CEP Panel together with the main points for discussion. The CEP Panel discussed

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the different parts of the risk assessment and unanimously adopted the opinion, subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

6.3. Recycling process PET to PET Recycling Österreich (Starlinger HDPE) (EFSA-Q-2019-00296)

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the recycling process PET to PET Recycling Österreich (Starlinger HDPE) 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 contact substance chopped carbon fibre (FCM) (EFSA-Q-2021-00006)

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the substance chopped carbon fibre (FCM) 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 cyclomaltodextrin glucanotransferase derived from Geobacillus stearothermophilus (EFSA-Q-2015-00230)

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the food enzyme cyclomaltodextrin glucanotransferase derived from Geobacillus stearothermophilus 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 trypsin from porcine pancreas (EFSA-Q-2020-00667)

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the food enzyme trypsin from porcine pancreas 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. Food enzyme catalase from hog (pig) liver (EFSA-Q-2017-00406)

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the food enzyme catalase from hog (pig) liver 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.

6.8. Food enzyme rennet from stomachs of young sheep (EFSA-Q-2016-00270)

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the food enzyme rennet from stomachs of young sheep 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.
6.9. Food enzyme rennet paste from abomasum of goat, sheep and cattle (EFSA-Q-2015-00453)

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the food enzyme rennet paste from abomasum of goat, sheep and cattle 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.

6.10. Food enzyme containing chymosin, pepsin and gastricsin from abomasum of kids (young goats) (EFSA-Q-2017-00045)

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the food enzyme containing chymosin, pepsin and gastricsin from abomasum of kids (young goats) 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.

6.11. Process-specific technical data used in exposure assessment of food enzymes (EFSA-Q-2021-00532)

The draft opinion on the process-specific technical data used in exposure assessment of food enzymes 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.

6.12. Recycling process LuxPET (Polymetrix Pellet) (EFSA-Q-2020-00342)

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the recycling process LuxPET (Polymetrix Pellet) 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.

6.13. Recycling process MOPET (Polymetrix Pellet) (EFSA-Q-2020-00421)

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the recycling process MOPET (Polymetrix Pellet) 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.


The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the recycling process Novapet (Polymetrix Pellet) 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.
6.15. Recycling process OMT Recycling project S.L. (Starlinger iV+) (EFSA-Q-2020-00647)

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the recycling process OMT Recycling project S.L. (Starlinger iV+) 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.

6.16. Recycling process Biffa Waste Services (Starlinger iV+) (EFSA-Q-2020-00704)

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the recycling process Biffa Waste Services (Starlinger iV+) 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.

6.17. Recycling process DENTIS RECYCLING ITALY (Starlinger iV+) (EFSA-Q-2020-00743)

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the recycling process DENTIS RECYCLING ITALY (Starlinger iV+) 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.

6.18. Recycling process Ferrarelle (Starlinger iV+) (EFSA-Q-2020-00742)

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the recycling process Ferrarelle (Starlinger iV+) 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.


The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the recycling process Circular Plastics (Starlinger iV+) 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.

6.20. Recycling process Srichakra Polyplast (Starlinger iV+) (EFSA-Q-2021-00007)

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the recycling process Srichakra Polyplast (Starlinger iV+) 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.

6.21. Recycling process Resinas del Ecuador (Starlinger iV+) (EFSA-Q-2021-00136)
The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the recycling process Resinas del Ecuador (Starlinger iV+) was presented to the members of the CEP Panel together with the main points for discussion. The CEP Panel discussed the different parts of the risk assessment and unanimously adopted the opinion, subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

**7. 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 points discussed during the 106th Scientific Committee Plenary, held on 17-18 November 2021.

**7.2. CEP Panel 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**

The Panel was informed that the WG was closed as per procedure, after publication of the Guidance.

**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.

7.2.8. CEP WG on Extraction solvents

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

Valeriu Curtui, currently head of the EFSA NUTRI Unit and who will be the new Head of the FIP Unit from 1st January 2022, introduced himself to the Panel.

7.4. European Commission

Bastiaan Schupp (EC DG SANTE) provided feedback on the regulatory developments on recycled plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with food.

8. New mandates

8.1. New questions received since the 24th CEP Plenary

The following 10 new mandates have been received since the 24th CEP Plenary meeting.

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8.2. Valid questions since the 24th CEP Plenary:
The following 13 new mandates have been validated since the 24th CEP Plenary meeting.

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8.3. Withdrawn questions since the 24th CEP Plenary:
None.

9. Other scientific topics for information and/or discussion
José Tarazona (SCER UNIT) presented to the Panel the EFSA SC Opinion on the impact of non-monotonic dose responses on EFSAs human health risk assessments ([EFSA Scientific Committee, 2021](#)).

10. Any Other business
None.