



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

## MINUTES OF THE 26<sup>th</sup> PLENARY MEETING

**Held on 26-27 January 2022, by Teleconference**

**(Agreed on 8/02/2021)<sup>1</sup>**

### Participants

■ Panel Members:

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

■ Observers:

European Commission: Greta Borg<sup>2</sup>, Catherine Evrein<sup>3</sup>

■ EFSA:

Food Ingredients and Packaging (FIP) Unit: Jaime Aguilera, , Magdalena Andryszkiewicz, Katleen Baert, Eric Barthélémy, Daniele Comandella, Valeriu Curtui, Chantra Eskes, Ana Gomes, Natalia Kovalkovicova, Yi Liu, Alexis Lioupis, Remigio Marano, Sandra Rainieri, Stavroula Sampani, Alexandra Tard and Katharina Volk

Front Desk and workforce Planning (FDP) Unit: Ellen Van Haver

### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants in the meeting. Apologies were received from Christina Tlustos for the entire Plenary.

### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

<sup>1</sup> Adopted by written procedure

<sup>2</sup> For Agenda item 6.3.

<sup>3</sup> For Agenda item 6.4 and 6.7-9



### 3. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Panel members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>4</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>5</sup>, 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 25<sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting held on 23-26 November 2021

The minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting held on 23-26 November 2021 were agreed by written procedure on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021<sup>6</sup>.

### 5. Report on written procedures since 25<sup>th</sup> 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. Food contact substance nano precipitated calcium carbonate (EFSA-Q-2019-00232)

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the substance nano precipitated calcium carbonate 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.

In its safety assessment, the Panel noted that data on the solubilisation at pH 5-6, required for contact with foods intended for infants below 16 weeks of age, could provide reassurance of rapid solubilisation for individuals with decreased acid secretion (either physiologically or through medication). This will be brought to the EFSA cross-cutting Working Group on "Nano" and their advice will be sought.

#### 6.2. Food contact substance fatty acids coated nano precipitated calcium carbonate (EFSA-Q-2019-00233)

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the substance fatty acids coated nano precipitated calcium carbonate 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.

#### 6.3. Food contact substance cellulose pulp, bleached (EFSA-Q-2017-00740)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2021-09/210914-m.pdf>



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#### **6.4. Extraction solvent 2-methyloxolane (EFSA-Q-2021-00010)**

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the extraction solvent 2-methyloxolane 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 contact substance diethyl[[3,5-bis(1,1-dimethylethyl)-4-hydroxyphenyl]methyl] phosphonate (EFSA-Q-2020-00615)**

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the substance diethyl[[3,5-bis(1,1-dimethylethyl)-4-hydroxyphenyl]methyl] phosphonate 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. Recycling process Veolia (Starlinger iV+) (EFSA-Q-2019-00648)**

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the recycling process Veolia (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.

#### **6.7. Food Enzyme glucose oxidase from a genetically modified strain of *Aspergillus niger* (EFSA-Q-2016-00144)**

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the food enzyme glucose oxidase from a genetically modified strain of *Aspergillus niger* 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 arabinofuranosidase from the genetically modified *Trichoderma reesei* strain NZYM-GV (EFSA-Q-2021-00120)**

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the food enzyme arabinofuranosidase from the genetically modified *Trichoderma reesei* strain NZYM-GV 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 glucan 1,4 $\alpha$ -glucosidase from the genetically modified *Aspergillus niger* strain NZYM-BR (EFSA-Q-2013-00686)**



The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the food enzyme glucan 1,4  $\alpha$ -glucosidase from the genetically modified *Aspergillus niger* strain NZYM-BR 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. Recycling process Enkador (Vacurema Prime) (EFSA-Q-2019-00699)**

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the recycling process Enkador (Vacurema Prime) 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. Recycling process Coca-Cola HBC Polska (Vacurema Prime) (EFSA-Q-2020-00596)**

The draft opinion on safety assessment of the recycling process Coca-Cola HBC Polska (Vacurema Prime) 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**

No Scientific Committee Plenary was held since the 25<sup>th</sup> CEP Plenary meeting held on 23-26 November 2021. The next Scientific Committee Plenary is scheduled on 9-10<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **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 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](#).

#### 7.2.5. 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](#).

#### 7.2.6. 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](#).

#### 7.2.7. CEP WG on Extraction solvents

The CEP Panel adopted at this Plenary meeting the opinion on the extraction solvent 2-methyloxolane (item 6.4). Since no other applications have been submitted so far, the WG will be put on-hold.

### 7.3. EFSA

The next Plenary meeting will be extended from 2 to 3 days (22 to 24 March 2022).

### 7.4. European Commission

None

## 8. New mandates

### 8.1. New questions received since the 25<sup>th</sup> CEP Plenary

The following 10 new mandates have been received since the 25<sup>th</sup> CEP Plenary meeting.

Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Reception date
REC	EFSA-Q-2021-00715	Fucine Film_Reifenhäuser technology	30/11/2021
REC	EFSA-Q-2021-00744	Silver Plastics_Reifenhäuser process	08/12/2021
REC	EFSA-Q-2021-00783	AST Recycling & Rekonditionierung_HDPE canisters closed loop	17/12/2021



REC	EFSA-Q-2021-00784	Renovapet_Vacunite (EREMA VACUREMA BASIC + Polymetrix SSP VLEAN)	17/12/2021
REC	EFSA-Q-2021-00785	Petecoflex_Starlinger deCON	21/12/2021
REC	EFSA-Q-2021-00786	Basatli_Starlinger iV+	21/12/2021
REC	EFSA-Q-2021-00787	Akmert_Starlinger iV+	21/12/2021
REC	EFSA-Q-2021-00799	Commercial Plastics_Starlinger iV+	23/12/2021
REC	EFSA-Q-2022-00008	Loreco Plast Recyclage_Vacurema PRIME	17/01/2022
REC	EFSA-Q-2022-00014	Battenfeld-Cincinnati_Battenfeld Process	13/01/2022

## 8.2. Valid questions since the 25<sup>th</sup> CEP Plenary:

The following 3 new mandates have been validated since the 25<sup>th</sup> CEP Plenary meeting.

Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Reception date
REC	EFSA-Q-2021-00715	Fucine Film_Reifenhäuser technology	12/01/2022
REC	EFSA-Q-2021-00744	Silver Plastics_Reifenhäuser process	20/01/2022
ENZ	EFSA-Q-2021-00423	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on an extension of use of acid prolyl endopeptidase from Aspergillus niger GEP	02/12/2021

## 8.3. Withdrawn questions since the 24<sup>th</sup> CEP Plenary:

None.

## 9. Other scientific topics for information and/or discussion

None.

## 10. Any Other business

Katleen Baert, FCM Team leader informed the Panel that she will leave EFSA in March.