



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

## 34th CEP Panel meeting

24-26 January 2023  
14:00-18:00 / 09:00-18:00 / 09:00-13:00  
Minutes (Agreed on 09/02/2022)



**Location:** Web-conference

**Attendees:**

○ CEP Panel Members:

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

○ European Commission:

B. Schupp (Agenda point 6.1-6.3), A. Kapsalis and C. Evrevin

○ EFSA:

Food Ingredients and Packaging (FIP) Unit: Jaime Aguilera, Zainab Al Harraq, Kyriaki Apergi, Sewwandi Uppeksha Alwis, Magdalena Andryszkiewicz, Eric Barthélémy, Daniele Comandella, Ana Criado, Valeriu-Georghe Curtui, Ana Gomes, Natalia Kovalkovicova, Blanka Halamoda-Kenzaoui, Alexandros Lioupis, Yi Liu, Marta Lopez Villegas, Simone Lunardi, Eleonora Marini, Silvia Peluso, Francesco Pesci, Sandra Rainieri, Elisa Savini, Vasiliki Sfika, Emmanouil Tsochatzis, Katharina Volk

○ Others:

MESE Unit: Rita Sofia Ferreira de Sousa, Sofia Ioannidou

NIF Unit: Ana Afonso

TS Unit: Filippo Conte

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Christina Tlustos, Riccardo Crebelli and David Gott.

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Panel members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Panel 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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<sup>1</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>2</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)



## **4. Agreement of the minutes of the 33<sup>rd</sup> CEP Panel meeting held on 6-7 December 2022, in Parma or via web-conference**

The [minutes of the 33<sup>rd</sup> CEP Panel meeting](#) were agreed by written procedure on 22 December 2023.

## **5. Report on written procedures since 33<sup>rd</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. Recycling process Plastipak Iberia (VACUNITE technology) (EFSA-Q-2021-00479)**

The CEP Panel discussed all parts of the draft opinion. The opinion was unanimously adopted, subject to the incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting and editorial changes.

### **6.2. Steinbeis PolyVert (EREMA Basic technology) (EFSA-Q-2021-00553)**

The CEP Panel discussed all parts of the draft opinion. The opinion was unanimously adopted, subject to the incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting and editorial changes.

### **6.3. Zhenjiang Ceville Recycled Fiber (EREMA Basic technology) (EFSA-Q-2021-00552)**

The CEP Panel discussed all parts of the draft opinion. The opinion was unanimously adopted, subject to the incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting and editorial changes.

### **6.4. Endo-1,3(4)- $\beta$ -glucanase from the non-genetically modified *Cellulosimicrobium funkei* strain AE-TN (EFSA-2015-00693)**

The CEP Panel discussed all parts of the draft opinion. The opinion was unanimously adopted, subject to the incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting and editorial changes.

### **6.5. Phospholipase A1 from the genetically modified strain of *Aspergillus oryzae* strain NZYM-PP (EFSA-Q-2014-00921)**

The CEP Panel discussed all parts of the draft opinion. The opinion was unanimously adopted, subject to the incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting and editorial changes.

### **6.6. Pectin esterase from the genetically modified *Aspergillus oryzae* strain AR-962 (EFSA-Q-2021-00072)**

The CEP Panel discussed all parts of the draft opinion. The opinion was unanimously adopted, subject to the incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting and editorial changes.

### **6.7. Endo-polygalacturonase from the genetically modified strain of *Aspergillus oryzae* strain AR-183 (EFSA-Q-2021-00066)**

The CEP Panel discussed all parts of the draft opinion. The opinion was unanimously adopted, subject to the incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting and editorial changes.

### **6.8. Endo-polygalacturonase from the genetically modified *Aspergillus niger* strain EPG (EFSA-Q-2014-00402)**



The CEP Panel discussed all parts of the draft opinion. The opinion was unanimously adopted, subject to the incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting and editorial changes.

**6.9. Polygalacturonase from the non-GM *Talaromyces cellulolyticus* strain NITE BP-03478 (EFSA-Q-2016-00528/EFSA-Q-2015-00370)**

The CEP Panel discussed all parts of the draft opinion. The opinion was unanimously adopted, subject to the incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting and editorial changes.

**6.10. Glucoamylase from the non-genetically modified *Rhizopus oryzae* strain CU634-1775 (EFSA-Q-2016-00535)**

The CEP Panel discussed all parts of the draft opinion. The opinion was unanimously adopted, subject to the incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting and editorial changes.

**6.11.  $\beta$ -fructofuranosidase from the non-genetically modified *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* strain INV (EFSA-Q-2021-00695)**

The CEP Panel discussed all parts of the draft opinion. The opinion was unanimously adopted, subject to the incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting and editorial changes.

**6.12. 1,4-beta-glucan branching enzyme from the non-genetically modified *Geobacillus stearothermophilus* strain TRBE14 (EFSA-Q-2016-00100)**

The CEP Panel discussed all parts of the draft opinion. The opinion was unanimously adopted, subject to the incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting and editorial changes.

**6.13. Cyclomaltodextrin glucanotransferase from the non-genetically modified *Geobacillus stearothermophilus* (EFSA-Q-2016-00863)**

The CEP Panel discussed all parts of the draft opinion. The opinion was unanimously adopted, subject to the incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting and editorial changes.

**6.14. Catalase from the non-genetically modified *Aspergillus niger* strain CTS 2093 (EFSA-Q-2016-00532)**

The CEP Panel discussed all parts of the draft opinion. The opinion was unanimously adopted, subject to the incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting and editorial changes.

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

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

#### **7.2. CEP Panel Working Groups /Task Forces**

##### **7.1.1. 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**.

##### **7.1.2. 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**.

##### **7.1.3. 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](#).

#### 7.1.4. CEP WG on BPA

The WG Chair updated the Panel on the latest exchanges held with EMA and BfR on divergent views on the draft opinion on BPA. The outcome of those meetings will be published at the same time with the publication of the opinion.

### 7.3. EFSA

The achievements attained by the CEP Panel in 2022 and the work program for 2023 were presented to the Panel.

The CEP Panel was informed about the timeline to issue the final edition of the "[Process-specific technical data used in exposure assessment of food enzymes](#)", as well as the upcoming information session on 18 April 2023 in Brussels.

### 6.2. European Commission

The progress made in the preparation of the Union list for food enzymes was presented to the CEP Panel.

## 8. New mandates

### 8.1. New questions received since the 33<sup>rd</sup> CEP Plenary

The following 3 new mandates have been received since the 33<sup>rd</sup> CEP Plenary meeting.

Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Reception date
REC	EFSA-Q-2023-00015	Starlinger_PET iV+	09/01/2023
FCM	EFSA-Q-2023-00021	Mixture of CHDM, Ether-Dimer and Ester-Dimer	10/01/2023
FCM	EFSA-Q-2023-00022	Amendment to the SML(T) applicable to Crotonic Acid as a NIAS related to FCM 1059 (PHBH)	10/01/2023

### 8.2. Valid questions since the 33<sup>rd</sup> CEP Plenary:

The following 8 new mandates have been validated since the 33<sup>rd</sup> CEP Plenary meeting.

Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Validity date
ENZ	EFSA-Q-2021-00653	D-psicose 3-epimerase naturally present in non-GMM <i>Microbacterium foliorum</i> SYG27B	18/01/2023



ENZ	EFSA-Q-2022-00532	Alpha-amylase from <i>Microbacterium imperiale</i> (strain AE-AMT)	22/12/2022
ENZ	EFSA-Q-2022-00603	Glucan 1,4- $\alpha$ -maltohydrolase from <i>Bacillus subtilis</i> strain MAM	18/01/2023
REC	EFSA-Q-2022-00188	Envicco Limited_EREMA VACUREMA® Basic + Bühler/Polymetrix SSP LeaN	08/12/2022
REC	EFSA-Q-2022-00406	Envicco Limited_EREMA VACUREMA® Basic + Bühler/Polymetrix SSP LeaN"	06/01/2023
REC	EFSA-Q-2022-00528	Ambiental de Plasticos Recyclapet SAS_EREMA VACUREMA® Prime	30/01/2023
REC	EFSA-Q-2022-00629	Acepolymer Co., Ltd._Vacurema Prime	06/01/2023
FCM	EFSA-Q-2022-00452	Wax, rice bran, oxidized and Wax, rice bran, partially saponified	15/12/2022

#### 7.4. Withdrawn questions since the 33rd CEP Plenary:

Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Withdrawn date
REC	EFSA-Q-2021-00158	Request for the safety evaluation of the Poly Recycling AG recycling process (VACUREMA(r) Advanced) to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses	10/01/2023
REC	EFSA-Q-2021-00554	Steinbeis PolyVert GmbH_VACUREMA Advanced	10/01/2022

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

- 9.1. The Chair of the WG on Recycling Plastics presented the new Recycling Regulation, Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/1616 repealing Commission Regulation (EC) 282/2008, with a focus on the legislative provisions relevant to the risk assessment.
- 9.2. EFSA presented the updates regarding the draft mandate on Styrene received from the European Commission. The draft mandate is currently under discussion within EFSA and with the European Commission.

## 10. Any other business

- 10.1. In December 2022, a new release was made to the EFSA Comprehensive Consumption Database. The new release updated the dietary survey from one EU country and the classification of food items was aligned with the latest FoodEx2 catalogue. Consumption data from three pre-accession countries became available in this new release; their use for risk assessment purpose is being tested.



10.2. A practical demonstration on the new declaration of interest (doi) tool was given to the Panel members.

10.3. The Panel was informed about the results of the Survey filled out by the external observers on the 31<sup>st</sup> CEP Open Plenary.