

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

## 41<sup>st</sup> CEP Panel meeting



30-31 January and 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024  
09:00-18:00 /09:00-18:00 /09:00-13:00  
MINUTES (Agreed on 14 February 2024)

**Location:** Teleconference

### Attendees:

- CEP Panel Members:  
José Manuel Barat Baviera, Claudia Bolognesi, Andrew Chesson, Pier Sandro Cocconcelli, David Gott, Konrad Grob, Claude Lambré, Evgenia Lampi, Marcel Mengelers, Alicja Mortensen, Gilles Rivière, Inger-Lise Steffensen, Henk Van Loveren, Laurence Vernis and Holger Zorn
- European Commission:  
Martinus Nagtzaam, Catherine Evrevin
- EFSA:  
Food Ingredients and Packaging (FIP) Unit: Jaime Aguilera, Magdalena Andryszkiewicz, Eric Barthélémy, Daniele Cavanna, Marianna Ciccone, Gian Luca Colombo, Daniele Comandella, Ana Criado, Valeriu-Georghe Curtui, Roos de Nijs, Julia Fontan Vela, Arianna Gallo, Ana Gomes, Natalia Kovalkovicova, Alexandros Lioupis, Yi Liu, Simone Lunardi, Remigio Marano, Eleonora Marini, Silvia Peluso, Sandra Rainieri, Laura Sanmartín, Elisa Savini, Vasiliki Sfika, Emmanouil Tsochatzis, Katharina Volk and Kyriaki Xiftou

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Christina Tlustos - whole meeting; Pier Sandro Cocconcelli - 30<sup>th</sup> January from 9:00 to 10:40 and on 1<sup>st</sup> February from 10:00 to 13:00, Evgenia Lampi - the 31<sup>st</sup> January from 9:00 to 13:00.

## 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.

## 4. Agreement of the minutes of the 40<sup>th</sup> CEP Panel meeting held on 5-7 December 2023 via web-conference

<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)



The minutes of the [40<sup>th</sup> CEP Panel meeting](#) were agreed by written procedure on 22th December 2023.

## 5. Report on written procedures since 40<sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting

None.

## 6. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion and possible adoption

### 6.1. Triphenyl phosphite, polymer with CHDM and polypropylene glycol, C10-16 alkyl esters as a new substance to be used in plastic for food contact uses ([EFSA-Q-2022-00613](#))

The CEP Panel discussed all parts of the draft opinion. The opinion was unanimously endorsed. The adoption will take place in the future, once EFSA completes the public consultation and reaches a decision to the confidentiality requests formulated by the applicant.

### 6.2. Scientific guidance on the criteria for the evaluation of post-consumer mechanical PET recycling processes intended to be used for manufacture of materials and articles in contact with food ([EFSA-Q-2023-00351](#))

The CEP Panel discussed all parts of the draft Guidance. The Guidance was unanimously endorsed for public consultation, subject to the incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting and editorial changes.

### 6.3. Recycling process CeltiPak (KREYENBORG IR Clean+ technology) ([EFSA-Q-2022-00523](#))

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. Recycling process Enplater (KREYENBORG IR Clean+ technology) ([EFSA-Q-2022-00744](#))

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. Recycling process GTX Hanex (KREYENBORG IR Clean+ technology) ([EFSA-Q-2022-00751](#))

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. Recycling process Lietpak (EREMA MPR technology) ([EFSA-Q-2022-00535](#))

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.

### 6.7. Recycling process Shinkong (EREMA Basic technology) ([EFSA-Q-2022-00362](#))

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. Recycling process Reliance Industries (Protec technology) ([EFSA-Q-2022-00616](#))

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. Alpha-galactosidase from the genetically modified *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* strain CBS 615.94**  
**([EFSA-Q-2013-01019](#))**

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. Animal rennet from *Bos primigenius* (cattle), *Bubalus bubalis* (buffalo), *Capra aegagrus hircus* (goat) and *Ovis aries* (sheep)**  
**([EFSA-Q-2022-00429](#))**

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. Bacillolysin from the non-genetically modified *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* strain DP-Cyb74**  
**([EFSA-Q-2022-00527](#))**

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. Bacillolysin from the non-genetically modified *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* strain NZYM-NB**  
**([EFSA-Q-2022-00593](#))**

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. Bacillolysin, Leucyl amino peptidase, Oryzin and Aspergillopepsin I from the non-genetically modified *Aspergillus oryzae* strain HBI-POP01**  
**([EFSA-Q-2022-00861](#))**

The CEP Panel did not discuss the draft opinion. The opinion needs further discussion by the enzyme WG.

**6.14. Beta-fructofuranosidase from non-GM *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* strain NCYC R693**  
**([EFSA-Q-2022-00521](#))**

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.

**6.15. Asparaginase from the genetically modified *Aspergillus niger* strain AGN**  
**([EFSA-Q-2014-00401](#))**

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.

**6.16. Glutaminase from *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* strain AE-GT**  
**([EFSA-Q-2015-00289](#))**

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.

**6.17. Microbial collagenase from the genetically modified *Streptomyces violaceoruber* strain pCol**  
**([EFSA-Q-2015-00826](#))**

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.

**6.18. Mucorpepsin from the non-genetically modified *Rhizomucor miehei* strain LP-N836**  
**([EFSA-Q-2022-00179](#))**

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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.

**6.19. Mucorpepsin from *Rhizomucor miehei* strain M19-21  
([EFSA-Q-2022-00201](#))**

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.

**6.20. Thermolysin from the non-genetically modified *Anoxybacillus caldiproteolyticus* strain AE-TP  
([EFSA-Q-2016-00083](#))**

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**

The Chair reported the main points discussed during the 116th Scientific Committee Plenary, held on 21-23 November 2023.

### **7.2 European Commission**

The Commission informed EFSA about the risk management actions taken, following several negative opinions adopted by the EFSA's CEP Panel.

### **7.3 Update from CEP Panel Working groups**

#### **7.3.1. 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](#).

#### **7.3.2. CEP WG on Recycling Plastic**

The CEP Panel was informed about a webinar dedicated to the Scientific guidance on post-consumer mechanical PET recycling processes intended to be used for manufacture of materials and articles in contact with food that will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and for which registrations are open until 15 February 2024 - 12:00 (CET) (<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/guidance-mechanical-pet-recycling-webinar>).

No additional issues were brought to the attention of the CEP Panel. The progress on dossier evaluation is recorded in the [minutes of the WG](#).

#### **7.3.3. CEP WG on the evaluation of substances used to remove 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](#).

#### **7.3.4. CEP WG on Enzymes**

The CEP Panel was informed about the remote testing of the Food Enzyme Intake Module (FEIM), and the in-person focus group session. The call for expression of interest is now open until 18 February 2024 (accessible at <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/food-enzyme-exposure-tool-call-expression-interest>).

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#### **7.3.5. CEP WG on Bacillus AMR**

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

### **7.4 Updates from EFSA**

The CEP Panel was presented with the workprogram of 2024.

## **8. AoB**

The Panel discussed about the definitions and uses of margin of exposure and margin of safety.