

# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS (FCM)

## 5<sup>th</sup> FCM Panel meeting

28-29 January 2025

14:00-17:30 / 09:00-13:00

MINUTES (Agreed on 07 February 2025)



**Location:** Teleconference

### Attendees:

- FCM Panel Members:

Riccardo Crebelli, Maria da Silva, Konrad Grob, Claude Lambré (chair), Evgenia Lampi, Maria Rosaria Milana (vice chair), Marja Pronk, Gilles Rivière, Mario Ščetar, Georgios Theodoridis, Nadia Waegeneers

- European Commission: Jonathan Briggs, Martinus Nagtzaam, Clelia Antico

- Hearing experts: Emma Di Consiglio, Roland Franz

- EFSA:

Food Ingredients and Packaging (FIP) Unit: Zainab Al Harraq, Eric Barthélémy, Cristina Croera, Valeriu-Georghe Curtui, Marta Gallicet, Blanka Halamoda-Kenzaoui, Thomas Hemy-Dumas, Alexandros Lioupis, Remigio Marano, Sandra Rainieri, Vasiliki Sfika, Emmanouil Tsochatzis, Katharina Volk.

Methodology and Scientific Support (MESE) Unit: Maria Chiara Astuto, Irene Cattaneo

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants and thanked them for their commitment towards EFSA. Apologies were received from Els Van Hoeck who did not participate to the Plenary meeting.

## 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 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 4<sup>th</sup> Panel Plenary meeting held on 4 to 5 December 2024

The [minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> FCM Panel meeting](#) were agreed by written procedure on 16 December 2024.

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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)



## 5. Report on written procedure

None.

## 6. Scientific topics for information/discussion

### 6.1. Guidance on the use of the Threshold of Toxicological Concern approach in food safety assessment

An overview of the Threshold of Toxicological Concern approach in food safety assessment was presented and discussed with the Panel.

### 6.2. Safety assessment of substances in food intended for infants

An overview of the ongoing discussion in the FCM WG, on the safety assessment of substances present in FCM intended for use on food for infants below 16 weeks of age was presented and discussed with the Panel.

### 6.3. Guidance on risk assessment of nanomaterials

An overview of the Guidance on risk assessment of nanomaterials and specific technical aspects related to the FCM sector were presented and discussed with the Panel.

### 6.4. Micro and Nanoplastic in FCM

An overview of the EFSA traineeship project on micro and nanoplastics that may be released by plastic FCM during their use was presented and discussed with the Panel, emphasizing its goals and scope.

## 7. Feedback from the Scientific Committee/ Scientific Panels/ EFSA/ EC

### 7.1. Feedback from Scientific Committee

Not applicable

### 7.2. Feedback from European Commission

An update on the Regulation on the use of bisphenol A (BPA) and other bisphenols and bisphenol derivatives in FCM was presented and discussed with the Panel.

### 7.3. Feedback from WGs

#### 7.3.1 FCM WG on Food Contact Materials

An update on the ongoing risk assessment of Styrene was given to the Panel. Specifically:

1. A webinar was held on 14.01.2025 in which the draft opinion was presented;
2. The draft opinion underwent a public consultation for 7 weeks that closed on 29/01/2025.

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

#### 7.3.2 FCM WG on Recycling Plastic

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### 7.3.3 FCM WG on Extraction Solvents

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

### 7.3.4 FCM 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 FCM Panel further to what is already recorded in the [minutes of the WG](#).

### 7.3.5 FCM WG on Preparation for re-evaluation of phthalates, structurally similar substances and replacement substances

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

## 7.4. Feedback from EFSA

The work plan for 2025 was presented to the Panel.

## 8. New mandates

### 1. New questions received: 3

Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Reception date
FCM	EFSA-Q-2025-00005	Application for the authorisation of subtilisin from a genetically modified <i>Bacillus licheniformis</i> strain NZFCM-001 as a new substance to be used in plastic for food contact uses	07/01/2025
FCM	EFSA-Q-2025-00018	Consolidation of exposure data to complete part 1 and inform on part 2 of the re-evaluation of risks to public health related to the presence of phthalates, structurally similar substances and replacement substances from food contact materials (FCMs) (EFSA-Q-2020-00725)	13/01/2025
FCM	EFSA-Q-2025-00042	Application for the authorisation of [1,1'-Biphenyl]-4,4'-diol, reaction products with 4-cyclohexylphenol and 2,4,6-trichloro-1,3,5-triazine as a new substance to be used in plastic for food contact uses	16/01/2025

### 2. Valid questions : 1

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Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Validity date
FCM	EFSA-Q-2024-00604	Application for the authorisation of 2-Propenoic acid, 2-cyano-3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-, 1,1'- [2,4,8,10-tetraoxaspiro[5.5]undecane-3,9-diylbis(2,2-dimethyl-2,1-ethanediyl)] ester, (2E,2'E) as a new substance to be used in plastic for food contact uses	03/01/2025

**3. Withdrawn questions: None**

## **9. AoB**

The next FCM Panel meeting will take place in presence, with a session open to the public, from 18-20 March 2025.