

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS (FCM)

7th FCM Panel meeting

21 May 2025

09:00-18:00

MINUTES (Agreed on 03 June 2025)



Location: Teleconference

Attendees:

- FCM Panel Members:

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

- European Commission: Bastiaan Schupp, Martinus Nagtzaam, Clelia Antico

- 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.

Integrated Data (IDATA) Unit: Alain Ducheyne

Risk Assessment Services (ENABLE) Department: Maria Casagrande

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants and thanked them for their commitment towards EFSA. Apologies were received from Maria da Silva 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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², 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 6th Panel Plenary meeting held on 18 to 20 March 2025

The [minutes of the 6th OPEN FCM Panel meeting](#) were agreed by written procedure on 01 April 2025.

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



5. Report on written procedure

5.1. Re-assessment of the risks to public health related to the genotoxicity of styrene present in plastic food contact materials ([EFSA-Q-2023-00365](#))

The opinion was unanimously adopted via written procedure on 08 May 2025.

6. Scientific topics for information/discussion

6.1. Application for the authorisation of the recycling process Starlinger_recoSTAR PET art to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses ([EFSA-Q-2023-00457](#))

The FCM 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. Application for the authorisation of the recycling process KREYENBORG_IR Clean+ (universal) to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses ([EFSA-Q-2023-00464](#))

The FCM 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. Application for the authorisation of the recycling process Gneuss_5 to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses ([EFSA-Q-2023-00467](#))

The FCM 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. Supplementary Annex on the application of the Scientific Committee guidance on the risk assessment of substances present in food intended for infants below 16 weeks to Food Contact Materials.

The principle for the risk assessment of substances present in food intended for infants below 16 weeks to Food Contact Materials was presented to the FCM Panel. The principle was discussed and endorsed by the Panel.

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

7.1. Feedback from Scientific Committee

The Chair reported the main points discussed during the 124th and 125th Scientific Committee Plenary meetings, held on 31 March and 14-15 May 2025, respectively.

7.1.1 Considerations on the length and readability of EFSA's scientific opinions and statements.



The Panel discussed on a series of proposals to improve the readability and reduce, when appropriate, the length of the scientific opinions.

7.2. Feedback from European Commission

A presentation of the way forward was given to the Panel.

7.3. Feedback from WGs

7.3.1 FCM WG on Food Contact Materials

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

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

7.3.3 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 new dossier management system that EFSA will implement (CORSAs project) was presented to the Panel.

8. New mandates

8.1 New questions received: 5

| EFSA-Q-Number | Subject | Reception date |
|-------------------|---|----------------|
| EFSA-Q-2025-00227 | Application for the authorisation of the recycling process MKF-Schimanski-ERGIS_MKFSE-B4-B5-PET to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses | 25/03/2025 |
| EFSA-Q-2025-00234 | Request for a scientific opinion on the safety of butan-1-ol used as an extraction solvent in the production of the novel food L-alpha-glycerylphosphorylcholine (L-alpha-GPC) from soya phospholipids (lecithin) | 02/04/2025 |



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| EFSA-Q-2025-00264 | Application for the authorisation of butanoic acid, 3-hydroxy-, (3R)-, polymer with 4-hydroxybutanoic acid, containing up to 15 weight percent 4-hydroxybutanoic acid produced by a genetically modified Escherichia coli strain K-12 as a new substance to be used in plastic for food contact uses | 11/04/2025 |
| EFSA-Q-2025-00305 | Application for the authorisation of amorphous butanoic acid, 3-hydroxy-, (3R)-, polymer with 4-hydroxybutanoic acid, containing 4-hydroxybutanoic acid produced by a genetically modified Escherichia coli strain K-12 as a new substance to be used in plastic for food contact uses | 15/05/2025 |
| EFSA-Q-2025-00307 | Supplementary Annex on the application of the Scientific Committee guidance on the risk assessment of substances present in food intended for infants below 16 weeks to Food Contact Materials | 16/05/2025 |

8.2 Valid questions: 4

| EFSA-Q-Number | Subject | Validity date |
|-------------------|--|---------------|
| EFSA-Q-2024-00670 | Application for the authorisation of the recycling process EREMA_VACUREMA Basic to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses | 13/05/2025 |
| EFSA-Q-2025-00005 | Application for the authorisation of subtilisin from a genetically modified Bacillus licheniformis strain NZFCM-001 as a new substance to be used in plastic for food contact uses | 23/04/2025 |
| 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 | 15/05/2025 |
| EFSA-Q-2025-00164 | Application for the extension of use of the substance phosphorus acid, triphenyl ester, polymer with alpha-hydro-omega-hydroxypoly [oxy(methyl-1,2-ethanediyl)], C10-16 alkyl esters to be used in plastic for food contact uses | 16/05/2025 |

8.2 Withdrawn questions: 1

| EFSA-Q-Number | Subject | Date |
|-------------------|--|---------------|
| EFSA-Q-2023-00182 | Application for the authorisation of the recycling process Starlinger & CO GmbH, Starlinger PET direct iV+ | 28 April 2025 |

9. AoB

The next FCM Panel meeting will take place online on 30 June.