

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS (FCM)

8th FCM Panel meeting



30 June 2025

09:30-16:30

MINUTES (Agreed on 10 July 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, Els Van Hoeck (vice chair), Nadia Waegeneers

- EFSA:

Executive Director: Bernhard Url

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, Katharina Volk.

Feed and Contaminants (FEEDCO) Unit: Montserrat Anguita Freixa

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants and thanked them for their commitment towards EFSA.

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 7th Panel Plenary meeting held on 21 May 2025

The [minutes of the 7th OPEN FCM Panel meeting](#) were agreed by written procedure on 03 June 2025.

5. Report on written procedure

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



None.

6. Scientific topics for information/discussion

6.1. Application for the authorisation of the recycling process EREMA VACUNITE (EREMA Vacurema Basic and Polymetrix SSP V-LeaN ([EFSA-Q-2023-00463](#)))

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 Starlinger recoSTAR iV+ ([EFSA-Q-2023-00015](#))

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. Release of microplastics (MP) and nanoplastics (NP) in food from food contact materials (FCM) ([EFSA-Q-2025-00139](#))

The progress of this activity dealing with the collection of information on micro- and nano-plastics that may migrate into food due to release from plastic FCM was presented and discussed with the Panel.

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

7.1. Feedback from WGs

7.1.1 FCM WG on Food Contact Materials

An update on the ongoing work on the development of a Statement for the assessment of hazardous bisphenols addressing the request of the Commission Regulation 2024/3190 was presented to the Panel.

The Panel was informed that a dedicated task force within the FCM WG was created and in collaboration with ECHA discussed the preliminary principles on which this work should be based.

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

7.1.2 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](#).

7.1.3 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](#).

7.1.4 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](#).

7.1.5 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](#).

7.2. Feedback from EFSA

7.2.1 Update on guidance on microorganisms

The Panel was updated on the status of the Guidance on the characterisation of microorganisms in support of the risk assessment of products used in the food chain ([EFSA-Q-2024-00438](#)). This guidance was endorsed for public consultation by the Scientific Committee in November 2024, and the consultation closed on 7 February 2025. The FEEDAP Panel's microbiology WG is currently reviewing the comments received. The FCM Panel will be kept informed about the ongoing discussions. The plan is to present the Guidance for discussion and potential adoption at the Scientific Committee Plenary meeting in September 2025.

7.2.2 Request for a scientific opinion on the re-evaluation of the safety of hexane as extraction solvent in the production of foodstuffs and food ingredients ([EFSA-Q-2025-00358](#))

An update on the plan for the re-evaluation and on the progress of this activity was presented to the Panel. The Panel was informed that a dedicated call for data was launched on 23 June and was presented to stakeholders via webinar on 12 June 2025.

8. New mandates

8.1 New questions received: 4

Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Reception date
FCM	EFSA-Q-2025-00358	Request for a scientific opinion on the re-evaluation of the safety of hexane as extraction solvent in the production of foodstuffs and food ingredients	03/06/2025
FCM	EFSA-Q-2025-00367	Application for the authorisation of agar palmitate as a new substance to be used in plastic for food contact uses	10/06/2025
FCM	EFSA-Q-2025-00370	Application for the authorisation of bleached cellulose pulp as a new substance to be used in plastic for food contact uses	12/06/2025
REC	EFSA-Q-2025-00408	Application for the authorisation of the recycling process EREMA_VACUREMA Basic sheet to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses	27/06/2025



2. Valid questions: 1

Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Validity date
FCM	EFSA-Q-2024-00487	Application for the authorisation of L-Aspartic acid, N-benzoyl-, sodium salt (1:2) as a new substance to be used in plastic for food contact uses	13/05/2025

1. **3. Withdrawn questions: 0**

Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Date

9. AoB

The next FCM Panel meeting will take place online on 17 September.