

# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS (FCM) 11<sup>th</sup> FCM Panel Plenary meeting



27-29 January 2026

09:00-17:30 / 09:00-17:00 / 9:00-13:00

MINUTES (Agreed on 9 February 2026)

**Location:** Teleconference

## **Attendees:**

- FCM Panel Members:  
Riccardo Crebelli, Maria da Silva, Konrad Grob, Claude Lambré (chair on 27 January and 28 January pm), Evgenia Lampi, Maria Rosaria Milana (vice chair), Marja Pronk, Gilles Rivière, Mario Ščetar, Georgios Theodoridis, Els Van Hoeck (chair on 28 January am and 29 January), Nadia Waegeneers
- Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
Henk van Loveren, Ester Heath
- Applicants participating in a technical hearing<sup>2</sup>:  
Not Applicable
- European Commission:  
Bastiaan Schupp, Martinus Nagtzaam, Stella D' Amore, Jonathan Briggs
- EFSA:  
Food Ingredients and Packaging (FIP) Unit: Zainab Al Harraq, Eric Barthélémy, Roberta Bazzacco, Daniele Comandella, Cristina Croera, Blanka Halamoda-Kenzaoui, Alexandros Lioupis, Alessa Lübke, Remigio Marano, Zahra Ghazal Mazloumi, Sandra Rainieri, Vasiliki Sfika, Katharina Volk.
- Others:  
Not applicable

## **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants and thanked them for their commitment towards EFSA. Apologies were received from Claude Lambré. Claude Lambré was absent on 28 January, from 9:00 to 11:00 and 29 January, from 11:00 to 12:00.

## **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>3</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>4</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the FCM Panel members invited to the present meeting. No conflicts of interest

<sup>1</sup> As defined in Article 34 of the document "Implementing Rule of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority laying down the rules on the selection, appointment and operations of the Scientific Committee, Scientific Panels and of their Working Groups": <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/paneloperation.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> As defined in the "EFSA's Catalogue of support initiatives during the life cycle of applications for regulated products": <https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.2903/sp.efsa.2021.EN-6472>

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/independence-policy-2024.pdf](https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/independence-policy-2024.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/decision-ed-on-competing-interest-management-2024.pdf](https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/decision-ed-on-competing-interest-management-2024.pdf)



related to the issues discussed in these meetings have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the Panel members at the beginning of the present meeting.

## 4. Agreement of the minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Panel Plenary meeting held on 11 and 12 November 2025 via teleconference

The [minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> FCM Panel meeting](#) were agreed by written procedure on 25 November 2025.

## 5. Report on written procedure

### 5.1 Guidance on the submission of data for the evaluation of the safety and efficacy of substances for the removal of microbial surface contamination of foods of animal origin ([EFSA-Q-2024-00020](#))

The FCM Panel adopted the opinion by written procedure on 1 December 2025.

## 6. Scientific topics submitted for discussion/adoption

### 6.1. Draft opinion on [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)

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. Draft opinion on [EFSA-Q-2024-00224](#) (Application for the authorisation of poly(2-ethyl-2-oxazoline) as a new substance to be used in plastic for food contact uses)

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. Update of the FCM Note for Guidance with data requirements for the safety assessment of hazardous bisphenols other than Bisphenol A (BPA) and their derivatives ([EFSA-Q-2025-00427](#))

The approach taken for establishing the data requirements for the safety assessment of hazardous bisphenols to address the request of the Commission in Regulation 2024/3190, was presented to the Panel. The draft of the document was presented and the questions and comments of the Panel members were addressed.

### 6.4. Draft opinion on [EFSA-Q-2023-00462](#) (Application for the authorisation of the recycling process Starlinger viscotec\_deCON to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses)

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.

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6.5. **Draft opinion on [EFSA-Q-2023-00496](#) (Application for the authorisation of the recycling process Starlinger viscotec\_viscoZERO PET to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses)**

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.

## 7. Update on mandates received/validated/withdrawn since the 10<sup>th</sup> FCM plenary

### 1. New questions received: 2

Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Reception date
FCM	EFSA-Q-2026-00015	Application for the authorisation of 5-[[[cis-4-(1,1-dimethylethyl)cyclohexyl]carbonyl]amino]-N1,N3-bis[cis-4-(1-methylethyl)cyclohexyl]-1,3-benzenedicarboxamide as a new substance to be used in plastic for food contact uses	09/01/2026
FCM	EFSA-Q-2025-00656	Application for the authorisation of cork granules as a new substance to be used in plastic for food contact uses	20/11/2025

### 2. Valid questions: 2

Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Validity date
FCM	EFSA-Q-2024-00501	Application for the authorisation of wood fibres as a new substance to be used in plastic for food contact uses	13/01/2026
FCM	EFSA-Q-2024-00475	Application for the authorisation of wood flour and fibres, untreated as a new substance to be used in plastic for food contact uses	13/01/2026

### 3. Withdrawn questions: None

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

### 8.1 Feedback from Scientific Committee

The vice-Chair reported the main points discussed during the 128<sup>th</sup> Scientific Committee Plenary meeting, held on 26-27 November 2025.

### 8.2 Feedback from WGs

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#### **8.2.1 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](#).

#### **8.2.2 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](#).

#### **8.2.3 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](#).

#### **8.2.4 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](#).

#### **8.2.5 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](#).

### **8.3 Feedback from EFSA**

None

### **8.4 Feedback from EC**

An overview on the work on novel recycling technologies was given to the Panel.

## **9. Any other business**

None

## **10. Next meeting**

The next FCM Panel meeting will take place online on 17-19 March 2026.

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