

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS (FCM) 13th FCM Panel Plenary meeting



20 May 2026
09:00-17:00
MINUTES (Agreed on 26 May 2026)

Location: Teleconference

Attendees:

- FCM Panel Members:
Riccardo Crebelli, Maria da Silva, Konrad Grob, Claude Lambré, Evgenia Lampi, Maria Rosaria Milana, Marja Pronk, Gilles Rivière, Mario Ščetar, Georgios Theodoridis, Els Van Hoeck, Nadia Waegeneers
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- Applicants participating in a technical hearing²:
Not Applicable
- European Commission:
Bastiaan Schupp
- EFSA:
Food Ingredients and Packaging (FIP) Unit: Zainab Al Harraq, Eric Barthélémy, Roberta Bazzacco, Daniele Comandella, Violetta Costanzo, Cristina Croera, Marcella De Divitiis, Blanka Halamoda-Kenzaoui, Alexandros Lioupis, Alessa Lübke, Remigio Marano, Zahra Ghazal Mazloumi, Sandra Rainieri, Vasiliki Sfika, Katharina Volk

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants and thanked them for their commitment towards EFSA. Apologies were received from Ester Heath who was absent.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Panel members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁴, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the FCM Panel members invited to the present meeting. No conflicts of interest 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.

¹ 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>

² 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>

³ https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/independence-policy-2024.pdf

⁴ https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/decision-ed-on-competing-interest-management-2024.pdf



4. Agreement of the minutes of the 12th Panel Plenary meeting held on 17-18 March 2026 via teleconference

The [minutes of the 12th FCM Panel meeting](#) were agreed by written procedure on 1 April 2026.

5. Report on written procedure

- 5.1. [EFSA-Q-2024-00487](#) **Safety assessment of the substance L-aspartic acid, N-benzoyl-, disodium salt for use in plastic food contact materials**
The FCM Panel adopted the opinion by written procedure on 27 April 2026.

6. Scientific topics submitted for discussion/adoption

- 6.1. Draft opinion on [EFSA-Q-2023-00480](#) (**Application for the authorisation of the recycling process Bandera_Bandera Twin 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. Other scientific topics for information/discussion

None

8. Update on mandates received/validated/withdrawn since the 12th FCM plenary

1. Received questions: 2

Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Reception date
REC	EFSA-Q-2026-00218	Application for the authorisation of the recycling process Coperion_twin-screw extrusion technology to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses	20/04/2026
REC	EFSA-Q-2026-00223	Application for the authorisation of the recycling process EREMA_VACUREMA MPR to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses	23/04/2026

2. Valid questions: 1

Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Validity 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	23/03/2025



3. Withdrawn questions: None

Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Validity date

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

9.1. Feedback from EFSA

9.1.1 Experts feedback survey

The results of the experts' feedback survey were presented and discussed with the Panel.

9.2 Feedback from EC

An overview of the main activities of the EC relevant to FCM were presented to the Panel.

9.3 Feedback from Scientific Committee

The Chair reported the main points discussed during the 130th Scientific Committee Plenary meeting, held on 7-8 May 2026. An extensive update on the activities of the SC on the draft genotoxicity guidance was presented.

The Panel discussed the use on NAMs in risk assessment and the specific relevance and challenges for the FCM Panel.

9.4 Feedback from WGs

9.4.1 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](#).

9.4.2 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](#).

9.4.3 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](#).

9.4.4 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](#).

9.4.5 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](#).

10. Any other business



None

11. Next meeting

The next FCM Panel Plenary meeting will be open to observers and will take place in Parma from 30 June to 2 July 2026.