



# SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS (FCM) 15<sup>th</sup> FCM Panel Plenary meeting



16-17 September 2026  
09:00-18:30 / 09:00-13:00  
MINUTES (Agreed on 28 September 2026)

**Location:** Teleconference

**Attendees:**

- o FCM Panel Members:  
Riccardo Crebelli, Maria da Silva, Konrad Grob, Ester Heath, Claude Lambré, Evgenia Lampi, Maria Rosaria Milana, Marja Pronk, Gilles Rivière, Mario Ščetar, Georgios Theodoridis, Els Van Hoeck, Nadia Waegeneers
- o Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:  
Not Applicable
- o Applicants participating in a technical hearing<sup>2</sup>:  
Not Applicable
- o European Commission:  
Jonathan Briggs, Martinus Nagtzaam
- o 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  
Methodology and Scientific Support (MESE) Unit: Maria Chiara Astuto, Marios Georgiadis, Francesca Riolo
- o ECHA: Stefano Frattini

## 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 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 related to the issues discussed in these meetings have been identified during the screening

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<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)



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 14<sup>th</sup> OPEN Panel Plenary meeting held on 30 June – 2 July 2026 in Parma**

The [minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> FCM OPEN Panel meeting](#) were agreed by written procedure on 20 July 2026.

#### **5. Report on written procedure**

None

#### **6. Scientific topics submitted for discussion/adoption**

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

The FCM Panel discussed all parts of the draft guidance. The guidance was unanimously adopted, subject to the incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting and editorial changes.

##### **6.2. Safety assessment of the process EREMA\_VACUREMA MPR used to recycle post-consumer PET into food contact materials ([EFSA-Q-2026-00223](#))**

The FCM Panel discussed all parts of the draft opinion. The opinion was unanimously endorsed. The adoption will take place once the public consultation on the non-confidential version of the application is completed.

##### **6.3. 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) ([EFSA-Q-2025-00018](#))**

The FCM Panel discussed, revised and endorsed selected sections of the technical report.

#### **7. Other scientific topics for information/discussion**

None

#### **8. Update on mandates received/validated/withdrawn since the 14<sup>th</sup> FCM plenary**

- 1. New questions received: None**
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## 2. Valid questions: 3

| Food Sector | EFSA-Q-Number     | Subject                                                                                                                                               | Validity date |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| REC         | EFSA-Q-2025-00610 | Application for the modification of the recycling process Extremadura Torrepet _CPR Superclean PET to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses  | 25/08/2026    |
| 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 | 28/07/2026    |
| REC         | EFSA-Q-2026-00223 | Application for the authorisation of the recycling process EREMA_VACUREMA MPR to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses                       | 30/06/2026    |

## 3. Withdrawn questions: None

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

## 9.1. Feedback from EFSA

### 9.1.1 Draft Guidance on risk assessment of submicro and nano particles in the food and feed chain

The Panel was presented and discussed the draft Guidance on risk assessment of submicro/nano particles in the food and feed chain.

### 9.1.2 Draft guidance on critical appraisal of evidence for food and feed safety assessments

The Panel was presented and discussed the principles and main points of the draft Guidance on critical appraisal of evidence for food and feed safety assessments.

## 9.2 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](#).

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**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 Plenary meeting will take place in Parma on 10 – 12 November 2026.