

Declaration of interests

(Please note that high quality of scientific expertise is by nature based on prior experience and that therefore having an interest does not necessarily mean having a conflict of interest)

Name : **Inger-Lise Steffensen**

Title: **DR.**

Profession : **Senior Scientist, PhD**

Current EFSA Involvements

- Member - CEP Panel Experts (2018-2024)
- Member - WG/P/CEP/2018/03 - WG on BPA re-evaluation
- Member - NT/P/CEP/2018/01 - FIP Network on Food Contact Materials (FCM)

Interests

I. Financial investments

No interests

II. Managerial role

No interests

III. Member of a scientific advisory entity

Period: **01/01/2019 - now**

Organisation: **European Chemicals Agency**

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: I have been a member of ECHA 'drafting expert group for updating of the Classification, Labelling and Packaging (CLP) guidance on setting of specific concentration limits (SCL) for carcinogenicity and identification of modes of action not relevant for humans', from 2019 and this is ongoing.

Period: **01/05/2010 - 31/08/2022**

Organisation: **Vitenskapskomiteen for mat og miljø**

Impact on annual earnings: **<5%**

Subject matter: Member of this committee from May 2010 to present (until 31.08.2022). The name was changed in December 2017 since more environmental issues are now included in the committee's mandate. The Norwegian Scientific Committee for Food and Environment (VKM) carries out independent risk

assessments for the Norwegian Food Safety Authority (Mattilsynet) and the Norwegian Environment Agency (Miljødirektoratet). The Scientific Steering Committee discusses guidelines and principles for the work in VKM, coordinates the risk assessments that are being developed by more than one panel, and finalizes the most comprehensive risk assessments. In addition, the Steering Committee may also undertake risk assessments on its own initiative (self-tasking) within the same areas. There are approximately 4-5 meetings/year. I have not been involved in any activities on phthalates or BPA in this Committee the last 5 years, except that from 2016 to 2018, I chaired the work of making a priority list of substances in food, including substances from food contact materials such as bisphenol A (BPA) and phthalates, for use by the Norwegian Food Safety Authority for their surveillance, as part as my work in this committee. In 2022, I was co-author on a follow-up opinion on food and chemicals relevant for monitoring, which included i.a. BPA and phthalates.

Period: **01/04/2004 - 01/08/2018**

Organisation: **Faggruppen for tilsetningsstoffer, aroma, matemballasje og kosmetikk (Faggruppe 4)**

Impact on annual earnings: **between 5% and 25%**

Subject matter: Member and deputy chair of this panel April 2004-March 2010, Chair of this panel May 2010 - 31.08.2018). Chair of an ad hoc group under the Norwegian Scientific Committee for Food Safety (VKM) evaluating the use of the threshold of toxicological concern (TTC) principle in VKM's work (2005-2006), member of an ad hoc group on combined toxic effects of chemicals in mixtures (2007) and member of various other ad hoc groups in VKM. This scientific panel performs risk assessments on request from the Norwegian Food Safety Authority in the areas of food additives, flavourings, food contact materials and cosmetics. In addition, the panel may also undertake risk assessments on its own initiative (self-tasking) within the same areas. All the risk assessments may be found at <http://www.vkm.no>. There are approximately 5-6 meetings/year. I have not been involved in any activities in this panel related to phthalates or BPA since 2018.

IV. Employment

Period: **01/06/1989 - now**

Organisation: **Folkehelseinstituttet**

Impact on annual earnings: **>25%**

Subject matter: Employed at the institute since 1989 as PhD student, Post doc, Scientist and Senior Scientist until present. Several times, and at the latest in 2022: the names of the Division and the Department/Section were changed because of reorganizations. At present, I work at the Division of Climate and Environmental Health, Department of Food Safety. I give advice and perform risk assessments related to i.a. drinking water treatment chemicals, food contact materials and 'other substances', on request from the Norwegian Food Safety Authority. My research at the institute have been related to immunotoxicology of heavy metals, chemicals in food and drinking water, food mutagens, intestinal cancer in animal models, obesity and cancer, obesogenic chemicals and gut microbiota, and more recently epidemiological studies of environmental contaminants (PFAS). In my job at the institute, I have not been involved in any research on phthalates the last 5 years or currently. I have been involved in some activities in the HBM4EU project funded by H2020: performing literature search and evaluated published papers on biomarkers of effects of BPA and analogues, and their effects on oxidative stress. Two papers about this work are published. Since April 2021, I have worked on the EU project ONTOX with collection and appraisal of existing data from literature and databases

for hepatotoxicity, nephrotoxicity and developmental neurotoxicity of the brain in humans and experimental animals in order to develop ontologies for use in predictive toxicology.

V. Occasional consultancy

Period: **01/12/2016 - 01/12/2017**

Organisation: **Norges forskningsråd**

Impact on annual earnings: **<5%**

Subject matter: Evaluated 6 research applications (one day meeting) on food safety, food packaging, processing and meat quality under the Research Council of Norway's programme Sustainable innovation in food and biobased industries (BIONAER) (2016). Evaluated 2 research applications (one day meeting) on food safety and food packaging, under the Research Council of Norway's programme Sustainable innovation in food and biobased industries (BIONAER) (2017). I am not currently involved in any risk assessments of phthalates or BPA for the Research Council of Norway.

VI. Research funding

No interests

VII. Intellectual property rights

No interests

VIII. Other memberships or affiliations

No interests

IX. Other relevant interest

Period: **01/10/2018 - 01/10/2018**

Organisation: **Lille Måne forlag (publisher)**

Impact on annual earnings: **<5%**

Subject matter: I gave a 45 min. talk on the scientific knowledge available on chemical substances, including bisphenol A and phthalates, suspected to contribute to obesity, diabetes and other metabolism-disturbing effects, on the Autumn Conference held by this publisher. The conference was called 'Lille Månes Forlags Høstkonferanse' in Norwegian (no English information available). The event was open to the public, who paid to attend. The topic for this conference was nutrition, environmental contaminants and metabolic health conditions. I was there as a speaker as a private person, not on behalf of EFSA, VKM or my employer Norwegian Institute of Public Health.

User Agreement

I confirm that:

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Remarks:-

I hereby declare that I have read the [EFSA Decision on Competing Interest Management](#) implementing EFSA's Policy on Independence and that the above declaration is truthful and complete.

Doi submitted on: 16-06-2022 - 08:55 (UTC)

Signature: SIGNED

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