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Scientific Panel on Food Contact Materials, Enzymes, Flavourings and Processing Aids (CEF)

Minutes of the 32nd plenary meeting

TELE-conference, 20 02 2013

(Agreed on 19 03 2013)

Participants

- **Panel Members**:

  Ulla Beckman Sundh, Mona-Lise Binderup, Leon Brimer, Laurence Castle, Alessandro Di Domenico, Roland Franz, Nathalie Gontard, Rainer Gürtler, Trine Husøy, Klaus-Dieter Jany, Martine Kolf-Clauw, Catherine Leclercq (Vice-Chair), Maria Rosaria Milana, Iona Pratt (Chair), Kettil Svensson, Fidel Toldrá and Detlef Wölfle.

- **European Commission:**

  Annette Schäfer and Bastiaan Schupp.

- **EFSA:**

  Food Ingredients and Packaging (FIP) Unit: Eric Barthélémy, Anna F. Castoldi, Cristina Croera, Claudia Heppner, Alina Lupu, Rachele Tamburino and Anne Theobald.

- **Observers:**

  None

- **Others:**

  None

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the members to the 32nd CEF plenary meeting.

Apologies for absence were received for the full plenary meeting from: Claudia Bolognesi, Karl-Heinz Engel, Wim Mennes and Fátima Poças. Iona Pratt did not participate in agenda point 6.1. This agenda item and item 7 were chaired by the vice-chair Catherine Leclercq.

2. Adoption of agenda

The draft agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes[1] and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests[2], EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. For further details on the outcome of the screening of the SDoI, please refer to Annex I.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 31st plenary meeting held on 29-31 January 2013, Parma

The minutes of the 31st plenary meeting were agreed by the members of the CEF Panel by written procedure on February 18, 2013. They are available on the Authority's webpage[3].

5. Report on written procedure since 31st plenary meeting

No scientific outputs were adopted by written procedure since the last plenary meeting.

6. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion and possible adoption

6.1 Draft opinion on safety evaluation of the process "Diamat New Re-Ev used to recycle post-consumer PET into food contact materials" (EFSA-Q-2011-00936)

The CEF Panel adopted the opinion subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting. The Vice-Chair of the CEF Panel expressed her appreciation for the work to the CEF WG Recycling.

The full opinion is available on the Authority's webpage[4].

6.2 Weight of Evidence approach for the risk assessment of BPA (EFSA-Q-2012-00423). Approach discussion

The Panel agreed on the weight of evidence approach presented by chair of the BPA WG.

6.3 Exposure to BPA (EFSA-Q-2012-00423)

The approach taken for estimating exposure to BPA, presented at the 31st plenary meeting, was discussed. It was noted that the French agency for food, environmental and occupational health and safety (ANSES) has commissioned the re-analysis of food samples of animal-origin which were analysed for BPA in the context of the French total diet study. The re-analysis aims to measure the total amount of BPA which might occur both as free and as conjugated form in foods of animal origin. The CEF Panel members expressed their wish to get access to these data but so far ANES has not submitted the data to EFSA. Overall the members of the CEF Panel agreed on the approach taken to assess exposure from BPA from different sources.

7. Any Other Business

The Head of the FIP unit presented briefly the feedback received from observers and experts from the open session of 31st CEF Panel plenary meeting which was held 29 to 31 January 2013.

[1] http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf
[2] http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf
[3] http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/event/130129-m.pdf
[4] http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/3118.htm

In addition, she also mentioned that since the last plenary meeting the following new mandates were received by EFSA and have been allocated to the CEF panel: 2 on enzymes, 11 on flavourings and 4 on FCM (1 recycling process).

Annex I

Interests and actions resulting from the screening of Specific Declaration of Interests (SDoI)[5]

a) **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**: In his SDoI filled for the present meeting, Dr Roland Franz declared the following interest: his employer has prepared dossiers for the following applications: RECYC076 - Recycling process Holfeld (DIAMAT) (agenda item 6.1). In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was deemed to represent a conflict of Interest.

This results in the impossibility for the expert to be present when that item (6.1) is discussed, voted on or in anyway processed by that concerned scientific group.

[5] The Annual Declarations of Interests have been screened and approved before inviting the experts to the meeting, in accordance with the Decision of the Executive Director implementing the Policy on Independence regarding Declarations of Interests.