



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

MINUTES OF THE 7TH PLENARY MEETING

Held on 22-23 May 2019, Parma

(Agreed on 14 June 2019)¹

Participants

■ Panel Members:

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■ Hearing Experts:

Laurence Castle (on 22 May, for agenda items 6.5+6.6)

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

DG SANTE: Jonathan Briggs⁷, Takis Daskaleros⁸

■ ECHA:

Maarten Roggeman (on 22 May, for agenda items 6.5+6.6)

■ EFSA:

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¹ Adopted by written procedure

² By TC

³ Not Present the 22nd May

⁴ By TC

⁵ By TC

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⁷ Present on 22nd May by TC

⁸ Present on 22nd May by TC



1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants in the meeting. Apologies were received from Pier Sandro Cocconcelli for the 1st day.

Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without any changes.

2. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Panel members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence⁹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management¹⁰, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

3. Agreement of the minutes of the 6th Plenary meeting held on 2-4 April 2019, Parma

The minutes of the 6th Plenary meeting held on 2-4 April 2019 were agreed by written procedure on 17th April 2019¹¹.

4. Report on written procedures since 6th Plenary meeting

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

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

6.1 Request for the evaluation of a new FCM additive: titanium dioxide treated with fluoride modified alumina (EFSA-Q-2014-00300)

The draft opinion on the safety evaluation of the new FCM additive: titanium dioxide treated with fluoride modified alumina was presented to the members of the CEP Panel together with the main points for discussion. The CEP Panel discussed the different parts of the risk assessment and unanimously adopted the opinion, subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

6.2 Alpha-amylase from a genetically modified *B. licheniformis* (DP-Dzb44) (EFSA-2015-00836)

The draft opinion on Alpha-amylase from a genetically modified *B. licheniformis* (DP-Dzb44) was presented to the members of the CEP Panel together with the main points for discussion. The CEP

⁹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

¹⁰ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

¹¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/event/190205-m.pdf>



Panel discussed the different parts of the risk assessment and unanimously adopted the opinion, subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

6.3 Glucan 1,4-alpha-maltotetrahydrolase from a genetically modified *B. licheniformis* (DP-Dzf24) ([EFSA-2015-00448](#))

The draft opinion on the 6.3 Glucan 1,4-alpha-maltotetrahydrolase from a genetically modified *B. licheniformis* (DP-Dzf24), was presented to the members of the CEP Panel together with the main points for discussion. The CEP Panel discussed the different parts of the risk assessment and unanimously adopted the opinion, subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

6.4 L-Ascorbate oxidase from *C. pepo*/*C. moschata* ([EFSA-2015-00825](#))

The draft opinion on L-Ascorbate oxidase from *C. pepo*/*C. moschata* was presented to the members of the CEP Panel together with the main points for discussion. The CEP Panel discussed the different parts of the risk assessment and unanimously adopted the opinion, subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

6.5 Update of the risk assessment for di-butylphthalate (DBP, FCM No 157), butyl-benzyl-phthalate (BBP, FCM No 159), bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP, FCM No 283), di-isononylphthalate (DINP, FCM No 728) and di-isodecylphthalate (DIDP, FCM No 729) ([EFSA-Q-2017-00588/-00589/-00590](#); [EFSA-Q-2018-00800/-00801](#)) and

6.6 Public Consultation on EFSA's draft assessment of five phthalates used in plastic food contact materials ([EFSA-Q-2019-00102](#))

Summary statistics on the outcome of the public consultation of EFSA's draft opinion "Update of the risk assessment of di-butylphthalate (DBP), butyl-benzyl-phthalate (BBP), bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP), di-isononylphthalate (DINP) and di-isodecylphthalate (DIDP) for use in food contact materials" were presented. Some of the main comments received during the public consultation, both on the exposure and the toxicological assessment, were presented and discussed with the Panel in order to get their feedback on the proposed way forward. The comments will be further addressed by the WG on Phthalates and the draft opinion will be revised accordingly. Once finalised, the revised draft opinion and the technical report on the public consultation will be presented to the Panel for possible adoption and endorsement, respectively.

6.7 Self-task - scientific statement on the characterisation of microbial strains used as production organisms of food enzymes ([EFSA-Q-2019-00018](#))

The statement on the characterisation of microbial strains used as production organisms of food enzymes was presented to the members of the CEP Panel together with the main points for discussion. The CEP Panel discussed the different parts of the risk assessment and unanimously adopted the opinion, subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

7 Other scientific topics for information and/or discussion



7.1 ART programme presentation.

A presentation was given on *ART Programme*, which will support EFSA on its transformation journey and, most importantly, get us ready for the implementation of the revised General Food Law, better known as 178.

8 New Mandates

8.1 New questions since the previous meeting

The following new mandates have been received since the last Plenary meeting: five for the safety assessment of food contact materials and one on food enzymes.

Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Reception date
FCM	EFSA-Q-2019-00311	Application for evaluation and modification of an existing authorisation of a food contact substance, Bentonite Clay, FCM No 393	11/04/2019
REC	EFSA-Q-2019-00296	Request for the evaluation of the PET to PET Recycling Osterreich GmbH recycling process (Starlinger HDPE) for direct food contact application	23/04/2019
REC	EFSA-Q-2019-00294	Request for safety evaluation of Plastrec recycling process (Polymetrix Pellet Process) to produce plastic for food contact uses	23/04/2019
FCM	EFSA-Q-2019-00233	Request for evaluation of the substance "Fatty acid-coated nano precipitated Calcium Carbonate" for inclusion into Annex I of regulation (EU) 10/2011	09/04/2019
FCM	EFSA-Q-2019-00232	Request for the evaluation of the substance Nano precipitated Calcium Carbonate for inclusion into Annex 1 of regulation (EU) 10/2011	09/04/2019
FCM	EFSA-Q-2019-00218	Request for the safety evaluation of intelligent gas inspection system	03/04/2019

8.2 Valid questions since the previous meeting

The following questions have been considered valid for the start of the assessment since the last Plenary meeting: eight for the safety assessment of food contact materials.

Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Reception date
FCM	EFSA-Q-2019-00299	Scientific assistance as regards food contact materials (FCM) substance No 154 (4,4'-dihydroxydiphenyl sulphone)	11/04/2019



REC	EFSA-Q-2019-00149	Request for safety evaluation of Veripack Embalajes recycling process (Starlinger viscotec deCON) to produce plastic for food contact uses	24/04/2019
REC	EFSA-Q-2019-00126	Request for the evaluation of Pinaform s.l recycling process (Starlinger viscotec deCON) to produce plastic for food contact uses.	15/04/2019
REC	EFSA-Q-2019-00109	Request for safety evaluation of Ferrarelle S.p.A. recycling process (Starlinger viscotec deCON) to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses	04/04/2019
REC	EFSA-Q-2019-00103	Request for safety evaluation of Sharpak Brigdewater Ltd recycling process (Starlinger viscotec deCON) to produce plastic for food contact uses.	02/04/2019
REC	EFSA-Q-2019-00085	Request for the evaluation of a Quinn Packaging recycling process (EREMA basic) for direct food contact application	15/04/2019
REC	EFSA-Q-2018-01042	Request for safety evaluation of Poly Recycling AG recycling process (Starlinger iV+) to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses	29/04/2019
FCM	EFSA-Q-2018-01007	Request for safety evaluation of Benzophenone-3,3' :4,4'-tetracarboxylic dianhydride for use as a monomer in plastics	02/05/2019
REC	EFSA-Q-2018-01002	Request for safety evaluation of Poly Recycling AG recycling process (recoSTAR PET FG) to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses	04/04/2019

9 Feedback from the Scientific Committee/Scientific Panels, EFSA, the European Commission

9.1 Scientific Committee and Scientific Panel(s) including their Working Groups

9.1.1 CEP WG on Enzymes

No additional issues were brought to the attention of the CEP Panel further to what is already recorded in the [minutes of the WG](#).

9.1.2 CEP WG on Food Contact Materials

No additional issues were brought to the attention of the CEP Panel further to what is already recorded in the [minutes of the WG](#).

9.1.3 CEP WG on Recycling Plastic



No additional issues were brought to the attention of the CEP Panel further to what is already recorded in the [minutes of the WG](#).

9.1.4 CEP WG on BPA re-evaluation

No additional issues were brought to the attention of the CEP Panel further to what is already recorded in the [minutes of the WG](#).

9.1.5 CEP WG on Phthalates

No additional issues were brought to the attention of the CEP Panel further to what is already recorded in the [minutes of the WG](#).

9.1.6 Feedback from the Scientific Committee

All the items discussed during the Plenary Scientific Committee held in Brussels the 24 April 2019 were synthetically addressed by the Chair of the Panel.

10 Any Other business

A proposal with the date of the plenaries of the CEP Panel in 2020 will be distributed to the experts, to check for their availability.