

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

MINUTES OF THE 10TH PLENARY MEETING

Held on 23-24 October 2019, Teleconference

(Agreed on 08/11/2019)¹

Participants

■ Panel Members:

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■ Hearing Experts:

Karla Pfaff for agenda item 6.1 on 23 October 2019

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

DG SANTE: Catherine Evrevin

■ EFSA:

Food Ingredients and Packaging (FIP) Unit: Jaime Aguilera, Magdalena Andryszkiewicz, Eric Barthélémy, Anna Federica Castoldi, Consuelo Civitella, Cristina Croera, Ana Gomes, Natalia Kovalkovicova, Alexandros Lioupis, Yi Liu, Joaquim Manuel Maia, Irene Nuin, Foteini Pantazi, Sandra Rainieri, Claudia Roncancio Peña and Katharina Volk.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants in the meeting. Apologies were received from David Gott and Pier Sandro Cocconcelli.

Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with the following changes.

Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Alternansucrase from *Leuconostoc citreum* (strain NRRL B-30894) (EFSA-Q-2016-00209)

¹ Adopted by written procedure

² Apologised the 2nd day.

³ Apologised the 1st day.



The discussion of the draft opinion was postponed, as the applicant had not received the requests for additional data and other correspondence sent by EFSA due to internal personnel reasons.

Specific Migration limits (SML) for substances used in plastic Food Contact Materials (FCM) – Review (EFSA-Q-2019-00150)

The discussion of the approach for prioritising substances without SML limit was postponed to enable the analysis of data and information.

2. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Panel members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence⁴ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁵, 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 9th Plenary meeting held on 17-19 September 2019, Parma

The minutes of the 9th Plenary meeting held on 17-19 September 2019 were agreed by written procedure on 2nd October 2019⁶.

4. Report on written procedures since 9th Plenary meeting

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

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Update of the risk assessment of 'wood flour and fibres, untreated' (FCM No 96) for use in food contact materials, and criteria for future applications of materials from plant origin as additives for plastic food contact materials (EFSA-Q-2019-00089)

This draft opinion 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 opinion and unanimously adopted it, subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

5.2. Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme alpha-amylase from *Aspergillus oryzae* (DP-Bzb41) (EFSA-Q-2016-00176)

⁴ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

⁵ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁶ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/event/190205-m.pdf>



The draft opinion on the food enzyme: alpha-amylase from *Aspergillus oryzae* (DP-Bzb41) 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.

5.3. Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme alpha-amylase from a genetically modified strain of *Bacillus licheniformis* (DP-Dzb25) (EFSA-Q-2016-00202)

The draft opinion on the food enzyme: alpha-amylase from a genetically modified strain of *Bacillus licheniformis* (DP-Dzb25), 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.

5.4. Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme xylanase from *B. pumilus* (BLXSC) (EFSA-Q-2014-00844)

The draft opinion on the food enzyme: xylanase from *B. pumilus* (BLXSC), 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. New Mandates

6.1. New questions since the previous meeting

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

Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Reception date
FCM	EFSA-Q-2019-00648	Request for safety evaluation of the Veolia recycling process (Starlinger iV+) to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses	11/10/2019
ENZ	EFSA-Q-2019-00639	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme phospholipase A1 produced by a genetically modified strain of <i>Aspergillus niger</i> (strain NZYM-FP)	07/10/2019
FCM	EFSA-Q-2019-00631	Request for the safety evaluation of Sodium percarbonate (14,9%) on active and intelligent materials	04/10/2019

6.2. Valid questions since the previous meeting

The following question have been considered valid for the start of the assessment since the last Plenary meeting.



Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Reception date
FCM	EFSA-Q-2019-00390	Application for authorisation of 2-hydroxyethyl methacrylate phosphate as a monomer for use in the manufacture of plastic food contact materials and articles	09/10/2019

6.3. Withdrawn questions since the previous meeting

Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	withdrawn on
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7 Feedback from the Scientific Committee/Scientific Panels, EFSA, the European Commission

7.1. Scientific Committee and Scientific Panel(s) including their Working Groups

7.1.1 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](#).

7.1.2 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](#).

7.1.3 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](#).

7.1.4 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](#).

7.1.5 EFSA WG on BPS

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

7.1.6 Feedback from the Scientific Committee

Nothing to report.

8 Any Other business

- 8.1** The CEP Panel was informed that the WG on enzymes is being updated with the aim of including two additional experts to help with their complimentary expertise in toxicology the risk assessment of enzymes of animal origin.



- 8.2** The CEP Panel was informed that the previously endorsed technical report “Testing the study appraisal methodology from the 2017 bisphenol A (BPA) hazard assessment protocol” had been submitted for approval to the Head of the EFSA Department on Regulated Products prior to its publication. In this context, the Head of Department proposed suggestions on the output’s text and slight revisions of the conclusions. Such amendments were thus presented to the CEP Panel, and the Panel endorsed this revised version of the technical report.