



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

MINUTES OF THE 17TH PLENARY MEETING

Held on 2 December 2020, by Teleconference

(Agreed on 17/12/2020)¹

Participants

■ Panel Members:

José Manuel Barat Baviera, Claudia Bolognesi, Andrew Chesson, Pier Sandro Cocconcelli, Riccardo Crebelli, David Michael Gott, Konrad Grob, Claude Lambré, Evgenia Lampi, Marcel Mengelers, Alicja Mortensen, Gilles Riviére, Vittorio Silano (Chair), Inger-Lise Steffensen, Christina Tlustos, Henk Van Loveren, Laurence Vernis and Holger Zorn

■ Hearing experts:

Ursula Gundert-Remy² and Dominique Turck²

■ European Commission:

DG SANTE: Jonathan Briggs and Catherine Evrevin

■ EFSA:

Food Ingredients and Packaging (FIP) Unit: Jaime Aguilera, Magdalena Andryszkiewicz, Katleen Baert, Eric Barthélémy, Ana Gomes, Natalia Kovalkovicova, Yi Liu, Simone Lunardi, Ivana Nikodinoska, Irene Nuin, Sandra Rainieri, Claudia Roncancio Peña, Stavroula Sampani, Ellen Van Haver and Katharina Volk

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants in the meeting. Apologies were received from David Gott for the entire Plenary. Inger-Lise Steffensen was absent from 14:00 to 16:00 and Pier Sandro Cocconcelli left at 17:30.

¹ Adopted by written procedure

² In agenda item 6.4



2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Panel members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁴, 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.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 16th Plenary meeting held on 27-28 October 2020, Parma

The minutes of the 16th Plenary meeting held on 27-28 October 2020 were agreed by written procedure on 9th November 2020⁵.

5. Report on written procedures since 16th 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. Food enzyme cellulase from *Penicillium funiculosum* (DP-Lzc35) (EFSA-2016-00098)

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the food enzyme cellulase from *Penicillium funiculosum* (DP-Lzc35) 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. Food enzyme lipase from a genetically modified strain of *Aspergillus niger* (EFSA-2015-00234)

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the food enzyme lipase from a genetically modified strain of *Aspergillus niger* 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.

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

⁴ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁵ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/event/2020/16th-plenary-meeting-cep-panel-minutes.pdf>



6.3. Food enzyme alternansucrase from *Leuconostoc citreum* (strain NRRL B-30894) (EFSA-2016-00209)

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the food enzyme alternansucrase from *Leuconostoc citreum* (strain NRRL B-30894) 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. Food enzyme protease complex consisting of trypsin, chymotrypsin, elastase and carboxypeptidase from porcine pancreas (EFSA-2015-00066)

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the food enzyme protease complex consisting of trypsin, chymotrypsin, elastase and carboxypeptidase from porcine pancreas 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. Food enzyme consisting of trypsin and chymotrypsin from porcine pancreas (EFSA-2015-00372)

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the food enzyme containing trypsin and chymotrypsin from porcine pancreas 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.

6.6. Process-specific technical data used in exposure assessment of food enzymes (EFSA-2020-00168)

The draft opinion on the process-specific technical data used in exposure assessment 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 document and unanimously adopted the opinion, subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

7. Feedback from the Scientific Committee/Panel(s), EFSA, European Commission

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

All the items discussed during the last Plenary of the Scientific Committee held by teleconference on 11-12 November 2020 were addressed by the Chair of the Panel.

7.2. EFSA including its Working Groups /Task Forces

7.2.1. 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](#).



7.2.2. 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](#).

7.2.3. 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](#).

7.2.4. CEP WG on the Update of the Guidance on Food Enzymes

An additional issue was brought to the attention of the CEP Panel further to what is already recorded in the [minutes of the WG](#). As an EFSA partnership pilot project, the new enzyme guidance will be discussed with scientists in the field from Member States. EFSA invited Member States through the Advisory Forum to nominate at maximum two scientists by 20.12.2020.

7.2.5. 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](#).

7.3. EFSA

Katleen Baert has been appointed as the new team leader in the Food Contact Materials area and was introduced to the Panel.

7.4. European Commission

Nothing was reported.

8. New mandates

8.1 New questions since the previous meeting

The following 5 new mandates have been received since the last Plenary meeting.

Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Reception date
Recycling	EFSA-Q-2020-00772	Request for safety evaluation of the Kunststof Recycling Nederland recycling process (HDPE pallets closed loop) to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses	23/11/2020
Recycling	EFSA-Q-2020-00750	Request for safety evaluation of the Drava International recycling process (Starlinger viscotec deCON) to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses	16/11/2020
Recycling	EFSA-Q-2020-00743	Request for safety evaluation of the DENTIS RECYCLING ITALY SRL, recycling process (Starlinger iV+) to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses	12/11/2020
Recycling	EFSA-Q-2020-00742	Request for safety evaluation of the Ferrarelle recycling process (Starlinger iV+) to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses	12/11/2020



Enzymes	EFSA-Q-2020-00710	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme beta-galactosidase from a non-genetically modified strain <i>Aspergillus oryzae</i> (strain GD-FAL)	27/10/2020
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8.2 Valid questions since the previous meeting

The following 4 questions have been considered valid for the start of the assessment since the last Plenary meeting.

Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Validity/ acceptance date
Food contact materials	EFSA-Q-2020-00725	Part 1 of a 2-part mandate on a re-evaluation of the risks to public health related to the presence of phthalates, structurally similar substances and replacement substances from food contact materials (FCMs)	26/11/2020
Recycling	EFSA-Q-2020-00621	Request for safety evaluation of the DENTIS RECYCLING ITALY SRL recycling process (PET direct iV+) to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses	01/12/2020
Recycling	EFSA-Q-2020-00596	Request for safety evaluation of the Coca-Cola HBC Polska recycling process (Vacurema prime super-clean) for direct food contact application	17/11/2020
Recycling	EFSA-Q-2020-00560	Request for safety evaluation of the RCS Plastics recycling process (VACUNITE - EREMA basic and Polymetrix SSP V-lean) to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses	28/10/2020

8.3 Withdrawn questions since the previous meeting

Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Reception date
Enzymes	EFSA-Q-2016-00134	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Glucose oxidase from <i>Aspergillus niger</i> (strain NZYM-KA)	27/10/2020

9. Other scientific topics for information and/or discussion

9.1 Re-evaluation of phthalates, structurally similar substances and replacement substances from food contact materials (EFSA-2020-00725)

The CEP Panel was informed about the acceptance (on 26/11/2020) of a mandate received from the European Commission/DG SANTE in relation to the re-evaluation of the risks to public health related to the presence of phthalates, structurally similar substances and replacement substances from food contact materials (FCMs). This mandate represents part 1 of a two-step mandate, with part 1 aiming at conducting preparatory work in advance of part 2, which will consist of the actual re-evaluation of the risks to public health related to the presence of phthalates, structurally similar substances and replacement substances from FCMs. As per the Terms of Reference, part 1 of the mandate will comprise the following tasks: i) prioritisation of substances to be further considered for risk



assessment, ii) protocols for hazard and exposure assessment, and iii) a call for data in support of the exposure assessment.

The need was identified to establish a new CEP Panel WG, which will deal with this mandate, and it will be named 'WG on preparation for re-evaluation of phthalates, structurally similar substances and replacement substances'. In consultation between the Head of the FIP Unit and the chair of the CEP Panel, Laurence Castle (FAF Panel member) was nominated as chair of this new WG.

10. Any Other business

Training was given on the use of Teams in EFSA work. The updated CEP Website was shown to the Panel and a short guide will be made available to the experts.