

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

MINUTES OF THE 18TH PLENARY MEETING

Held on 27 January 2021, by Teleconference

(Agreed on 09/02/2021)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 (acting Chair), Gilles Rivière, Inger-Lise Steffensen, Henk Van Loveren, Laurence Vernis and Holger Zorn

■ European Commission:

DG SANTE: Jonathan Briggs and Catherine Evrevin

■ EFSA:

Food Ingredients and Packaging (FIP) Unit: Jaime Aguilera, Magdalena Andryszkiewicz, Katleen Baert, Ana Gomes, Natalia Kovalkovicova, Yi Liu, Simone Lunardi, Carla Martino, Sandra Rainieri, Claudia Roncancio Peña, Stavroula Sampani and Ellen Van Haver.

REPRO Directorate: Guilhem De Seze

TS Unit: Claudia Paoletti

■ Others:

Tasking grant: National Food Institute, Technical University of Denmark; Karin Norby

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Vittorio Silano, Chairman of the Panel on Food Contact Materials, Enzymes and Processing Aids and one of EFSA's most longstanding and highly respected scientists, died on Monday 21st December. Vittorio leaves behind countless friends at EFSA who will miss both his gentle nature and sharp scientific mind. A minute of silence was dedicated to his memory.

¹ Adopted by written procedure



Consequently, after agreement with the two vice-Chairs (Alicja Mortensen and Henk Van Loveren), Alicja Mortensen chaired the Plenary. She welcomed the participants in the meeting. Apologies were received from Christina Tlustos for the entire Plenary.

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 Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, 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 17th Plenary meeting held on 2 December 2020, Parma

The minutes of the 17th Plenary meeting held on 2 December 2020 were agreed by written procedure on 17th December 2020⁴.

5. Report on written procedures since 17th 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 endo-1,3(4)- β -glucanase from a genetically modified strain of *Bacillus subtilis* (strain DP-Ezm28) (EFSA-2015-00828)

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the food enzyme endo-1,3(4)- β -glucanase from the genetically modified *Bacillus subtilis* strain DP-Ezm28 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 isomaltulose synthase from *Protaminobacter rubrum* (strain Z12A) (EFSA-2015-00620)

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the food enzyme preparation isomaltulose synthase from *Serratia plymuthica* (*Protaminobacter rubrum*) strain Z12A was presented to the members of the CEP Panel together with the main points for discussion. The CEP Panel discussed the different parts of

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/event/2020/16th-plenary-meeting-cep-panel-minutes.pdf>



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

6.3. Food enzyme α -amylase from a genetically modified strain of *Bacillus licheniformis* (strain NZYM-KE). (EFSA-2012-00898)

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the food enzyme α -amylase from the genetically modified *Bacillus licheniformis* strain NZYM-KE 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 maltogenic α -amylase from a genetically modified strain of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (strain M17906) (EFSA-2020-00456)

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the food enzyme maltogenic α -amylase produced by the genetically modified *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* strain M17906 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. Feedback from the Scientific Committee/Panel(s), EFSA, European Commission

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

There has been no plenary of the Scientific Committee since the last CEP Panel meeting.

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

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



7.2.5. 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

The Multi-annual work programme for 2021-2022 was presented to the CEP Panel and covered the following areas: Food Contact Materials, Recycling process, Food Enzymes, Bisphenol A and Phthalates.

The Panel was informed about the reactivation of the CEP WG on the evaluation of substances used to reduce microbial contamination from products of animal origin to deal with a new request (EFSA-Q-2020-00541). The BIOHAZ Panel is to endorse the sections related to the Terms of Reference 2 (efficacy) and 3 (potential emergence of reduced susceptibility to biocides and/or resistance to therapeutic antimicrobials) and then the Scientific Opinion will be proposed for adoption by the CEP Panel.

The Head of Unit informed the Panel on the next steps to be taken for the election of a new Chair for the CEP Panel.

The Head of Regulated Products Department Guilhem De Seze and Claudia Paoletti from TS Unit provided an update on the implementation of the Transparency Regulation. This update addressed the EFSA's documents drafted/updated in view of the Transparency regulation (Practical arrangements and guidance documents), the process on dossier submission as well as engagement, training and communication.

7.4. European Commission

Jonathan Briggs briefly presented the roadmap (inception impact assessment) for the revision of the EU rules on food contact materials (FCM) and responded to questions from the Panel on the revision of the EU legislation on FCMs.

New mandates

8.1 New questions since the previous meeting

The following 7 new mandates have been received since the last Plenary meeting.

Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Reception date
Processing aids	EFSA-Q-2021-00010	Request for EFSA to provide a scientific opinion on the safety of use of 2-methyloxolane as an extraction solvent under the intended conditions of use and the proposed maximum residue limits.	07/01/2021



Food contact materials	EFSA-Q-2021-00007	Request for safety evaluation of the Srichakra Polyplast recycling process (Starlinger iV+) to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses.	04/01/2021
Food contact materials	EFSA-Q-2021-00006	Request for safety evaluation of Chopped carbon fibre for use as additive in plastics.	30/12/2020
Food contact materials	EFSA-Q-2021-00005	Request for safety evaluation of the INTCO MALAYSIA SDN BHD recycling process (EREMA Basic) to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses.	04/01/2021
Food contact materials	EFSA-Q-2021-00001	Request for safety evaluation of the Zibo Containers recycling process (VACUREMA® Basic - EREMA Basic) to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses.	04/01/2021
Food contact materials	EFSA-Q-2020-00844	Request for safety evaluation of the Amhil Europa recycling process (KREYENBORG IR Clean+) to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses.	21/12/2020
Food contact materials	EFSA-Q-2020-00832	Request for safety evaluation of the Circular Plastics recycling process (Starlinger iV+) to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses.	14/12/2020

8.2 Valid questions since the previous meeting

The following 3 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-2020-00647	Request for safety evaluation of the Formas y envases recycling process (Starlinger iV+) to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses.	16/12/2020
Food Hygiene	EFSA-Q-2020-00541	Request for a scientific opinion on the evaluation of the safety and efficacy of lactic acid to reduce microbiological surface contamination on carcasses from wild game and small stock.	10/12/2020
Food contact materials	EFSA-Q-2019-00753	Request for safety evaluation of the NOVAPET recycling process (Polymetrix Pellet Process) to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses.	11/01/2021

8.3 Withdrawn questions since the previous meeting



The following 4 questions have been withdrawn since the last Plenary meeting.

Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Reception date
Food contact materials	EFSA-Q-2019-00099	Request for safety evaluation of 1,1,2,3,3-pentafluoro-3-(heptafluoro-propoxy)prop-1-ene for use as monomer in plastics.	04/01/2021
Enzymes	EFSA-Q-2016-00208	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Membrane alanyl aminopeptidase from <i>Lactococcus lactis</i> (strain DGCC5920).	06/01/2021
Enzymes	EFSA-Q-2016-00141	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Beta-galactosidase from a genetically modified strain of <i>Aspergillus oryzae</i> (DP-Bzg59).	06/01/2021
Enzymes	EFSA-Q-2016-00034	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme: Tannase from <i>Aspergillus niger</i> (strain AE-TAN).	14/01/2021

9. Other scientific topics for information and/or discussion

None

10. Any Other business

None