

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES AND PROCESSING AIDS (CEP)

43rd CEP Panel meeting



16-17 April 2024

13:30-18:30 /09:00-13:30

MINUTES (Agreed on 10 May 2024)

Location: Teleconference

Attendees:

- CEP Panel Members:
José Manuel Barat Baviera, Claudia Bolognesi, Andrew Chesson, Pier Sandro Coconcelli, Riccardo Crebelli, David Gott, Konrad Grob, Claude Lambré, Evgenia Lampi, Marcel Mengelers, Alicja Mortensen, Gilles Rivière, Inger-Lise Steffensen, Henk Van Loveren, Laurence Vernis and Holger Zorn
- European Commission: Martinus Nagtzaam, Catherine Evrevin
- ECHA: Roberto Scazzola
- EFSA:
Food Ingredients and Packaging (FIP) Unit: Jaime Aguilera, Magdalena Andryszkiewicz, Eric Barthélémy, Daniele Cavanna, Gian Luca Colombo, Daniele Comandella, Ana Criado, Valeriu-Georghe Curtui, Roos de Nijs, Julia Fontan Vela, Arianna Gallo, Ana Gomes, Natalia Kovalkovicova, Alexandros Lioupis, Yi Liu, Simone Lunardi, Remigio Marano, Eleonora Marini, Silvia Peluso, Sandra Rainieri, Laura Sanmartín, Elisa Savini, Vasiliki Sfika, Katharina Volk and Kyriaki Xiftou

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Christina Tlustos - whole meeting and Henk Van Loveren the 17th April from 09:00-11:00.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Panel members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Panel 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.

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



4. Agreement of the minutes of the 42nd CEP Panel meeting held on 12-14 March 2024 via web-conference

The minutes of the [42nd CEP Panel meeting](#) were agreed by written procedure on 26 March 2024.

5. Report on written procedures since 42nd Plenary meeting

Following the endorsement by the CEP Panel during the 42nd CEP Plenary meeting, the technical dossier was subject to a public consultation (PC-0855) and no comments were received until 18.03.2024. Subsequently, the scientific opinion on the "Safety evaluation of a food enzyme with phospholipase A1 and lysophospholipase activities from the genetically modified *Aspergillus niger* strain PLN" (EFSA-Q-2023-00460) was adopted by the CEP Panel on 10.04.2024 via a written procedure.

6. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion and possible adoption

6.1. Amines, di-C14-C18-alkyl, oxidised, for use in food contact materials [EFSA-Q-2021-00555](#)

The CEP Panel discussed all parts of the draft opinion. The opinion was unanimously adopted, subject to the incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting and editorial changes.

6.2. Scientific and technical assistance concerning the need to confirm the taxonomic identity of the production strain for food enzymes from *Bacillus licheniformis* [EFSA-Q-2024-00013](#)

The CEP Panel discussed all parts of the draft opinion. The opinion was unanimously adopted, subject to the incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting and editorial changes.

6.3. Inulinase produced by *Aspergillus niger* [EFSA-Q-2015-00827](#)

The CEP Panel discussed all parts of the draft opinion. The opinion was unanimously adopted, subject to the incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting and editorial changes.

6.4. Extension of use of the food enzyme β -amylase from the non-genetically modified *Bacillus flexus* strain AE-BAF [EFSA-Q-2023-00308](#)

The CEP Panel discussed all parts of the draft opinion. The opinion was unanimously adopted, subject to the incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting and editorial changes.

6.5. Glucoamylase from *Rhizopus oryzae* (strain AE-G)_Extension of use [EFSA-Q-2023-00381](#)

The CEP Panel discussed all parts of the draft opinion. The opinion was unanimously adopted, subject to the incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting and editorial changes.

6.6. Carboxypeptidase D from a genetically modified strain of *Aspergillus oryzae* (strain NZYM- MK) [EFSA-Q-2021-00223](#)

The CEP Panel discussed all parts of the draft opinion. The opinion was unanimously adopted, subject to the incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting and editorial changes.

6.7. Cellobiose phosphorylase from a genetically modified strain of *E. coli* K12 (strain LE1B109_pPB130)



[EFSA-Q-2021-00297](#)

The CEP Panel discussed all parts of the draft opinion. The opinion was unanimously adopted, subject to the incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting and editorial changes.

6.8. Sucrose phosphorylase from a genetically modified strain of *E. coli* K12 (strain LE1B109_pPB129)

[EFSA-Q-2021-00291](#)

The CEP Panel discussed all parts of the draft opinion. The opinion was unanimously adopted, subject to the incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting and editorial changes.

6.9. Food enzyme containing bacillolysin and subtilisin activities from the non-genetically modified *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* strain AR-383

[EFSA-Q-2022-00610](#)

The CEP Panel discussed all parts of the draft opinion. The opinion was unanimously adopted, subject to the incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting and editorial changes.

6.10. Laccase from *Trametes hirsuta* strain AE-OR

[EFSA-Q-2015-00694](#)

The CEP Panel discussed all parts of the draft opinion. The opinion was unanimously adopted, subject to the incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting and editorial changes.

6.11. Alpha-amylase from the non-genetically modified *Bacillus licheniformis* strain AE-TA

[EFSA-Q-2022-00549](#)

The CEP Panel discussed all parts of the draft opinion. The opinion was unanimously adopted, subject to the incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting and editorial changes.

6.12. Revision of Guidance on Decontamination substances

[EFSA-Q-2024-00020](#)

The approaches for the update of the guidance on Decontamination substances were presented to the Panel.

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

7.1 Scientific Committee

None

7.2 European Commission

None

7.3 Update from CEP Panel Working groups

7.3.1. 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](#).

7.3.2. CEP WG on Recycling Plastic

No additional issues were brought to the attention of the CEP Panel. The progress on dossier evaluation is recorded in the [minutes of the WG](#).



7.3.3. CEP WG on the evaluation of substances used to remove microbial contamination from products of animal origin

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

7.3.4. CEP WG on Enzymes

No additional issues were brought to the attention of the CEP Panel. The progress on dossier evaluation is recorded in the [minutes of the WG](#).

7.3.5. CEP WG on Extraction Solvents

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

7.3.6 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](#).

7.4 Updates from EFSA

None

8. AoB

An update regarding the outcome of the public consultation on the draft scientific guidance on mechanical PET recycling was provided to the Panel.
