Council of Europe activities

on Food Contact Materials
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HealthCare Activities: Technical Guides - Resolutions & Recommendations

• Steering Committees and experts develop guides to ensure quality and good practices & protect consumers, e.g.

- Safe cosmetics for young children
- Metals & alloys used in food contact materials
- Guidance on essential oils in cosmetic products
- Hydrogen peroxide in cosmetic products
- Safer tattooing: overview of current knowledge and challenges of toxicological assessment
- Council of Europe Recommendations and Resolutions:

Adopted by the <u>Committee of Ministers</u>: " ... Recommends to the governments of member States Parties to the Convention that they adopt legislative and other measures ..."



Safe Cosmetics



Food contact materials and articles

- Steering Committee (2018) supported by the Secretariat Committee for food contact materials and articles (Partial Agreement) (CD-P-MCA) - ToR renewed every two years.
- **Members**: delegates from the 38 countries of the Pharmacopoeia Convention (27 countries have appointed representatives).
- Rapporteurs assigned to projects (members or participants).
- Plenary sessions: 1-2 times a year, in Strasbourg.
- Ad hoc working groups: flexible in time and place; ± 1-2 times a year meetings, teleconferences.
- Ad hoc electronic working groups, teleconferences.



FCM Resolution – Guiding Principles / Technical Guides

- Scope: all FCM under Regulation (EC) 1935/2004 which are not covered by specific measures at the EU level
- Best practices to ensure quality and safety:
 - Principles for the intentional use of substances
 - Compliance documentation and declaration of compliance for all FCM
- Technical guides to cover material-specific issues (restrictions for substances to be used in the manufacture, testing issues, etc)
- Technical guide for compliance documentation and declaration of compliance



Other on-going activities

- Compliance Documentation Technical guide supplementing the Resolution.
- Paper and Board Technical guide supplementing the Resolution.
- Printing inks Peer-review of multianalyte method.
- Enamels Survey led by Slovenia on current situation in CoE member States.
- Coatings Follow-up EFSA-FIP taskforce.
- Cork, Ion exchange resins, Printing inks.



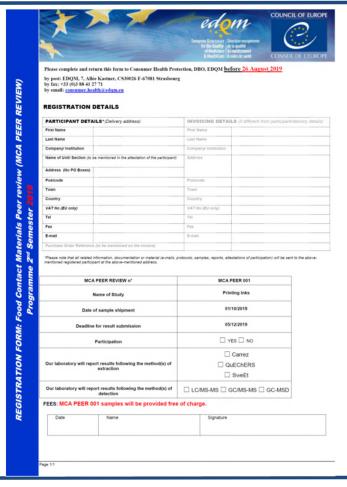
Paper and Board: Technical guide

- Substances intentionally used: links to member state^(*) legislations/official recommendations.
- Table with SMLs for certain substances.
- Reference to standards and tests.
- Restrictions for the use of recycled fibres.
 - Functional barrier / absorbent.
 - Reference method for assessing barrier efficiency.
 - 10 ppb migration limit, no CMR, nano.
 - Specific requirements in the compliance documentation and declaration of compliance.
- (*) France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands.





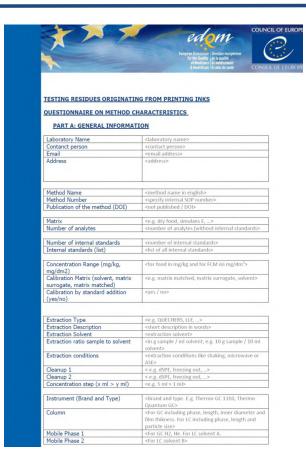
Printing Inks: Multi-analyte method peer-review



- Study's scope: determination of interlaboratory reproducibility (precision)
- 14 laboratories
- Both GC and LC based analysis
- Analytes: 6 photoinitiators, 3 degradation products, 1 plasticiser
- Matrices: 95% EtOH, dry food (flour or ground baking product)
- Common extraction/purification step



Selection / Development of the method



- Questionnaire for existing methods.
- Optimisation of GC-MS/MS and LC-MS/MS detection parameters.
- Feasibility study (May 2019): analytes in 95 % ethanol (12 laboratories participated).
 - 10 μg/L achievable LOD
 - linearity > 0.99
 - mean recoveries 95 120 %
 - RSD < 20 %
- Extraction procedure from dry food
 - Carrez and QuEChERS based comparison





Thank you for your attention





