

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

Minutes of the 2nd Plenary meeting

Held on 26-27 September 2018, Brussels (Belgium)

(Agreed on 15/10/2018)¹

Participants

a) Panel Members

José Manuel Barat Baviera, Claudia Bolognesi², Andrew Chesson, Pier Sandro Cocconcelli, Riccardo Crebelli³, David Gott, Konrad Grob, Evgenia Lampi, Alicja Mortensen, Gilles Rivière, Vittorio Silano (Chair), Inger-Lise Steffensen, Henk van Loveren, Laurence Vernis and Holger Zorn

b) Hearing Experts⁴:

- Laurence Castle (for agenda items 6.6 and 9.1); Panagiotis Skandamis⁵ (for agenda item 9.2)

c) European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

- DG SANTE: Takis Daskaleros (for agenda items 6.6 and 9.1), Bastiaan Schupp (for agenda item 6.5 and 8.3)

d) EFSA:

- Food Ingredients and Packaging (FIP) Unit: Jaime Aguilera, Magdalena Andryszkiewicz, Anna Federica Castoldi, Carla Martino, Claudia Roncancio Peña, Ellen Van Haver, Katharina Volk

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Panel members Beat Johannes Brüscheiler and Christina Tlustos.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without any changes.

¹ Adopted by written procedure

² Participated only on the first day by teleconference.

³ Not present on 27 September

⁴ As defined in Article 11 of the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁵ Attended by teleconference

3. Declarations of Interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes⁶ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest⁷. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting when asking for Oral Declarations of Interest.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 1st Plenary meeting held on 4-5 July 2018, Parma

The minutes of the 1st Plenary meeting held on 4-5 July were agreed on 25 July 2018 by written procedure⁸.

5. Report on written procedures since the 1st 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 Glucoamylase from a genetically modified strain of *Aspergillus niger* (NZYM-BW) ([EFSA-Q-2015-00128](#))

The draft opinion on the safety evaluation of the food enzyme glucoamylase from a genetically modified strain of *Aspergillus niger* (NZYM-BW) 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 Alpha-amylase from a genetically modified strain of *Aspergillus niger* (NZYM-MC) ([EFSA-Q-2014-00306](#))

The draft opinion on the safety evaluation of the food enzyme alpha-amylase from a genetically modified strain of *Aspergillus niger* (NZYM-MC) 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.

6.3 Glucoamylase from a genetically modified strain of *Aspergillus niger* (NZYM-BF) ([EFSA-Q-2014-00307](#))

The draft opinion on the safety evaluation of the food enzyme glucoamylase from a genetically modified strain of *Aspergillus niger* (NZYM-BF) 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 Xylanase from a genetically modified strain of *Bacillus subtilis* (LMG S24584) ([EFSA-Q-2015-00065](#))

⁶ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/corporate/pub/policyonindependence>

⁷ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/corporate/pub/independencepolicy17>

⁸ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/event/180704-0>

The draft opinion on the safety evaluation of the food enzyme xylanase from a genetically modified strain of *Bacillus subtilis* (LMG S24584) 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 Active substance polyacrylic acid, sodium salt, cross-linked (EFSA-Q-2018-00003)

The draft opinion on the safety evaluation of the active substance polyacrylic acid, sodium salt, cross-linked for use in food contact materials 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 Ln 1,4-Benzene Dicarboxylic acid (with Ln=La, Eu, Gd, Tb) (EFSA-Q-2016-00128)

The draft opinion on the safety evaluation of Ln 1,4-Benzene Dicarboxylic acid (with Ln=La, Eu, Gd, Tb) for use in food contact materials 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. New Mandates

7.1 New questions since the previous meeting

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

Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Reception date
FCM	EFSA-Q-2018-00706	Request for the evaluation of a recycling process for poly(ethylene terephthalate) for direct food application Super-clean technology: EREMA MPR B2B	13/09/2018
FCM	EFSA-Q-2018-00642	Request for re-evaluation of the Texplast recycling process/EREMA advanced (RECYC 022) to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses	06/09/2018
FCM	EFSA-Q-2018-00640	Request for safety evaluation of silver as nano material, CAS-Nr.: 7440-22-4, for its use as additive in plastics	17/08/2018
FCM	EFSA-Q-2018-00558	Request for the re-evaluation of Waxes, paraffinic, refined, derived from petroleum based or synthetic hydrocarbon feedstocks (FCM 93, Ref 95858)	13/07/2018
FCM	EFSA-Q-2018-00549	Request for safety evaluation of Bis(2-ethylhexyl)-cyclohexane-1,4-dicarboxylate, CAS-Nr.:84731-70-4, for its use as additive in plastics (Hanwha chemical)	09/07/2018

7.2 Valid questions since the previous meeting

The following questions have been considered valid for the start of the assessment since the last Plenary meeting: three for the safety assessment of food contact materials.

Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Valid on
FCM	EFSA-Q-2018-00375	Request for the evaluation of AMB recycling process for poly(ethylene terephthalate) for direct food application (Bandera)	20/08/2018
FCM	EFSA-Q-2018-00064	Request for the evaluation of a substance: milled carbonised PAN based carbon fibre	23/08/2018
FCM	EFSA-Q-2017-00740	Request for the evaluation of a substance: bleached cellulose pulp	18/07/2018

7.3 Withdrawn applications since the previous meeting

No applications have been withdrawn since the last Plenary meeting.

8. Feedback from the Scientific Committee/Scientific Panels, EFSA, the European Commission

8.1 Scientific Committee and Scientific Panel including their Working Groups

8.1.1 Scientific Committee and its Working Groups

The 90th Scientific Committee Plenary was held on 17 September 2018. The Chair provided feedback on the main issues discussed.

8.1.2 CEP Working Group on the re-evaluation of BPA

David Gott was appointed as the vice-chair for the WG on the re-evaluation of BPA. Henk van Loveren was already appointed as Chair at the Inaugural CEP Plenary meeting in July.

8.2 EFSA including its Working Groups/Task Forces

No updates were provided.

8.3 European Commission

The European Commission representative, Bastiaan Schupp, informed the Panel about the ongoing evaluation of the FCM legislation and the related Stakeholder meeting that was held on 24 September, and about ongoing work at the European Commission in the area of recycling processes.

9. Other scientific topics for information and/or discussion

9.1 Update of the risk assessment for di-butylphthalate (DBP, FCM No 157), butyl-benzyl-phthalate (BBP, FCM No 159) and Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP, FCM No 283) ([EFSA-Q-2017-00588/-00589/-00590](#))

The Chair of the WG on phthalates, Laurence Castle, presented to the Panel members the progress made by the WG on the re-evaluation of the safety of 5 phthalates (DBP, BBP, DEHP, DINP and DIDP) authorised for use in plastic food contact materials. This mandate follows a request from the European Commission following a publication of an ECHA opinion on phthalates in 2017. The Panel discussed the possible approaches proposed by the WG for grouping the phthalates for setting health based guidance

value(s). The WG will take into account the considerations of the Panel at its next meeting (8 October 2018), and a further update of this work will be presented at the open plenary meeting of the CEP Panel on 24-25 October.

9.2 Evaluation of the safety and efficacy of lactic and acetic acids for reduction of pathogens on pork carcasses and cuts ([EFSA-Q-2017-00666](#))

In accordance with Art 29 of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002, the EC asked EFSA to evaluate the safety and the efficacy of lactic and acetic acid intended to be used individually by food business operators during the processing to reduce microbial surface contamination on pork carcasses and cuts. The Chair of the WG on Decontamination substances, Alicja Mortensen, presented the toxicological safety of the two organic acids and the risk related to their release into the environment, whereas the vice-Chair, Panagiotis Skandamis, presented the work performed by the BIOHAZ Panel regarding the efficacy assessment and the potential emergence of reduced susceptibility to biocides and/or resistance to therapeutic antimicrobials linked to the use of these organic acids. The draft opinion will be presented and discussed for possible adoption at the Open plenary meeting of the CEP Panel on 24-25 October.

10. Any Other Business

The guidelines for observers were presented to the Panel members in view of the CEP plenary meeting of 23-25 October 2018 that will be partially open to observers.