



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

MINUTES OF THE 12TH PLENARY MEETING

Held on 4-6 February 2020

(Agreed on 28/02/2020)¹

Participants

■ Panel Members:

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■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

DG SANTE: Jonathan Briggs³

■ EFSA:

Food Ingredients and Packaging (FIP) Unit: Jaime Aguilera, Magdalena Andryszkiewicz, Eric Barthélémy, Anna Federica Castoldi⁴, Consuelo Civitella, Cristina Croera, Ana Gomes, Natalia Kovalkovicova, Alexandros Lioupis, Yi Liu, Simone Lunardi, Joaquim Manuel Maia, Irene Nuin, Fatima den Ouden, Foteini Pantazi, Sandra Rainieri, Claudia Roncancio Peña and Katharina Volk.

REPRO Department: Guilhem de Seze

■ Hearing expert: Reginald Fitzgerald (for agenda item 6.10)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants in the meeting. Apologies were received from David Gott for the entire plenary.

¹ Adopted by written procedure

² Apologised the 1st day.

³ Attended via TC

⁴ Attended the last day



2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Panel members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence⁵ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁶, 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 11th Plenary meeting held on 10-12 December 2019, Parma

The minutes of the 11th Plenary meeting held on 10-12 December 2019 were agreed by written procedure on 10th January 2020⁷.

5. Report on written procedures since 11th Plenary meeting

No scientific outputs were adopted by written procedure since the last plenary meeting.

6. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

6.1. Safety assessment of di(m-2,2',2''-nitrilotris(ethanol)-diperchlorato)dinatrium (EFSA-Q-2017-00444)

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the substance: di(m-2,2',2''-nitrilotris(ethanol)-diperchlorato)dinatrium (renamed by the Panel "(triethanolamine-perchlorate, sodium salt) dimer") for use in the manufacture of 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.

6.2. Safety assessment of the reaction product of stearyl-diethanol-amine with C18 saturated fatty acids (EFSA-Q-2016-00510)

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the substance: reaction product of stearyl-diethanol-amine with C18 saturated fatty acids (renamed by the Panel "N,N-bis(2-hydroxyethyl)stearylamine partially esterified with saturated C16/C18 fatty acids") for use in the manufacture of 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.

⁵ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

⁶ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁷ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/event/190205-m.pdf>



6.3. Safety assessment of 2-hydroxyethyl methacrylate phosphate ([EFSA-Q-2019-00390](#))

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the substance: 2-hydroxyethyl methacrylate phosphate (renamed by the Panel "phosphoric acid, mixed esters with 2-hydroxyethyl methacrylate") for use in the manufacture of plastic food contact materials and articles 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 endorsed the opinion, subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

6.4. Safety assessment of the Ltd. PolyER recycling process (Starlinger viscotec deCON) ([EFSA-Q-2019-00372](#))

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the recycling process: Ltd. PolyER recycling process (Starlinger viscotec deCON) to produce plastic for food contact uses 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. ●Safety assessment of the RE-PET Kunststoffrecycling recycling process (EREMA basic) ([EFSA-Q-2019-00386](#))

●Safety assessment of the STF Recycling recycling process (EREMA basic) ([EFSA-Q-2019-00384](#))

●Safety assessment of the Buergofol recycling process (EREMA basic) ([EFSA-Q-2019-00495](#))

The draft opinions on the safety assessment of the recycling processes: RE-PET Kunststoffrecycling, STF Recycling and Buergofol (all EREMA basic) to produce plastic for food contact uses were 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 assessments and unanimously adopted the opinions, subject to incorporation of changes as suggested during the meeting.

6.6. Triacylglycerol lipase from a genetically modified strain of *Hansenula polymorpha* (strain DP-Jzk33) ([EFSA-Q-2015-00374](#))

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the food enzyme: Triacylglycerol lipase from a genetically modified strain of *Hansenula polymorpha* (strain DP-Jzk33) (renamed by the Panel *Ogataea polymorpha*) 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.

6.7. 4-alpha-D-{(1→4)α-D-glucano} trehalose trehalohydrolase/(1→4)-alpha-D-glucan 1-alpha-D-glucosylmutase from *Arthrobacter ramosus* ([EFSA-Q-2016-00135/136](#))

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the food enzyme: 4-alpha-D-{(1→4)α-D-glucano} trehalose trehalohydrolase/(1→4)-alpha-D-glucan 1-alpha-D-glucosylmutase from *Arthrobacter ramosus* (renamed by the Panel *Gryllotalpicola ginsengisoli*) 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.



6.8. Alpha-amylase from a genetically modified strain of *Pseudomonas fluorescens* (BD15754) (EFSA-Q-2016-00200)

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the food enzyme: Alpha-amylase from a genetically modified strain of *Pseudomonas fluorescens* (BD15754) 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.

6.9. Cyclomaltodextrin glucanotransferase from *Paenibacillus illinoisensis* (EFSA-Q-2016-00523)

The draft opinion on the safety assessment of the food enzyme: Cyclomaltodextrin glucanotransferase from *Paenibacillus illinoisensis* 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.

6.10. Scientific assistance as regards (4,4'-dihydroxydiphenyl sulphone) (BPS) (EFSA-Q-2019-00299)

The draft technical report on the assessment of new information on Bisphenol S (BPS) submitted in response to the Decision under REACH Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006, 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 endorsed 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.

Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Reception date
FCM	EFSA-Q-2020-00048	Request for safety evaluation of the Somoplast - Riachi & Co recycling process (Starlinger viscotec deCON) to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses	14/01/2020
FCM	EFSA-Q-2020-00046	Request of the evaluation of aquaporinZ for use in plastic food contact materials	15/01/2020
FCM	EFSA-Q-2020-00014	Request for safety evaluation of Phosphorous acid, triphenyl ester, polymer with alpha-hydro-omega-hydroxypoly[oxy(methyl-1,2-ethanediyl)], C10-16 alkyl esters, CAS number 1227937-46-3 for use as additive in plastics	03/01/2020



7.2. Valid questions since the previous meeting

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

Food Sector	EFSA-Q-Number	Subject	Reception date
FCM	EFSA-Q-2019-00758	Request for safety evaluation of the WIP Sp. z o.o. Spółka komandytowa recycling process (Starlinger viscotec deCON) to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses	22/01/2020
FCM	EFSA-Q-2019-00749	Request for safety evaluation of the ESTERPET LIMITED recycling process (Starlinger iV+) to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses	20/01/2020
FCM	EFSA-Q-2019-00737	Request for safety evaluation of the Technoplastika Prima Perdana recycling process (Starlinger viscotec deCON) for direct food contact	06/01/2020
FCM	EFSA-Q-2019-00703	Request for safety evaluation of the Viridor Waste Management Limited recycling process (Starlinger iV+) to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses	06/01/2020
FCM	EFSA-Q-2019-00698	Request for safety evaluation of the Severn Valley Polymers recycling process (Starlinger viscotec deCON) to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses	18/12/2019
FCM	EFSA-Q-2019-00495	Request for safety evaluation of the Buergofol recycling process (EREMA basic) to produce recycled plastic for food contact uses	10/12/2019
ENZ	EFSA-Q-2019-00444	Request for EFSA to perform a scientific risk assessment on the food enzyme OBT-001 from a genetically modified strain of Escherichia coli [Strain BL21(DE3)]	27/01/2020

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

8.1. Scientific Committee and Scientific Panel(s) including their Working Groups

8.1.1. 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](#).

8.1.2. 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](#).

8.1.3. 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](#).

8.1.4. 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](#).

8.1.5. EFSA WG on BPS

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

8.1.6. Feedback from the Scientific Committee

Nothing to report due to the fact that no SC Plenary Meeting took place between the last two CEP Plenary Meetings.

8.2. New expert compensation scheme, extension of current Panel mandate and mutual assessment of EFSA staff and experts

The Head of the REPRO Department attended the Plenary meeting to inform the Panel about the changes introduced by the New Transparency Regulation and the implication to the Scientific Committee and Panels, in particular in relation to the Panel mandate extension, the increase in expert indemnity, expert mutual assessment and timeline.

9. Any Other business

In preparation for the coming CEP Panel plenary meeting on 28-30 April 2020, with a session open to observers, the Secretariat presented the relevant EFSA Guidelines for Observers⁸.

⁸ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/stakeholders/observers>