

AGENDA

Food Contact Materials: Working Together for Safety and Innovation in Europe





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OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG
Ministry of Health

Conference

“Food contact materials: working together for safety and innovation in Europe”

30th September 2015

Luxembourg, Chambre de Commerce, Kirchberg

National EFSA focal point event

Programme

- 08:30-09:15 Registration, coffee, networking
- 09:30-09:45 **Welcoming speech** by Ms Lydia Mutsch, Minister of Health
- 09:45-09:55 **Introductory view from the European Commission** by Dr Michael Flüh, European Commission
- 09:55-10:15 **Scene setter on existing legislation: harmonised and non-harmonised** by Dr Michael Flüh, European Commission
- 10:15-10:35 **The role of the Council of Europe/EDQM in setting standards for FCM in Europe** by Dr François Xavier Lery, Council of Europe
- 10:35-10:55 **Scientific Cooperation** presented by Mr Jeffrey Moon, Advisory Forum, European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

Conference moderator:

Presentation of the sessions, timetable, approach and objectives by the moderator Mr Jean-François Wolff

11:00-11:15 – **Coffee break**



11:15-12:00 – **Session 1: EU market and innovation in FCM**

- *How do markets function within the FCM area?*
- *What is their size?*
- *What drives the market?*
- *What restricts trade?*
- *How is innovation stimulated?*

Speakers:

- Mr Jori Ringman, Sustainability Director of the Confederation of European Paper Industries
- Dr Leonor Garcia, Director Public Affairs of PlasticsEurope

12:00 – 12:20: **Session 2: Food contact material and food safety**

The safety of food contact materials must be evaluated, as chemicals can migrate from the materials into food. The materials must be manufactured in compliance with EU regulations, including good manufacturing practices, so that any potential transfer to foods does not raise safety concerns, change the composition of the food in an unacceptable way or have adverse effects on the organoleptic properties of foods.

- *How should FCM legislation contribute to consumer safety/health?*
- *Discussion on prioritisation of risks from different materials*
- *TTC approach, exposure, required expertise, responsibilities*

Speaker:

Prof. Dr Dr Andreas Hensel, President of German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)



12:20 – 12:40 – **Session 3: Consumer expectations on food contact materials**

Food contact materials become more convenient, more functional, more adapted to meet the needs of consumers whose lifestyles and consumption patterns are changing. Moreover, the container became an intelligent and active multi-layer, capable of improving the quality and traceability of the content and assuring the information to customers.

- *What does the consumer expect from FCM?*
- *How to achieve trust and on informing the consumer?*
- *What is the role of legislation?*

Speaker:

Ms Beate Kettlitz, Director Food Policy, Science and R&D, FoodDrinkEurope

12:45-13:00 – **Questions & Answers**

13:00-14:00 – **Lunch break and poster session**

14:00-16:30 – **Workshop 1: Risk analysis**

A large number of non-evaluated substances is used or is present as non-intentionally added substances (NIAS) in the food contact materials area. The different evaluation systems used by industries and authorities may lead to different conclusions on the hazard of a substance. Which is the best evaluation system? Furthermore, analytical methods are lacking for a large number of substances. How can the protection of the consumer be ensured? Which are the necessary steps?

Chair:

Dr Georges Kass Deputy Head of the Food Ingredients and Packaging Unit, European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)



Panelists:

- **The evaluation of food contact materials** by Dr Georges Kass, Deputy Head of the Food Ingredients and Packaging Unit, European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

Followed by Q&A

- **Technical challenges in food safety and innovation for food contact materials and the role the European Commission Joint Research Centre as scientific support to EU policies** by Dr Catherine Simoneau, Head of European Union Reference Laboratory for Food Contact Materials, European Commission Joint Research Centre (JRC)

Followed by Q&A

- **Ink Makers - Current and future approaches to the control and risk management of printed food contact materials** by Dr Paul Hunt, Expert for European Printing Ink Association (EuPIA), Director of Liquid Ink Technologies, Sun Chemical Ltd

Followed by Q&A

- **Introduction to the PlasticsEurope guidance document on risk assessment** by Dr Françoise Godts, Expert for PlasticsEurope, Food Contact Manager EMEA DuPont de Nemours

Followed by Q&A

14:00-16:30 – **Workshop 2: Official controls**

The aim of this workshop is to highlight the problems and challenges of official controls at different levels:

- *Inspection*
- *laboratory*
- *legislation*



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Chair:

Dr Gudrun Gallhoff, Duty Head of Unit, European Commission, DG Health & Food Safety Unit E6 Innovation and Sustainability

Panelists:

Analytical work and effective measures: current challenges in FCM enforcement
by Dr Gregor McCombie, Head of Department, Food Safety Authority Zürich, Switzerland

Followed by Q&A

FCM policy and organisation of the official FCM control in Denmark by Ms Mette Holm, Scientific Advisor, Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, Danish Veterinary and Food Administration and Ms Carina Mørkhøj, Official Veterinarian, Danish Veterinary and Food Administration

Followed by Q&A

Examples of Declaration of Compliance by Ms Mette Holm, Scientific Advisor, Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, Danish Veterinary and Food Administration and Ms Carina Mørkhøj, Official Veterinarian, Danish Veterinary and Food Administration

14:00-16:30 – **Workshop 3: innovation**

This workshop is focusing on new and future trends in the food contact materials area. Which direction does the research take? How can the safety of new products be ensured? What advantages do these new products have?

Chair:

Dr Laurence Castle, Member of the Scientific Panel on Food Contact Materials, Enzymes, Flavourings and Processing Aids (CEF)



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Panelists:

Trends in packaging innovation and their relation to food safety by Prof. Dr Horst-Christian Langowski, Chair of Food Packaging Technology, TU Munich and Director of Fraunhofer Institute for Process Engineering and Packaging

Followed by Q&A

The increasing use of Recycled PET leading to innovation by Mr Regis Heyberger, Corporate Quality Manager International, Plastipak Holding Inc.

Followed by Q&A

Database of substances known by member states of the Council of Europe and used in FCM: Practical applications by Dr Fabien Bolle, Head of Unit for the consumer safety, Belgium Scientific Institute of Public Health

Followed by Q&A

Rubber: Its Challenges and Innovation opportunities by Mr Lorenzo Zullo, Coordinator, Chemicals & Environment Legislation and Advocacy European Tyre & Rubber Manufacturers Association (ETRMA)

Followed by Q&A

16:30-17:00 – **Round table in each workshop**

17:00-17:30 – **Conclusions and close of conference:**
Moderator and chairs of sessions

17:30-18:30 – **Farewell cocktail**