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## LUXEMBOURGISH EFSA FOCAL POINT NEWSLETTER

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### Calls

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#### ***EFSA tender OC/EFSA/SCER/2020/02: Screening for Emerging Chemical Risks in the Food Chain | Deadline: 30/09/2020***

We would like to inform you that EFSA has launched a Call for Tender (procurement) reference **OC/EFSA/SCER/2020/02 - Screening for Emerging Chemical Risks in the Food Chain**.

The EFSA Call has the scope of analysing food and feed for the presence of chemicals that are potential emerging risks by using the substances identified in previous works as a suspect list and using non-target analysis, and for a subset of identified substances to quantify levels and assess risks.

Please note that the deadline for submission of tenders is **30 September 2020**.

**CALL:** [Screening for Emerging Chemical Risks in the Food Chain](#)

[Procurement for services we need](#)

### Public Consultations

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#### ***Public consultation on the draft scientific opinion on the safety of chia seeds (Salvia hispanica L.) subject to thermal processing in relation to the formation of process contaminants as a novel food for extended uses***

We would like to inform you that EFSA has launched a **public consultation on the draft scientific opinion on the safety of chia seeds (Salvia hispanica L.) subject to thermal processing in relation to the formation of process contaminants as a novel food for extended uses**.

This document discusses the safety of chia seeds for extended uses when subject to heat-treatment at temperatures above 120°C which may result in the formation of concerning levels of the process contaminants.

Please note that the deadline for interested parties to submit written comments is **4 August 2020**.

In case of any questions or enquiries on the consultation, please contact [nda\\_admin@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:nda_admin@efsa.europa.eu).

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION :** [Public consultation on the draft Scientific Opinion on the Safety of chia seeds \(\*Salvia hispanica\* L.\) subject to thermal processing in relation to the formation of process contaminants as a novel food for extended uses](#)

### ***Public consultation on the regulated food and feed product applications to establish the presence of small particles including nanoparticles***

We would like to inform you that EFSA has launched today a **public consultation on the EFSA's Scientific Committee draft Guidance on technical requirements for regulated food and feed product applications to establish the presence of small particles including nanoparticles**.

This document sets out information requirements for applications in the regulated food and feed product areas, and establishes criteria for assessing the presence of a fraction of small particles. This Guidance on Particle-TR complements the Guidance on Nanoscience and Nanotechnology adopted by the EFSA Scientific Committee in 2018.

Please note that the deadline for interested parties to submit written comments is **9 September 2020**.

In case of any questions or enquiries on the consultation, please contact the scientific unit's functional mailbox [SCER.PublicConsult.EUS.007@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:SCER.PublicConsult.EUS.007@efsa.europa.eu).

**SCIENTIFIC TOPIC:** [Nanotechnology](#)

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION:** [Public consultation on the draft EFSA Guidance on technical requirements for regulated food and feed product applications to establish the presence of small particles including nanoparticles](#)

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## **Events**

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### ***Online Course in Health Risk Assessment of Endocrine Disruptors - October 12-16, 2020***

Institute of Environmental Medicine, Karolinska Institutet offers the following course in autumn 2020:

**Health risk assessment of endocrine disruptors, October 12-16, 2020.**

The course is intended for PhD students and other participants from academia as well as participants from authorities and industry.

The course will be given as an on-line course.

Application deadline: September 11, 2020.

Application and further information: <https://ki.se/en/imm/international-training-in-health-risk-assessment>

Please forward this information to your students and colleagues.

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## **Publications**

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### ***Parma Summer School Recordings Available***

We would like to inform you that the recorded interventions of the Parma Summer School 2020 #OneHealth are now available [here](#).

Should you need any additional information, do not hesitate to come back to us via [capacity.building@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:capacity.building@efsa.europa.eu).

### ***Communicating research to policy-makers – Webinar available***

The webinar "Communicating research to policy-makers", in English, is now available online on YouTube on the "Zinātne Latvijai" (Science for Latvia) account:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JYWwKgkeb84>

The webinar was organised by the Ministry of Education and Science of Latvia; presentation of the speakers can be found here: <https://bit.ly/37AELwY>

### ***Risk assessment transmission SARS-CoV-2 in hospitality settings***

This is to inform you of a risk assessment the Netherlands performed to assess the additional routes for transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in hospitality settings. We found that exposure to SARS-CoV-2 by drinking from a rinsed glass that had been used by a person infected with SARS-CoV-2 is a real possibility, and that this risk can be reduced by washing the glasses in a dishwasher. The risk is mainly relevant due to the numbers of people involved in visiting hospitality settings. In addition, the risk increases with an increase in the background prevalence of COVID-19 in the population.

See: <https://www.rivm.nl/en/food-safety/front-office-food-and-product-safety/beoordelingen-front-office-voedsel-en-productveiligheid>