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# Food Contact Materials Regulation

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### Key Topics

- The Regulatory Framework(s)
- NIAS
- Phasing out PFAS
- The PPWR
- Recycling

- Dr Bernard Hegarty, Food Safety Authority of Ireland
- Malene Teller Blume, Coop Trading, Denmark
- Dr Petra Hilt, Trelleborg Sealing Solutions Germany GmbH, Germany
- Malcolm Drifford, PhD, Exponent International Ltd, United Kingdom
- Dr David Doennig, Canon Deutschland GmbH, Germany
- Dr Ingo Schwab, VSLF (Swiss Coatings Federation), Switzerland
- Daisy de Klein, Knoell NL B.V., the Netherlands
- Koen Weel, Coca-Cola Europe, the Netherlands
- Daniel C. Rubenstein, Steptoe LLP, USA
- Dario Dainelli, PolicyRegulatory, Belgium/Italy
- Dr Carlos de la Cruz Garcia, Nestlé System Technology Center, Switzerland
- Dr Sabine Lindner, PlasticsEurope Deutschland e. V., Germany
- Dr Christian Kirchnawy, OFI Technologie & Innovation GmbH, Austria
- Paula Hirsilä, Huhtamaki Oyj, Finland
- Dr Anna Gergely, Crowell & Moring LLP, Belgium
- Dr Ulphard Thoden van Velzen, Wageningen Food & Biobased Research, the Netherlands
- Neil Finley, Henkel Adhesive Technologies, United Kingdom



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# Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026

8.30 Registration and Coffee

8.55

## Opening Remarks

Dr Bjoern Nehls, Director, Chem-Academy, and

Dr Bernard Hegarty, Director of Enforcement Policy, Food Safety Authority of Ireland

9.00

## The EU's Policy Under Revision – What Does It Mean For FCM Regulation?

- From Green Deal to Clean Industrial Deal: state of the regulatory debates within the EU
- How is the Food Contact Materials framework affected?
- Goals for a more sustainable management of FCM
  - Waste reduction
  - Reusability and recycling
- Current and upcoming challenges
  - PFAS restrictions
  - Microplastics

Neil Finley, Head of Food Safety, Product Safety and Regulatory Affairs, Henkel Adhesive Technologies, United Kingdom

9.40

## FCM: the Regulatory Framework and Enforcement within the EU

- FCM: the regulatory framework and the role of enforcement
- Initiatives and challenges from an authority's point of view
- Scientific input and how to react to new insights
- Upcoming issues

Dr Bernard Hegarty, Director of Enforcement Policy, Food Safety Authority of Ireland

10.20 Coffee Break

10.50

## Risk Assessment for FCM: Methods and the Path to Standardization

- Methods for risk assessment and the need for harmonization
- Limits: why one can't demonstrate absent substances
- How to stimulate the exchange between research/academia, industry, and authorities
- How can regulation keep up with scientific results and social demands?
- How can one avoid liability issues?

Dario Dainelli, Managing Director, PolicyRegulatory, Belgium/Italy

11.30

## Conformity of IAS in Printed Food Contact Materials

- Legal requirements and the regulatory framework (D, CH)
- Revision of Swiss Ordinance
- VSLF and EUPIA guidance documents
- Practical implications with CMR assessment
- Genotoxicity: what we need to know
- Partial overlaps: NIAS Evaluation with regards to printing inks

Dr David Doennig, Expert Regulatory & Printed FCM, Canon Deutschland GmbH, Germany, and Dr Ingo Schwab, VSLF (Swiss Coatings Federation), Switzerland

12.10 Lunch Break

13.30

## Current Developments in Recycling and Why They Are Concerning

- The state of the EU's recycling industry and what Asian production and trade policy have to do with it
- Learnings on polyolefines (new and recycled products)
- Understanding how decontamination works, and what it means for post-consumer polyolefine recycling
- Challenges with the PPWR goals

Dr Ulphard Thoden van Velzen, Senior Scientist Packaging Technology and Recycling, Wageningen Food & Biobased Research, the Netherlands

14.10

## Requirements and Options for Recycled Plastics Intended for Food Contact

- EU requirements on recycled content in food packaging
- EU regulation on recycled plastics intended for food contact
- The role of EFSA (Scientific Guidances, e.g. PET)
- Outlook for PET and Polyolefines
- Industry efforts on safety and compliance of recycled plastics

Koen Weel, Scientific and Regulatory Affairs, Director Food Contact Materials, Coca-Cola Europe, the Netherlands (tbc)

14.50

## Challenges with Plastics in Food Contact Materials

- Plastics in FCM: the roadmap within the EU's regulation
- How to manage consistent concepts despite different sources of different regulatory frameworks
  - Chemical Strategy for Sustainability
  - Single Use Plastics Directive
  - PPWR and the role of recycling
  - Looking back: BPA

Dr Sabine Lindner, Senior Expert Consumer Affairs, Climate Protection & Circular Economy, PlasticsEurope Deutschland e. V., Germany

15.30 Coffee break



16.00

#### **Update on Regulatory and Policy Developments in the U.S.**

- US requirements for FCM
- What has changed under the new administration?
- Consequences for imports
- Which topics are the authorities currently focussing on?
- What is the state of affairs on regulating PFAS in the US?

Daniel C. Rubenstein, Partner, Steptoe LLP, USA

16.40

#### **Sustainable Solutions for Food Contact Materials**

- Regulatory framework(s)
  - PPWR
- The ECHA review on the PFAS proposal
- Belgium's initiative to ban plastic-containing cups – practical implications within the EU market
- Challenges with the Single Use Directive (SUPD) in the EU
- Key elements of sustainability beyond regulation

Dr Carlos de la Cruz Garcia, Head of Regulatory & Scientific Affairs, Nestlé System Technology Center, Switzerland

17.20 Chairman's Closing Remarks

17.30 End of Day One

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**Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

8.55

#### **Chairman's Opening Remarks**

Dr Bernard Hegarty, Director of Enforcement Policy, Food Safety Authority of Ireland

8.50

#### **The EU's Regulation of Substances in FCMs**

- REACH and other regulatory key elements and FCM
- The legal framework: how does the EU regulate substances?
  - The EU's and EFSA's initiatives
  - OSOA: one substance, one assessment?
  - PFAS: the restriction proposal and its putative impact
- How can companies deal with the lack of certainty?

Dr Anna Gergely, Senior Regulatory and Scientific Consultant, Crowell & Moring LLP, Belgium

9.30

#### **NIAS in Food Contact Materials - Issues and Solutions**

- Definition and the origins of NIAS
- Hazard assessments: Why and when should they trouble us?
- Regulatory requirements in food contact materials
- The analytical workflow for identifying and quantifying NIAS
- Challenges with toxicological testing
- Points to consider for implementing SSbD (Safe and sustainable by design)

Malcolm Drifford, PhD, Managing Scientist - Food Safety and Food Contact Materials, Exponent International Ltd, United Kingdom

10.10 Coffee break

10.40

#### **Requirements for Food Contact Rubber – the Perspective of a Rubber Seal Manufacturer**

- Overview of the legal requirements for food contact rubber in different regions - current situation and ongoing activities
- Impact of the PFAS Regulation
- Migration testing for repeated use applications
- Shared responsibility in the supply chain

Dr Petra Hilt, Global Manager Compliance Food Contact Materials, Trelleborg Sealing Solutions Germany GmbH, Germany

11.20

#### **PFAS Restrictions from a Retailer's Point of View - Concepts für Phasing out**

- Work in progress since 2014: how did the initiative start?
- Identification of risks and evaluating safe alternatives and substitutes
- Checking a complex retailer portfolio
- Communication within the supply chain and towards customers
- Definition of requirements: what is possible to demand

Malene Teller Blume, QA Manager, Coop Trading, Denmark

12.00 Lunch Break

13.20

#### **Plastics in FCM: the 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment**

- The framework: plastics regulation
- Pruity requirements
- Case study: pigments from colours
- How can the proposed criteria be met?
- Upcoming adjustments

Dr Christian Kirchnawy, Leitung Mikrobiologie und Zellkultur, OFI Technologie & Innovation GmbH, Austria

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14.00

#### Fiber-based FCM in Times of Dynamic Changes

- Challenges today: the lack of harmonization
- EU and rest of the world
- Changes in product safety over the years
- Communication within the supply chain

Paula Hirsilä, Product Safety & Compliance Manager, Foodservice Packaging, Huhtamaki Oyj, Finland

14.40 Coffee Break

15.10

#### Food Contact Regulation in Asia

- Introduction: importance and scope of FCM Regulations: globally and in Asia
- Development in Asian regulatory frameworks
- Key markets: news and adjustments
  - China
  - Japan
  - Korea
  - India
  - MENA
- Challenges, opportunities, and future trends
- Conclusions and practical insights for compliance

Daisy de Klein, Senior Regulatory Affairs Manager, Food & Food Contact Materials, Knoell NL B.V., the Netherlands

15.50 Chairman's Closing Remarks

16.00 End of the Conference



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