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9h International Conference

Food Contact Materials Regulation

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Key Topics

- News from the EU Commission
- The PPWR: Critical Aspects
- Lessons Learned from Enforcement
- PFAS restrictions
- Challenges With Recycling



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- Mario Nagtzaam, European Commission, DG Health and Food Safety (SANTE)
- Dr Bernard Hegarty, Food Safety Authority of Ireland
- Mar Gonzalez, OECD Environment, France
- Daniel C. Rubenstein, Steptoe LLP, USA
- Malcolm Driffield, PhD, Exponent International Ltd, United Kingdom
- Prof Christer Hogstrand, King's College London, United Kingdom
- Daisy de Klein, Knoell NL B.V., the Netherlands
- Dr Evert Delbanco, Flint Group Packaging Solutions, Germany
- Tessa Slagter, AkzoNobel, the Netherlands
- Dr Beate Ganster-Ipp, Constantia Teich GmbH, Austria
- Dr Thomas Gude, Thomas Gude GmbH, Switzerland
- Dr Ulphard Thoden van Velzen, Wageningen Food & Biobased Research, the Netherlands
- Dr Martin Klatt, BASF SE, Germany
- Neil Finley, Henkel Adhesive Technologies, United Kingdom
- Jens Sinding, Force Technology, Denmark

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Monday, 15th February 2027

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

Ensuring the Safety of Food Packaging

- State of play of amendments to the Plastics Regulation
- The revision of the EU legislation on food contact materials
- Current requirements for substances in nanoform regarding plastic FCMs

Mario Nagtzaam, Legislative officer, European Commission, DG Health and Food Safety (SANTE), Unit E.2 Food processing technologies and novel foods

9.40

The Need for Regulating Small and Nano-Particles from the OECD's Point of View

- General considerations on the safety of nanomaterials
- The OECD guidelines for regulatory testing of nanomaterials
- Key factors within the Food Contact Materials ecosystem

Mar Gonzalez, Responsible Nanosafety and Advanced Materials Programme, OECD Environment, France

10.20 Coffee Break

10.50

Current Trends and Progress in Recycling

- Circular Economy and recycling – the current framework(s)
  - What does the PPWR mean for recycling concepts within the FCM sector?
- The EU within global value chains: what's going on elsewhere?
- Why does it matter to the EU's recycling stakeholders?
- Challenges with decontamination processes

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

11.30

Risk Assessment of Food Contact Materials: Scope and Methods

- Considerations when widening the scope of materials
- How to assess risks when modifying the standard exposure assessment
- The EU's regulatory approach v US FDA approach
- Digitalization to improve the information flow within the food contact materials value chain

Dr Martin Klatt, Executive Specialist Regulatory Affairs Dispersions Europe, BASF SE

12.10 Lunch Break

13.40

Food Contact Regulation: Hot Topics and Emerging Issues

- The development of global regulatory concepts
- Requirements and data management
- Non-compliance: Regulatory enforcement across global markets
- Shared responsibility for compliance

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

14.20

Sustainable FCM

- Building alignment across the value chain
- Translating regulatory developments into sustainability opportunities
- Navigating collaboration between different functions such as R&D, procurement, sustainability and commercial teams
- Working with external stakeholders, including regulators and industry associations
- Lessons learned from implementing sustainability projects in practice

Tessa Slagter, Sustainable Innovation Manager - Industrial Coatings, AkzoNobel, the Netherlands

15.00 Coffee break

15.30

GRAS Reform in the United States – Impacts to Industry and Strategies for Future Compliance Determinations

- Overview of the GRAS Exception to the definition of a "Food Additive"
- Types of GRAS Exceptions and self-determinations
- The GRAS proposed rulemaking process and impacts to confidentiality and disclosure
  - The mandatory notification requirement
  - Retroactive and prospective impacts
- Recommendations to prepare for GRAS reform, including:
  - Reassessment of previous self-determined GRAS positions
  - "No Migration" Position Opinion Letters
  - Food Contact Notifications

Daniel C. Rubenstein, Partner, Steptoe LLP, USA

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An Industry View of the Future Regulatory Landscape for Food Contact Materials

- A review of regulatory trends and ambitions
- Perceived challenges for regulators
- Wider considerations for food packaging stakeholders
- The impacts of the drive towards more sustainable packaging for food safety
- Outlook and proposals of how food contact regulations could develop

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

16.50 Chairman's Closing Remarks

17.00 End of Day One

18.00 Evening Event



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Tuesday, 16th February 2027

8.45

Chairman's Opening Remarks

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

8.50

Update on the Enforcement within the EU

- Enforcement structures: from EU policy to domestic implementation
- Recent initiatives within the enforcement authorities
- How are cross-cutting laws on food contact material implemented?
- The influence of scientific progress and legal change on FCM enforcement
- Upcoming focus areas

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

9.30

Auditing of FCM Systems and Compliance

- Typical FCM-system issues and how to audit them
- Building an adequate Food Safety Culture
- The usual suspects: sourcing/procurement and maintenance
- Auditing FCM compliance to 1935/2004/EC and other EU provisions
- Typical gaps in the supply chain documentation
- The background documentation requirements and national provisions: What if there are no specific EU provisions?
- Inspections by the Competent Authorities vs. Certification audits

Jens Sinding, Senior Consultant, Audit & Verification, Force Technology, Denmark

10.10 Coffee break

10.40

New Approaches in the FCM Related Research

- Current subjects of research activities
- NAMs and how to set up effective projects
- Artificial Intelligence: how can it help?
- The right mix for improving the predictability of (eco)toxicological effects
- Lessons from PFAS focussed research

Prof Christer Hogstrand, Toxicology & Forensic Science, King's College London, United Kingdom

11.20

NIAS in Food Contact Materials – Science and Regulation

- Where do NIAS come from and under which circumstances should they bother us?
- Current research: hypotheses and insights…
- … and what they mean for regulatory processes
- Hazard assessments
- The future of sustainable FCM
  - SSbD (Safe and sustainable by design)
  - PPWR and NIAS

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

12.00 Lunch Break

13.20

Food Contact Materials: Requirements and Challenges

- Regulatory requirements and how they fit into the concept of safe and sustainable FCM
  - German Ink Ordonance
  - The European Commission's proposal for the Revision of the Framework Regulation and counterproposal by CEFIC FCA
- Safety assessments from a toxicologist's point of view
  - NIAS
  - POP
  - BPA
- Direct versus indirect food package materials

Dr Evert Delbanco, Head of Global Regulatory Project Management & Group Toxicologist, Flint Group Packaging Solutions 16

14.00

The Swiss Printing Ink Ordinance

- Regulatory requirements for printed Food Contact Materials
  - Key Elements of the regulation
  - Terms and definitions
- Declaration of Compliance for printing inks
  - EuPIA Guideline
  - SVI Guideline
- Compliance work of printers and DoC for printed FCMs
  - Assessment of ink SoCs/DoCs
  - Migration testing
  - Key elements of a DoC for printed FCMs
- Critical aspects

Dr Beate Ganster-Ipp, Senior Lead Group Coordination Regulatory Affairs, Constantia Teich GmbH, Austria

14.40 Coffee Break

15.10

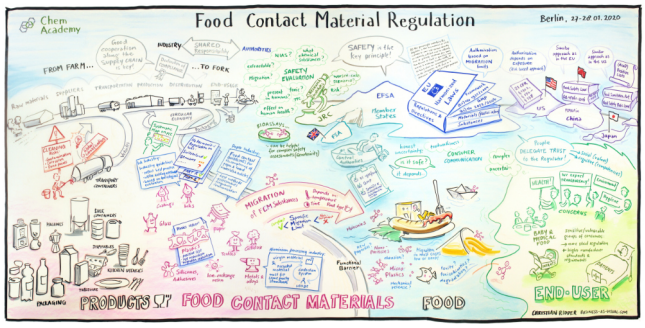
Food Packaging Requirements and How They are Affected by the PPWR

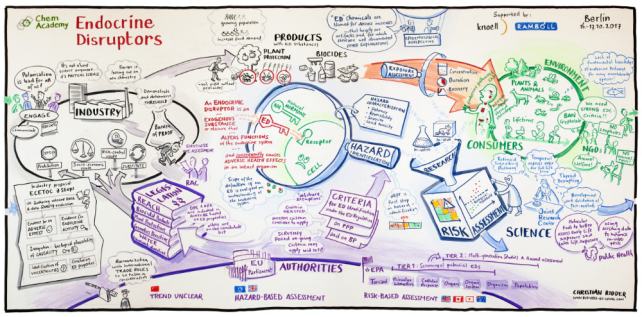
- Key elements of the new PPWR
- How to the regulations interact?
- PPWR requirements and what they mean for using materials in the food materials sector
- Documentation
- An outlook on enforcement of the PPWR

Thomas Gude, Thomas Gude GmbH

15.50 Chairman's Closing Remarks

16.00 End of the Conference





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