Joint EDQM-AESAN symposium on “Recent developments in food contact materials and articles”

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08:15 - 09:00 *Registration (near the Conference Room - Building 51"Aula")*

09:00 - 09:20 **Opening & Welcome Addresses**
Andrés Barragán, President, *Agencia Española de Seguridad Alimentaria y Nutrición* (AESAN)
Laurent Mallet, Head of Biological Standardisation, OMCL Network & HealthCare Department, EDQM, Council of Europe
Katharina Adler, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL), Germany and Chair of the European Committee for Food Contact Materials and Articles (CD-P-MCA), Council of Europe

SESSION I: Harmonisation of FCM rules in Europe

Moderator: ***Katharina Adler, BMEL, Germany and Chair of the CD-P-MCA, Council of Europe***

09:20 - 09:40 **The Council of Europe's European Committee on Food Contact Materials and Articles (CD-P-MCA) and its Secretariat**
Laurent Mallet, EDQM, Council of Europe
Susanne Bahrke, EDQM, Council of Europe

09:40 - 10:40 **Achievements: Guiding principles for food contact materials (FCM) and technical guides on FCM**
- Resolution CM/Res(2020)9 - Guiding principles for food contact materials
Katharina Adler, BMEL, Germany, and Chair of the CD-P-MCA

- Technical guide on metals and alloys used in FCM
Ingo Ebner, Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR), Germany

- Technical guide on documentation supporting compliance and safety of FCM
Stefan Kucsera, Federal Department of Home Affairs (FDHA), Switzerland

- Paper and board used in FCM
Thomas Schwartz, Agency for Health and Food Safety (AGES), Austria

10:40 - 10 :50 Discussion

10:50 - 11:10 *Coffee break*

11:10 - 11:30 **Contributions of consumer organisations to food safety**
Pelle Moos, The European Consumers' Organisation (BEUC), Belgium

11:30 - 12:10 **Producers/users of Food Contact Materials**
- The paper industry and its commitment to food safety
Victoria Trujillo, Spanish Association of Pulp and Paper Manufacturers (ASPAPEL), Spain

- Safety and compliance of food contact materials, a brand owner prospective
Claudia Pasti, Nestlé Research, Switzerland

12:10 - 12:50 **Official control and enforcement**
- The true reality of official control: Observations from border and manufacturing site inspections
Catia Simoes, DGAV Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Portugal

- **Official controls in France**
Benjamin Teneul, General Directorate for Consumption and Repression of Fraud (DGCCRF), France

12:50 - 13:00 Discussion

13:00 - 14 :30 *Lunch break*

SESSION II: Workshops & Laboratory Visits

14:30 - 14:40 **Introduction to the workshops and moderators**
Susanne Bahrke, EDQM, Council of Europe

14:40 - 15:30 **Workshops**

Workshop 1: Compliance (Building 51, "Aula")	Workshop 2: Paper & Board (Building 53, Room 53-00-235)	Workshop 3: Metals & Alloys (Building 53, Room 53-00-234)
Moderator: Stefan Kucsera, FDHA, Switzerland	**Moderator**: Thomas Schwartz, AGES, Austria	**Moderator**: Ingo Ebner, BfR, Germany

15:45 - 16:30 **Guided visit of the laboratory facilities** ***OR*** **Coffee break**

SESSION III: Compliance testing

Moderator: ***Bianca van de Ven, National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM), the Netherlands***

16:30 - 16:50 **Guidelines on test conditions for kitchenware and developments in migration testing**
Eddo Hoekstra, Joint Research Centre - European Commission

16:50 - 17:10 **Analytical challenges in FCM testing**
Lydia Richter, Chemisches und Veterinäruntersuchungsamt (CVUA) Stuttgart, Germany

17:10 - 17:40 **Outcomes from the workshops**
Stefan Kucsera, FDHA, Switzerland
Thomas Schwartz, AGES, Austria
Ingo Ebner, BfR, Germany

17:40 - 18:00 Discussion

18:00 Social event

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SESSION IV: Prospects for better regulation of food safety

Moderator: ***Adam Hardgrave, Food Standards Agency, United Kingdom***

09:00 - 09:30 **EU rules on FCM**
- EU rules on FCM - present and future
Jonathan Briggs, European Commission, Belgium

09:30 - 10:10 **A national perspective**
- Transposing technical guides of the Council of Europe in Belgian and Benelux legislation
Els Heyvaert, Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment (FPS), Belgium

- Complementarity of the Turkish Food Codex on Food Contact Materials and Council of Europe Recommendations and Guidance
Hatice Uslu Yilmaz, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Türkiye (Virtual)

10:10 - 10:20 Discussion

10:20 - 11:00 **Planned CD-P-MCA work**
- Technical guidance on cork
Paula Bico, DGAV Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Portugal

- Technical guidance on enamels
Viviana Golja, National Institute of Public Health (NIPH), Slovenia

11:10 - 11:10 Discussion

11:10 - 11:35 *Coffee break*

11:35 - 12:35 **Scientific work on selected FCM, with a focus on materials with no specific measures in EU legislation**
- New FCM and analytical tools for risk assessment
Cristina Nerin, University of Zaragoza, Spain

- Criteria and analytical strategy for the safety assessment of medium density fibreboard (MDF) for food contact
Juana Bustos, Agency for Food Safety and Nutrition (AESAN) - National Food Centre (CNA), Spain

- Replacement of single use plastics SUP/ articles for re-use
Alternative FCM to replace SUP and substances with the potential to migrate into food
Bianca van de Ven, National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM), the Netherlands

- Migratables from paper and board FCM and potential risks
Melanie Di Mario, Sciensano, Belgium

12:35 - 12:45 Discussion

12:45 - 13:00 **Closing remarks**
Adam Hardgrave
Laurent Mallet
Ana Lopez-Santacruz Seraller

13:00 Close of the event