



FOOD CONTACT PLASTICS SEMINAR

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Liability considerations. What happens if something goes wrong?

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Ms Semail is a Partner in the Brussels, Belgium office, affiliated with the Paris bar (France). She assists clients with food packaging matters, particularly with the establishment of suitable EU status for articles and materials intended for food contact. She has extensive experience on subject matters not harmonized at the EU level, as is the case in much of the food contact sector, where mutual recognition is of paramount importance. Ms Semail also has extensive expertise on matters of food law, including in the area of enzymes, flavorings, and food additive clearances, of particular relevance to active packaging. Ms Semail has also advised clients on product recall and other related issues. She regularly assists clients on clearance, compliance and packaging issues relating to cosmetics, drugs and medical devices. Prior to joining Keller and Heckman, Ms Semail worked for a French law firm specializing in EU and French food law. She was an intern with the legal service of the European Commission in Brussels. She studied at Université des Sciences Sociales de Toulouse (doctorate of law, 1992). Practice Areas: Biocidal Products Regulation (BPR); Biotechnology; Food and Drug; International Regulatory Affairs; Product Safety; and Tobacco.



Implementation and Control by Authorities in Belgium

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Mr Bolle is the Head of Unit for the consumer safety at the Scientific Institute of Public Health since 1998. In that capacity, he is responsible for the training, research, verifying upon request of AFSCA the compliance of food contact materials and articles with the applicable legislation and provide advice on other Belgian laboratories. Fabien Bolle is also acting since 2009 as an expert on food contact materials within ANSES, and since 2004 as a Belgian delegate to the JRC. He is also sitting since 2001 as an expert for Belgium regarding matters discussed by the European Commission and the Council of Europe relating to food contact materials.



Implementation and Control by Authorities in France

Frédéric Lagniez

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DGCCRF is the french competent authority in charge of food contact materials regulation and official controls, member states contact point for FCM applications and Rapid Alert system for Food and Feed (RASFF).



Implementation and Control by Authorities in Denmark

Mette Holm

Scientific adviser, Danish and Food Administration

Ms Holm is a Scientific adviser at the Danish and Food Administration, Chemicals and Food Quality Division department since 2006. She is responsible for the risk management of chemical substance in food, policy development, coordination of control and international cooperation. She participates in EU working groups. She holds Master of Science in biology from the Aarhus University in Denmark.



Implementation and Control by Authorities in the Netherlands

Margaret Wouters

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Margaret Wouters is policy advisor at the department of Industrial Chemicals at the Dutch National Institute of Health and the Environment (RIVM).

She acts as the national Secretary of the Commission G4 that advises the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sports (VWS) about new petitions of Food Contact Materials. On behalf of the Ministry of VWS she represents The Netherlands in some EU expert working groups on food contact materials and flavours in Brussels. She leads the Dutch REACH Helpdesk and coordinates answering the questions by Industry on the REACH Regulation. She is a member of the European REACH HelpNet.



Implementation and Control by Authorities in Spain

Mar Canós Cerdà

Head of planning and assessment, General Directorate of Public Health—Generalitat Valenciana

Since studying a veterinary degree and master's in food safety and research methodology Ms Canós Cerdà has been working for more than 20 years in Public Health in different positions, from auditing food companies to working as a technician in central services to plan the surveillance and monitoring programs of the General Directorate of Public Health. Since 2009 she has been Head of the department of planning and assessment for the official control activities in the Valencian Community.

In addition she is in charge of the food contact materials program.



Assessment of plastics article safety: product development, non listed and non intentionally added substances for multilayers materials / Panel with specialists

Dario Dainelli

Director Regulatory Affairs Europe/Asia-Pacific, Food & Beverage BU.

Mr. Dainelli has held the position as Director of Regulatory and Analytical Affairs at Sealed Air since 1999. In 2000 he was appointed as Chair of the EuPC's Food Contact Regulatory Experts Panel (FREPE) and on behalf of EuPC he participates in many Task Forces, Projects, and Steering Committees at the EU level, including:

- The European Commission's Food Contact Materials Experts Group,
- DG SANCO Task Force on Food Contact Materials,
- The Matrix Exposure Project,
- The FACET Exposure Project.



Assessing Safety of plastics recyclates

Casper W.G.M. van den Dungen

Member of Steering Board EPBP, Member of Technical Committee EPBP, Vice president Plastics Recyclers Europe, Chairman Working Group PET, Managing director ITW Poly Recycling GmbH

Mr van den Dungen started working as mechanical engineer with a specialization in plastic processing. He gained experience in Explorative Research and Development as well as in heading a plastic processing plant using recycled materials. He started PET bottle recycling in 1989 at Re>tech, later REKO, Arena, and Cedo in the Netherlands. Further, he specialised in PET recycling by moving to Poly Recycling in 1996 as Business Unit manager, where later on he took a position of the General manager and Managing director at ITW Poly Recycling in 2000 and 2004 respectively. He worked on multiple concepts of producing a foodgrade RPET. Casper is experienced in all RPET applications. He was a co-founder of the European Plastics Recyclers Association, where he is the vice President and chairman of PET Working Group since 1997. In 2008 he co-founded EPBP and became a member of the steering board and the Technical Committee of this platform. PET recycling is, since more than 20 years his work and his hobby.



Plastic converters and Endocrine Disruptors with Bisphenol A and LMW phthalates as examples

Gustaaf Bos

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Mr Bos holds master degrees in chemical engineering, commercial & financial sciences and business administration (MBA). He speaks six languages: Dutch, French, English, German, Spanish and Italian. Since more than 20 years he works for the plastics and composites industry at federation level whilst working for Agoria Plastics & Composites and Federplast.be and presently he is the Federplast Vice Secretary-General and Agoria Senior Expert in REACH, Nano Materials, Food Contact, Plastics & Composites, Endocrine Disruptors, etc. Furthermore he is actively participating in EuPC working groups such as plastics for food contact, automotive, technical parts for electric & electronic, medical and pharmaceutical applications. He is a member of the joint EuPC-PlasticsEurope of Endocrine Disruptor Task Force.



Nanomaterials in food contact applications

Dr. Anna Gergely

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Dr. Gergely is director EHS regulatory of the international law firm Steptoe & Johnson LLP. With a PhD in analytical chemistry and quantum chemistry, she is a registered European patent attorney and serves as the firm's principal scientist. Dr. Gergely's practice covers such legal and regulatory areas of chemicals as REACH regulation, agro-biotechnology, biocides, cosmetics, food and feed, food contact materials, medical devices and a range of consumer and industrial products. In addition to the above areas, Dr. Gergely specializes in nanotechnologies as related to a broad spectrum of industrial sectors – ranging from scientific and patent considerations to issues of corporate regulatory compliance and regulatory governance.



Panel with specialists

Dr. Annette Schäfer

Head of Sector Food Contact Materials, European Commission

Dr. Schäfer studied Food Chemistry at the University of Stuttgart and holds a PhD in Chemistry. Since 2002 she has been working for the European Commission in the area of food contact materials. In 2006 she began managing legislation and developing new European initiatives in legislation in the area of food contact materials. In this issue she coordinates relation with Member States, Industry, Research Organizations and EFSA. Since 2011 she has been the head of sector for food contact materials. Before joining the European Commission Dr. Schäfer worked in academics.



Panel with specialists

Dr. Claude Dequatre

Toxicology and Regulations Coordinator, Ineos

Dr. Dequatre graduated in chemistry from I' INSA-Lyon, and completed his Ph.D. thesis in polymer science. He has 17 years of R & D experience in emulsion and suspension polymers and processes. He spent the last 18 years in Polymer Product Stewardship and Regulatory Affairs working for BP, then Innovene and now for Ineos Olfins & Polyolefins. For more than 18 years he is very much involved in PlasticsEurope activities and more specifically in the areas of plastics materials in contact with food and drinking water, including mathematical modelling of migration, contributing also to the FACET project.