

Process Contaminants Issues Tracker

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| Dec 25 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ACRYRED Recommendations on Benchmark and Maximum Levels – ACRYRED • COST Action CA21149 (Issued 5/11/25) - SCoPAFF mtg 15/12/25. Agenda here. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SCoPAFF mtg 15/12/25. Agenda here. - Section B - Draft(s) presented for an opinion B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2023/915 as regards maximum levels of 3-monochloropropanediol (3-MCPD), 3-MCPD fatty acid esters and glycidyl fatty acid esters in certain foods | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SCoPAFF mtg 15/12/25. Agenda here. - Section B - Draft(s) presented for an opinion B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2023/915 as regards maximum levels of the sum of furan, 2-methylfuran and -methylfuran in processed cereal-based food for infants and young children and in baby food |
| Jan 26 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ESA Annual AA Data Collection activity potato crisps launched 05/01/26 (Deadline: 31/03/26). - ESA Annual AA Data Collection activity dough-based snacks, vegetable crisps launched 05/01/26 (Deadline: 30/04/26). - Another stakeholder session expected (Q1/Q2?). | - | - |
| Feb 26 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FDE CONTAM mtg 04/02/26. - SCoPAFF mtg 13/02/26. - Anticipated EFSA annual call for data (Deadline: 30/06/26). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FDE CONTAM mtg 04/02/26 - SCoPAFF mtg 13/02/26. - Anticipated EFSA annual call for data (Deadline: 30/06/26) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FDE CONTAM mtg 04/02/26 - SCoPAFF mtg 13/02/26. - Anticipated EFSA annual call for data (Deadline: 30/06/26) |
| Mar 26 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ESA Annual AA Data Collection activity potato crisps closes (Deadline: 31/03/26). | - | - |
| Apr 26 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FDE CONTAM mtg 01/04/26. - SCoPAFF mtg 16/04/26. - ESA Annual AA Data Collection activity dough-based snacks, vegetable crisps AND nuts and seeds closes (Deadline: 30/04/26). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FDE CONTAM mtg 01/04/26. - SCoPAFF mtg 16/04/26. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FDE CONTAM mtg 01/04/26. - SCoPAFF mtg 16/04/26. |

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| May 26 | - | - | - |
| Jun 26 | - SCoPAFF mtg 19/06/26. - CCCF mtg, Thailand 23-27/06/26 | - SCoPAFF mtg 19/06/26. - CCCF mtg, Thailand 23-27/06/26 | - SCoPAFF mtg 19/06/26. - CCCF mtg, Thailand 23-27/06/26 |
| Jul 26 | | | |
| Aug 26 | | | |
| Sep 26 | - FDE CONTAM mtg 16 or 23/09/26 (TBC) - SCoPAFF mtg 25/09/26. | - FDE CONTAM mtg 16 or 23/09/26 (TBC) - SCoPAFF mtg 25/09/26. | - FDE CONTAM mtg 16 or 23/09/26 (TBC) - SCoPAFF mtg 25/09/26. |
| Oct 26 | | | |
| Nov 26 | - SCoPAFF mtg 18/11/26 | - SCoPAFF mtg 18/11/2 | - SCoPAFF mtg 18/11/26 |
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| Other 2026 | - Draft update FDE AA toolbox expected (Q1/Q2?). - Anticipated EU legislation on AA - Next steps with UK FSA assessment on AA (may not happen due to EU/UK SPS agreement). - Further ACRYRED work expected to be progressed. | - Another stakeholder session expected (Q1/Q24?). - Anticipated EU legislation on 3ME | - Anticipated EU legislation on furan in processed cereal-based food for infants and young children and baby food on agenda for discussion- - Currently under peer review: “Furan and alkylfurans in food: Recent scientific developments, occurrence data across product categories and practical risk management measures”, Critical Reviews in Food Science and Nutrition. - Feedback on COST 2019 programme and whether the application for furan has been successful. |
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Glossary

- 3M — 3-monochloropropane- 1,2-diol
 3ME — Bound fatty acids of 3-monochloropropane- 1,2-diol

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| AA | — Acrylamide |
| ACRYRED | — Reducing Acrylamide Exposure of Consumers by a Cereals Supply-chain Approach Targeting Asparagine (COST Action CA21149) |
| BfR | — German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment |
| BML | — Benchmark Level |
| CCCF | — Codex Committee on Contaminants in Food |
| COM | — European Commission (DG Santé) |
| CWG | — Commission Working Group |
| EWG | — Electronic Working Group |
| FSA | — Food Standards Agency (UK) |
| FDE | — ‘FoodDrinKEurope’ Confederation of the Food and Drink Industries of the EU |
| GA | — Glycidamide |
| GE | — Glycidyl esters |
| HMF | — Hydroxymethylfurfural |
| IARC | — International Agency for Research on Cancer |
| ML | — Maximum Level/Limit |
| PAH | — Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons |
| SAFE | — Safe Food Advocacy Europe |
| SCoPAFF | — Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed (also PAFF Committee) |
| TBT | — Technical Barriers to Trade |
| WTO | — World Trade Organisation |
| WG | — Working Group |