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EU Reference Laboratory Report on ceramic and glass tableware

On August 2017, the European Union Reference Laboratory for Food Contact Materials (EURL-FCM) published a report about an inter-laboratory comparison exercise (ILC) organised by them on the determination of selected metals in acetic acid solutions as well as migration of certain elements from ceramic and glass tableware.

A total of 53 participants from 27 countries registered to the exercise. Twenty-nine National Reference Laboratories (NRLs) from 27 countries and 24 Official Control Laboratories (OCLs) participated in this ILC.

As per report extract: *“The exercise was organised by the European Union Reference Laboratory for Food Contact Materials (EURL-FCM) in 2016 to evaluate the enforceability of measures under discussion for the future revision(s) of ceramics Directive 84/500/EEC and the implementation of provisions laid down in the Commission Regulation 10/2011 for plastics”.*

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Proposal for regulatory approach on printed food contact materials

On July 2017, European Commission's (EC) Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE) issued a proposal document presented at the Working Group on FCMs held in May this year.

The Commission presents two different possible regulatory approaches to an EU measure on printed food contact materials (FCMs), and expects its preparatory work to be ready by mid-2018.

The first approach would be more “traditional” and similar to the Plastics Regulation (EU) No 10/2011. This would mean creating a positive list of authorised substances, migration limits, and specific rules on testing, documentation and compliance verification. However, the document presented during the meeting claims that this solution would involve “several decades work” and “problems hard to resolve”.

The second solution would involve shifting responsibilities to “designated bodies” (laboratories or consultants). These designated bodies would identify migrating substances, perform toxicological testing and interpretation, safety evaluation and regulatory proposals, within other activities.

Further information can be found [here](#).

Document presented by DG SANTE can be found [here](#).

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Draft Order on tin-plated materials in contact with Drinking Water

Under Notification Number 2017/359/F, France has recently notified the European Commission a draft Order on tin-plated materials and objects intended for use in production, distribution and treatment facilities that come into contact with water intended for human consumption.

The aim of this draft is to set out the requirements to be met by these materials and objects to ensure they are safe. It also lays down the type of evidence for demonstrating their safety.

The end of standstill period for comments is 03/11/2017.

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