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ACRYLAMIDE

ONGOING DISCUSSIONS

- **The review of existing benchmark levels** established by Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/2158 of 20 November 2017 establishing mitigation measures and benchmark levels for the reduction of the presence of acrylamide in food.
- The **establishment of new benchmark levels**, in particular for certain foods mentioned in Commission Recommendation (EU) 2019/1888 of 7 November 2019 on the monitoring of the presence of acrylamide in certain foods
- The **establishment of maximum levels**

Topics requested to be addressed in presentations – written submissions

- **evolution** (with occurrence data in detail) **on the levels of acrylamide in the period 2016-2020** for the different food categories.
- any suggestion to **improve the (description of) current food categories** (if appropriate) under discussion in view of a possible better/improved reflection of acrylamide levels (in function of raw materials used and processing conditions), thereby ensuring to maintain an effective enforcement of levels (i.e. clear identification/description of food categories leaving no doubt to which category a certain food belongs). The food categories are mentioned in the Annex I of the document provided

Topics requested to be addressed in presentations – written submissions

- a **clear, enforceable description of biscuits and rusks and other foods, not falling in the scope of Reg (EU) 609/2013, but which are marketed with the clear intention to be consumed by children younger than three years** (cf. Resolution of the European Parliament: *"these products are obviously marketed to children (i.e. packaging design with cartoon characters that appeal to children) and a similar situation can be supposed for products such as crackers or breakfast cereals;"*)
- It has been suggested **to exclude muesli and rolled cereal flakes from the scope of regulatory measures on acrylamide** as there is no acrylamide formation. However, in the EFSA database it can be observed that in certain cases, significant levels of acrylamide were observed. An explanation for these observed levels would be needed to consider a possible exclusion.

Topics requested to be addressed in presentations – written submissions

- Information providing an **explanation for the (high) levels of acrylamide found in table olives, cocoa powder and processed onion.**
- Information on **possible new mitigation measures/methods** which could be considered for inclusion in the Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2017/2158.

Food categories as currently described in the discussions on regulatory measures

- French fries (ready to eat)
- potato crisps from fresh potatoes and from potato dough
potato based crackers
other potato products from potato dough (moisture content < 5 %)
- soft bread
 - soft wheat-based bread
 - soft bread other than wheat based bread

ANNEX – FOOD CATEGORIES

- breakfast cereals (excl. porridge)
 - bran products and whole grain cereals, gun puffed grain coated
 - wheat, spelt and rye based products(*)
 - maize, oat, barley and rice based products (*)
 - gun puffed grains uncoated

(*) non-whole grain and/or non-bran based cereals. The cereal present in the largest quantity determines the category
- fine bakery wares, pastries and cakes
 - biscuits and wafers
 - crackers, including savoury cereal based snacks such as crisps
 - crispbread
 - ginger bread
 - other fine bakery wares, pastries and cakes

ANNEX – FOOD CATEGORIES

- Roast coffee
- Instant (soluble) coffee

- Coffee substitutes
 - coffee substitutes exclusively from cereals
 - coffee substitutes from a mixture of cereals and cichory
 - coffee substitutes exclusively from cichory

- Biscuits and rusks for infants and young children (scope Reg (EU) No 609/2013)
- Baby foods, processed cereal based foods for infants and young children excluding biscuits and rusks (scope Reg (EU) No 609/2013)



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OTHER FOODS: POSSIBLE NEW BENCHMARK LEVELS

- rösti
- potato based dishes other than rösti
- table olives
- fruit crisps
- vegetable crisps other than potato crisps
- vegetable fries other than French fries
- potato croquettes
- cocoa powder
- processed onion
- roasted nuts



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**Thank you for
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attention !**