

A Novel and Cost Efficient Tool for the Estimation of Consumer Exposure from Food Contact Materials

**Closing Conference, Baveno, Grand Hotel Dino
September 27-28, 2006**

Programme summary

11:00-13:00 registration

- **Opening and Welcome**
- **Objectives and structure of the project** (*D. Bennink; R. Franz*)
- **Presentation of the science behind the project** (*I. Cooper, I. Steiner, P. Paseiro, R. Franz, R. Brandsch, E. Bradley, C. Simoneau*)
- **Public participation in the project** (*C. Simoneau*)
- **Implications of the project at EU level**
 - on legislation (*A. Schaefer*)
 - exposure assessment (*P. Oldring*)
 - for additives to plastics industry (*B. Brands*)
 - for plastics converters (*D. Dainelli*)
 - for food industry (*xxx*)
 - for enforcement and standardization (*X. Trier*)
 - for science and risk communication (*tba*)
- **Future of research on packaging** (*D. Bennink, DG RTD*)

September 2006 marks the completion of the 3 year European Project Foodmigrasure.

Its objective was to develop a normative predictive innovative tool to assess safety of food contact materials.

The project produced comprehensive set of migration data for a wide range of substances and large sets of various foodstuffs. It then derived diffusion and partition parameters to validate a migration model on real everyday foods.

It investigated the aspects of food chemistry that can influence migration, applied the model to be a rapid tool for exposure assessment and initiated a new area of public participation specific to food contact materials safety.



Contact between food and plastic means a possibility transfer of constituents into foods



More transparency, more testing tools, enhanced safety and greater consumer trust.

The project main achievements

- *A versatile and rapid tool to estimate exposure from food contact materials*
- *An increase of knowledge on diffusion and partition mechanisms of organic compounds in foodstuffs*
- *A scientific basis for further amendments of food packaging EU Directives 85/572/EEC and 2002/72/EC*
- *A quick and early compliance evaluation of food packaging plastics at the level of foodstuffs*
- *Making migration modelling transparent to the consumer*

Come hear:

- Commission experts say why the project was supported by them
- The leading scientists who have steered the project described their results
- The industrial partners give their view on how the results might influence future risk management.

Who should attend:

- Legislators and enforcement authorities
- Plastics manufacturers
- Packaging materials converters
- Trade associations in the food packaging chain
- Consumer representatives, etc

Information and Registration information:

<http://crl-fcm.jrc.it/> ,section announcements

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