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EFSA technical report on „Literature review on micro- and nanoplastic release from food contact materials during their use”

Dear Dr. Kriz,

With great interest we have read the recently published [EFSA technical report](#) on micro- and nanoplastics (MNPs) that originate from the normal and intended use of food contact materials (FCMs). It is imperative that FCMs as source of MNPs in the human diet receive more attention and we are aware of the [recent EFSA mandate](#). Therefore, we are most obliged to EFSA for preparing this report and for making it publicly available, and we have included it in [our news](#). In the spirit of peer-review, we have also shared some additional information and reflections on the report with the respective unit and report co-authors (full comments are included as attachment to this open letter).

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves to you. The [Food Packaging Forum Foundation](#) (FPF) is an independent and charitable organisation based in Zurich, Switzerland. The focus of the FPF's work is on the science-policy interface. Specifically, we communicate the most relevant science on chemicals in food contact materials, their migration into foodstuffs, and human health impacts related to these exposures. We are also involved in research, for example on the health impacts of micro- and nanoplastics and are part of the Horizon 2020 funded [CUSP research cluster](#). We are well established globally as independent knowledge provider, with several of our evidence bases being used by policy makers, industry, academia, and civil society. For example, we have developed and maintain the [FCCmigex](#) database, a systematic evidence map on migrating and extractable food contact chemicals (FCCs), and the [FCChumon](#) database, a systematic evidence map on FCCs measured (and detected) in humans. We are also part of the [PlastChem project](#), which has mapped the chemical complexity of plastics, including those used in contact with foodstuffs, and are actively involved in the [Lancet Countdown on Health and Plastics](#) that was launched in August 2025 and will publish its first indicator report in 2026.

Earlier this year, we published a new resource, [Food contact articles as source of micro-](#)

[and nanoplastics: A systematic evidence map](#) and the corresponding [FCMiNo dashboard](#). Our peer-reviewed article and dashboard had the same scope as the recent EFSA technical report, and we are currently working on an update of this resource. As a charitable organisation dedicated to improving public health by communicating scientific evidence to stakeholders to raise awareness for hazardous chemicals in all types of food contact materials, we make all our resources freely publicly available, including to public authorities. Since there is great alignment between our mission and EFSA's goals, we would like to learn if and how our resources could be useful to contribute to and support EFSA's important work.

Since the FPF is based in Switzerland, we have unfortunately not been able to join the EFSA Stakeholder Panel. However, we would like to suggest a meeting with you to discuss if and how FPF and EFSA could explore collaboration, both formally or informally, for the benefit of both organisations. We hope that our proposal resonates with you and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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Attachment:

Open letter to Food Ingredients & Packaging Unit

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