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

Dear Prof. Scheringer, dear Dr. Muncke, dear Dr. Zimmerman,

Thank you for your letters and for your interest in EFSA's work. Thank you also for the feedback you provided on our recently published technical report, "*Literature review on micro- and nanoplastic release from food contact materials during their use*", and for the information shared concerning your own work and resources, such as the FCMiNo dashboard and the FCCmigex database.

Please note that EFSA is not planning to conduct further work specifically focused on microplastics in packaging in the near future. However, we would like to highlight that EFSA received in December 2025 a new mandate from the European Parliament to issue a scientific opinion on the health risks posed by microplastics in food, water, and air. We encourage you to follow the progress of this assessment through the Open EFSA portal.

Regarding your request for a meeting to explore formal or informal collaboration, we would like to clarify EFSA's framework for engagement. EFSA has developed various interaction mechanisms and tools to ensure effective exchange with all parties. However, certain platforms—such as the Stakeholder Forum mentioned in your letter—are reserved for EFSA Registered Stakeholders who meet specific eligibility criteria. As the Food Packaging Forum Foundation does not currently meet these criteria, it is not part of our Registered Stakeholders community.

Nevertheless, we value the expertise of independent knowledge providers and encourage you to stay proactively informed about our activities. There are numerous opportunities to engage with EFSA during our risk assessment processes that are open to the wider scientific community and the public such as for example, open Panel Plenary meetings, public consultations, targeted calls for data to fill data gaps, specialised sessions with industry, webinars and workshops.

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We thank you again for your contribution and your commitment to improving public health through scientific communication.

Yours sincerely,

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