

# Process Contaminants Issues Tracker

Changes since the last issue (10 February 2026) are marked in **red**

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Jan 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ESA Annual AA Data Collection activity potato crisps launched 05/01/26 (Deadline: 31/03/26).</li> <li>- ESA Annual AA Data Collection activity dough-based snacks, vegetable crisps launched 05/01/26 (Deadline: 30/04/26).</li> <li>- <b>ESA data on acrylamide in dough-based snacks (15/01/26)</b></li> <li>- <b>ESA Results for nuts and seed data 2016-2024 published (16/01/26)</b></li> <li>- <b>CWG mtg on Environmental and Industrial Contaminants (12/01/26) received a paper on MLs, New and Revised BMLs for AA</b></li> <li>- <b>Netherlands Ministry report of meeting <a href="#">here</a>.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-CEN opened ballot on revision/retention/withdrawal of EN 14573:2004 Foodstuffs - Determination of 3-monochloropropane-1,2-diol by GC/MS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Draft New CEN New Work Item issued for vote - EN 16852rev Foodstuffs - Determination of ethyl carbamate in stone fruit spirits, fruit marc spirits and other spirit drinks - GC-MS method</li> </ul>
Feb 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FDE CONTAM mtg 04/02/26.</li> <li>- FDE AA Task Force mtg, 06/02/26. Two more meetings planned for Feb and Mar (Dates TBC)</li> <li>- <b>Review of EFSA data on snacks 2019-2025 published (10/02/26)</b></li> <li>- <b>Review of non-snack potato products 2019-2025 published (12/02/26)</b></li> <li>- <b>SCoPAFF mtg 13/02/26. Update on discussion on AA at CWG on <a href="#">agenda</a>.</b></li> <li>- <b>Review of EFSA data on snacks (inadmissible test methods) 2007-2025 published (18/02/26)</b></li> <li>- <b>EFSA annual call for data (Deadline: 30/06/26)</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FDE CONTAM mtg 04/02/26</li> <li>- <b>EFSA annual call for data (Deadline: 30/06/26)</b></li> <li>- <b>Reg MLs for 3ME was voted on at SCoPAFF (15/12/25) and will be transmitted to EP and Council for scrutiny w/c16/02/26.</b></li> <li>- <b>Publication expected in June/July 2026. – Will apply from 01/01/27.</b></li> <li>- <b>There is still an ongoing discussion on an update of the performance criteria for analysis.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FDE CONTAM mtg 04/02/26</li> <li>- <b>EFSA annual call for data (Deadline: 30/06/26)</b></li> <li>- <b>Reg on MLs for furan infant foods was voted on at SCoPAFF (15/12/25) and will be transmitted to EP and Council for scrutiny w/c16/02/26.</b></li> <li>- <b>Publication expected in June/July 2026. – Will apply from 01/01/27.</b></li> <li>- <b>There is still an ongoing discussion on an update of the performance criteria for analysis.</b></li> </ul>

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Mar 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>CWG mtg on Environmental and Industrial Contaminants (12-13/03/26) discussed MS comments received on MLs, New and Revised BMLs for AA.</b></li> <li>- <b>NEN meeting report <a href="#">here</a>.</b></li> <li>- ESA Annual AA Data Collection activity potato crisps closed (Deadline: 31/03/26).</li> </ul>	-	-
Apr 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>FDE CONTAM mtg 01/04/26. COM attended and presented an update on AA, including updated BML and ML proposals</b></li> <li>- <b><a href="#">Field Trials and Baking Studies of Ultra-Low Asparagine, Genome Edited (CRISPR/Cas9) and Mutant (TILLING) Wheat published 1/04/26</a></b></li> <li>- <b>ACRYRED training school, Plovdiv, Bulgaria (15-17/04/26)</b></li> <li>- ESA Annual AA Data Collection activity dough-based snacks, vegetable crisps AND nuts and seeds closed (Deadline: 30/04/26).</li> <li>- <b>EU meeting to discuss revised proposals (End April-early May 2026)</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>FDE CONTAM mtg 01/04/26. COM attended and presented an update on 3ME</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>FDE CONTAM mtg 01/04/26. COM attended and presented an update on Furan</b></li> </ul>
May 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>EU Stakeholders to officially receive draft proposals (May/June)</b></li> <li>- <b>COM to organise a forum where it will present the AA proposals and outcome of discussions with stakeholders (May/June)</b></li> <li>- <b><a href="#">ACRYRED interlaboratory ring test, low-level cereal matrices (18-29/05/26)</a></b></li> </ul>	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Outcome of application for a COST Funding programme for furan anticipated (ESA participating)</b></li> </ul>

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Jun 26	<p>- SCoPAFF mtg 19/06/26.</p> <p><b>-CEN/TC275/WG13 process contaminants virtual meeting (22/06/26)</b></p> <p><b>- COM has provided funds for a provisional work item: <i>Determination of acrylamide in food for infants and young children</i></b></p>	<p><b>-CEN/TC275/WG13 process contaminants virtual meeting (22/06/26)</b></p> <p><b>- Discussion on review of EN 14573:2004 determination of 3-monochloropropane-1,2-diol by GC/MS</b></p>	<p><b>-CEN/TC275/WG13 process contaminants virtual meeting (22/06/26).</b></p> <p><b>- New project proposal - Revision of EN 16620:2015 furan in coffee</b></p> <p><b>- COM has provided funds for the following provisional work items:</b></p> <p><b><i>Determination of MOSH &amp; MOAH in selected food groups by online-LC-GC-FID</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Determination of certain PFAS in food of animal Origin</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Semi-quantitative screening method for certain polychlorinated alkanes (C10-17) by GC-EL-MS/MS</i></b></p>
Jul 26	-	<p><b>- Reg was 3ME voted on at <a href="#">SCoPAFF (15/12/25)</a></b></p> <p><b>- Publication expected in June/July 2026. – Will apply from 01/01/27.</b></p>	<p><b>- Reg on furan MLs infant foods was voted on at <a href="#">SCoPAFF (15/12/25)</a></b></p> <p><b>- Publication expected in June/July 2026. – Will apply from 01/01/27.</b></p>
Aug 26	-	-	-
Sep 26	<p>- FDE CONTAM mtg 16 or 23/09/26 (TBC)</p> <p>- SCoPAFF mtg 25/09/26.</p>	- FDE CONTAM mtg 16 or 23/09/26 (TBC)	- FDE CONTAM mtg 16 or 23/09/26 (TBC)
Oct 26	<b>- CCCF mtg, 19-23/10/2026</b>	<b>- CCCF mtg, 19-23/10/2026</b>	<b>- CCCF mtg, 19-23/10/2026</b>
Nov 26	- SCoPAFF mtg 18/11/26		
Dec 26	-	-	-

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Other 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Draft update FDE AA toolbox expected <b>(Work ongoing next draft May-Jun?)</b>.</li> <li>- Next steps with UK FSA assessment on AA (may not happen due to EU/UK SPS agreement).</li> <li>- Further ACRYRED work expected to be progressed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Reg was voted on at SCoPAFF (15/12/25)</b></li> <li>- <b>Publication expected in June/July 2026. – Will apply from 01/01/27.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Reg on infant foods was voted on at SCoPAFF (15/12/25)</b></li> <li>- <b>Publication expected in June/July 2026. – Will apply from 01/01/27.</b></li> <li>- Currently under peer review: “Furan and alkylfurans in food: Recent scientific developments, occurrence data across product categories and practical risk management measures”, Critical Reviews in Food Science and Nutrition.</li> </ul>
2027+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Codex CCCF work on revision of AA CoP expected to continue through 2026-2027</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Reg was voted on at SCoPAFF (15/12/25) - publication expected in June/July 2026 – Will apply from 01/01/27.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Reg on infant foods was voted on at SCoPAFF (15/12/25) – Will apply from 01/01/27.</b></li> </ul>

## Glossary

3M	— 3-monochloropropane- 1,2-diol
3ME	— Bound fatty acids of 3-monochloropropane- 1,2-diol
AA	— Acrylamide
ACRYRED	— Reducing Acrylamide Exposure of Consumers by a Cereals Supply-chain Approach Targeting Asparagine (COST Action CA21149)
BfR	— German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment
BML	— Benchmark Level
CCCF	— Codex Committee on Contaminants in Food
COM	— European Commission (DG Santé)
CWG	— Commission Working Group
EWG	— Electronic Working Group
FSA	— Food Standards Agency (UK)
FDE	— ‘FoodDrinKEurope’ Confederation of the Food and Drink Industries of the EU
GA	— Glycidamide
GE	— Glycidyl esters
HMF	— Hydroxymethylfurfural

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IARC	— International Agency for Research on Cancer
ML	— Maximum Level/Limit
PAH	— Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons
SAFE	— Safe Food Advocacy Europe
SCoPAFF	— Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed (also PAFF Committee)
TBT	— Technical Barriers to Trade
WTO	— World Trade Organisation
WG	— Working Group