



PPWR & Food Safety: Navigating Compliance and Analysis

The Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR) transforms the European packaging industry by requiring several sustainability criteria to be met within the next years. While these changes are being implemented, it is essential that the packaging remains safe for food contact. This webinar series, part of the 23IND13 ScreenFood Project, explores the PPWR's requirements, connecting them to ongoing metrological research, material-linked high-risk potential, and in-depth knowledge of analysis options for potential contaminants.

Webinar 1: The Road to 2026: General Requirements and a PFAS Deep Dive

The series starts with an overview of the PPWR, its background, and its demands. The speakers will then address the pressing issue of substances of concern. In particular, the PFAS limits (due to come into effect in August 2026) will be discussed in light of the ongoing research conducted within the ScreenFood project. The subsequent webinars will delve deeper into the other PPWR requirements that are most critical for food safety measurements.

Date and Time: Monday, 11th of May 2026, 10:00-12:00 h CET

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Agenda (Moderation: Dr. Melanie Haupt, realcycle GmbH)

- Introduction into PPWR (Madleina Sandberg, realcycle GmbH)
 - Background and objectives
 - Affected economic actors
 - Requirements and demands of the PPWR with a focus on food packaging
- PPWR Article 5: Requirements for substances (Madleina Sandberg, realcycle GmbH)
 - General requirements for substances of concern and heavy metal limit
 - PFAS restrictions for food contact packaging
- Deep dive PFAS (Christopher McElroy, LGCGroup)
 - Current measurement options and associated challenges
 - Ongoing method development
 - Discussion of the PPWR target values and the stepwise enforcement approach suggested by the EU Commission
 - Outlook on the work of standardisation bodies

About the 23IND12 ScreenFood Project:

The objective of the ScreenFood project is to develop reference methods and reference materials for the quantification of contaminants in both food and food packaging, with a particular focus on recycled materials. These metrological tools will help industry to ensure the supply of safe food and sustainable packaging while complying with regulatory requirements. The project will address the need for informed and safe use of food packaging materials and support end-user and consumer confidence.

All speakers are part of the ScreenFood project: Christopher McElroy, LGCGroup, leads the research on the development and validation of methods for screening and quantification of contaminants. The realcycle GmbH coordinates the stakeholder committee and is expert on packaging optimization.

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