

EUROPEAN COMMITTEE FOR FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS AND ARTICLES (CD-P-MCA)

Set up by the Committee of Ministers under Article 17 of the Statute of the Council of Europe and in accordance with Resolution CM/Res(2021)3 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods.

Type of committee: **Steering Committee**

Terms of reference valid from: **1 January 2022 until 31 December 2025¹**

PILLAR/PROGRAMME/SUB-PROGRAMME ▼	
<p>Pillar: Rule of Law Programme: Action against crime, security and protection of citizens Sub-programme: Quality of Medicines and Healthcare (EDQM, European Pharmacopeia)</p>	
MAIN TASKS ▼	
<p>Under the authority of the Committee of Ministers, in its composition restricted to the representatives of the States Parties to the Convention on the Elaboration of a European Pharmacopeia, the CD-P-MCA is instructed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) ensure the follow-up of the relevant decisions taken at the 131st Session of the Committee of Ministers (Hamburg, 21 May 2021),² and in particular contribute to the implementation of the key strategic priorities relating to its specific field of expertise as identified in the Strategic Framework of the Council of Europe, and respond to the respective key findings and challenges set out in the Secretary General's 2021 Report on the state of democracy, human rights and rule of law "A democratic renewal for Europe"; (ii) examine questions related to the safety and quality of food contact materials and articles; (iii) collect and evaluate relevant data, especially for materials and articles used for both foodstuffs and pharmaceuticals; (iv) draft provisions for standards and prepare technical guidance related to food contact materials and articles; draft proposals for recommendations or resolutions for adoption by the Committee of Ministers; (v) regularly update technical guidance documents to take account of state-of-the-art analytical procedures and techniques; (vi) hold an exchange of views annually in order to evaluate its activities and advise the Committee of Ministers and the Secretary General on future priorities in its sector, including possible new activities and those that might be discontinued; (vii) take due account of the following mainstreamed perspectives in the performance of its tasks: gender, youth, children's rights, rights of persons with disabilities, and Roma and Traveller³ issues; (viii) where relevant, contribute to building cohesive societies and to strengthening the role and meaningful participation of civil society in its work; (ix) contribute to the achievement of, and review progress towards, the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in particular with regard to Goal 3: Good health and well-being and Goal 5: Gender equality. 	
MAIN DELIVERABLES ▼	
<p>Under the authority of the Committee of Ministers, the CD-P-MCA is instructed to complete the following deliverables, within the following deadlines:</p>	
	<i>Deadline ▼</i>
1. Follow up on Resolution CM/Res(2020)9 on the safety and quality of materials and articles for contact with food: procedures for creating, publishing and updating lists of officially evaluated substances	31/12/2022
2. Technical guide on metals and alloys used in food contact materials and articles (2 nd edition), supplementing Resolution CM/Res(2020)9 on the safety and quality of materials and articles for contact with food	31/12/2022
3. Technical guidance on how to prepare, update and check the Declaration of Compliance and supporting documentation	31/12/2023
4. Technical Guide on enamels for food contact materials and articles, supplementing Resolution CM/Res(2020)9 on the safety and quality of materials and articles for contact with food	31/12/2023
5. Technical Guide on resins for ion exchange and adsorption, supplementing Resolution CM/Res(2020)9 on the safety and quality of materials and articles for contact with food	31/12/2024

¹ These terms of reference are approved for the first biennial period 2022-2023. For the second biennial period 2024-2025, they are approved on a provisional basis, subject to confirmation upon the adoption of the budget for 2024-2025.

² [CM/Del/Dec\(2021\)131/2a](#), [CM/Del/Dec\(2021\)131/2b](#), [CM/Del/Dec\(2021\)131/2c](#) and [CM/Del/Dec\(2021\)131/3](#).

³ The term "Roma and Travellers" is used at the Council of Europe to encompass the wide diversity of the groups covered by the work of the Council of Europe in this field: on the one hand a) Roma, Sinti/Manush, Calé, Kaale, Romanichals, Boyash/Rudari; b) Balkan Egyptians (Egyptians and Ashkali); c) Eastern groups (Dom, Lom and Abdal); and, on the other hand, groups such as Travellers, Yenish, and the populations designated under the administrative term "*Gens du voyage*", as well as persons who identify themselves as Gypsies. The present is an explanatory footnote, not a definition of Roma and/or Travellers.

6. Technical Guide on materials and articles made from cork, supplementing Resolution CM/Res(2020)9 on the safety and quality of materials and articles for contact with food	31/12/2024
7. Technical Guide on coatings for food contact materials and articles, supplementing Resolution CM/Res(2020)9 on the safety and quality of materials and articles for contact with food	31/12/2025
8. Follow-up on Resolution CM/Res(2020)9 on the safety and quality of materials and articles for contact with food: updated lists of evaluated substances when new substances have been assessed and/or authorised by member States for use in the manufacture of food contact materials and articles	31/12/2023 31/12/2024 31/12/2025

WORKING METHODS ▼**MEMBERS:**

Governments of the States Parties to the Convention on the Elaboration of a European Pharmacopoeia are invited to designate a representative of the highest possible rank with expertise in the implementation of national policies and programmes in the area of food contact materials and articles. Each member of the committee shall have one vote. Where a government designates more than one member, only one of them is entitled to take part in voting.

The sending authorities of these States will bear the travel and subsistence expenses for their representatives' participation in the meetings of the CD-P-MCA. The travel and subsistence expenses of the Chair for participating in the meetings of the CD-P-MCA will be borne by the EDQM budget.

PARTICIPANTS:

The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and at the charge of their corresponding administrative budgets:

- Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe;
- Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe;
- European Court of Human Rights;
- Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe;
- Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe;
- Committees or other bodies of the Council of Europe engaged in related work, as appropriate.

The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and without defrayal of expenses:

- Council of Europe member States other than those mentioned above under "Members" and other states with observer status to the European Pharmacopoeia Commission;
- European Union;
- Observer States to the Council of Europe: Canada, Holy See, Japan, Mexico, United States of America;
- European Food Safety Authority (EFSA).

OBSERVERS:

The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and without defrayal of expenses:

- Non-member States with which the Council of Europe has a Neighbourhood Partnership including relevant co-operation activities.

Observer status may be requested in accordance with Article 8 of Resolution CM/Res(2021)3 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods.

WORKING METHODS ▼

Plenary meetings ▼			
	Members incl. Chair	Meetings per year	Days per meeting
2022	39	1	2
2023	39	1	2
2024	39	1	2
2025	39	1	2

Extraordinary meetings of the CD-P-MCA may be convened upon request by the Chair.

Representatives taking part in the committee and its subordinate bodies shall complete a declaration of interest and confidentiality undertaking form.

The rules of procedure of the committee are governed by Committee of Ministers Resolution CM/Res(2021)3 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods. However, with a view to reaching its objectives and to enable multidisciplinary working methods, the CD-P-MCA may, in derogation of Resolution CM/Res(2021)3 and within the limits of budgetary appropriations, create subordinate bodies.

The CD-P-MCA will appoint from amongst its members up to 5 Rapporteurs on mainstreamed perspectives, including a Gender Equality Rapporteur.

BUDGETARY INFORMATION* ▼							
	Meetings per year	Days Per meeting	Members reimbursed	Plenary in €K	Bureau in €K	Working groups in €K	Secretariat (A, B)
2022	1	2	1	7.5	-	-	1A, 1B
2023	1	2	1	7.5	-	-	1A, 1B
2024	1	2	1	↔	-	-	↔
2025	1	2	1	↔	-	-	↔

* The costs include the per diem, travel costs, interpretation, translation and document printing and are calculated on the basis of the 2021 standard costs.