

Updates on food safety developments

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EU FOOD AND DRINK INDUSTRY FIGURES

Turnover

€1,093 billion

Largest manufacturing sector
in the EU

Value added

1.9%

of EU gross value added

Consumption

21.5%

of household expenditure
on food and drinks

Employment

4.5 million people

Leading employer in the EU

Number of companies

289,000

R&D expenditure

€1.9 billion

Sales within the Single Market

88%

of food and drink turnover

Small and medium-sized companies

40.5%

of food and drink turnover

58.4%

of food and drink employment

Ethylene oxide incident

Sept.
2020

- First RASFF alerts about the presence of residues of EtO in sesame seeds. Contaminated products (or final products derived thereof) must be withdrawn/recalled

June
2021

- RASFF alerts affecting food additives and end-products where they were used. Alternative solutions to manage the incident were not accepted by EC legal services

Oct.
2021

- EC+MS meeting on Regulatory and Technical Aspects

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- EFSA: assessment of 2-chloroethanol
- EC+MS new meeting on Regulatory and Technical Aspects

Process contaminants

Acrylamide

- Stakeholder consultation is imminent:
 - review of existing BMLs established by Reg. (EU) 2017/2158
 - new BMLs for rösti, other potato-based dishes (heated in oven or frying) (including potato croquettes), root and tuber vegetable fries, oxidized black olives, fruit crisps/chips, vegetable crisps other than potato and cereal crisps, onion processed, cocoa powder
 - establishment of MLs
- Question on biscuits and rusks “marketed for infants and young children” comes back (EP objection)

3-MCPDE/GE

- Reg. 2020/1322 sets MLs for 3-MCPDE and GE for: vegetable oils, fish oils and oils derived from other marine organisms, infant formula, follow-on formula and young child formula
- Possible setting of MLs for finished products (in addition to the MLs established by Reg. 2020/1322)
- Stakeholder consultation is imminent

Mineral oils

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- EFSA mandate for an updated risk assessment:
 - occurrence data (mid 2021); final opinion (end of 2022)
- National activities (Germany):
 - Notification of a German “Mineral oil ordinance” (food contact materials) that obliges to use a functional barrier against mineral oils in the production / placing on the market of food contact materials and articles (FCM) made of waste paper
 - Update of the German Benchmark values for mineral oil hydrocarbons (MOH) in foods

Mycotoxins

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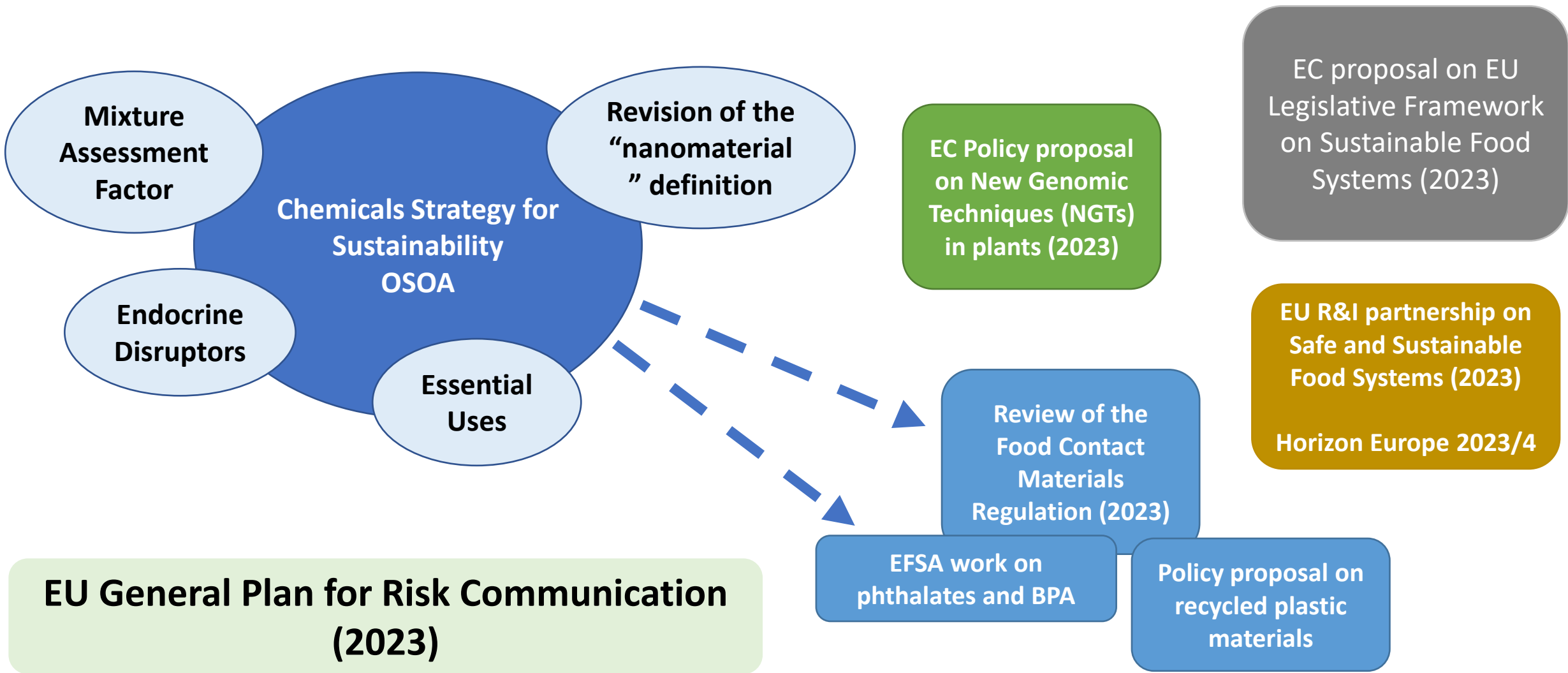
- Regulatory measures expected on Ochratoxin A, and Fusarium toxins (DON, T-2/HT-2)
- For Ochratoxin A, review of existing MLs and addition of MLs for foodstuffs not yet included
- For DON, T-2/HT-2 discussions continue. Challenges: extreme weather conditions, year-to-year and geographical variation, availability of prevention and mitigation tools

Other contaminants

Other measures to be expected in 2022

- Monitoring recommendation on *Alternaria* (to be published)
- Monitoring recommendation on furans (to be published)
- MLs of mercury for fish and salt
- MLs of arsenic in certain foods
- MLs for perflourinated compounds in food
- Changes to the current legislation on dioxins
- Changes to the current legislation on aflatoxins
- Recast of Regulation 1881/2006

Overarching themes in 2022





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