

**SUMMARY RECORD OF THE  
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE FOOD CHAIN AND ANIMAL HEALTH  
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 6 MARCH 2009**

**SECTION "TOXICOLOGICAL SAFETY OF THE FOOD CHAIN"**

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President : Mr M. FLUEH

All Member States were represented except Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Hungary, Luxembourg and Slovakia. Norway was also present during the meeting.

**This meeting of the Standing Committee was convened at short notice to discuss and agree on issues related to the presence of 4-Methylbenzophenone in cereals and other food products originating from printing inks used in food packaging.**

**1. Presentation of the EFSA statement on the presence of 4-Methylbenzophenone in breakfast cereals**

An European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) representative presented the assessment undertaken by the Authority on the presence of 4-Methylbenzophenone in breakfast cereals and answered to questions raised by Member States.

**2. Discussion and agreement on a common enforcement approach with respect to the presence of Benzophenone and 4-Methylbenzophenone in cereals and other products originating from printing inks used on the food packaging**

The Committee, with the exception of one Member State, endorsed the following conclusions :



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Two Member States, while agreeing on these conclusions raised concerns on the administrative procedure followed during meeting.

Certain Member States stressed the necessity to regulate at Community level non-harmonised food contact material sectors. In particular printing inks, adhesives and paper were mentioned.

Michael FLUEH,  
Head of Unit (signed)