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# MYCOTOXINS EU REGULATION

ARE THE LIMITS TOO STRICT, TOO WEAK, OR JUST FINE?



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The contamination of food and feed with mycotoxins is a global threat to food safety and has great public health and economic significance. The EU has regulated most mycotoxins in some way since 2006 and all Food Business Operators (FBOs) must guarantee their products are compliant with the regulatory limits. The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) is continuously updating its risk assessment to advise the EU Commission about the need for new limits and/or changes to the existing limits.

Because the occurrence of mycotoxin contamination is very high, the job of FBOs is not easy and the costs associated with mycotoxins risk management are extensive. Mycotoxin contamination risk is very weather dependent and the EU food and feed chain knows when to increase controls and when to use technologies to decontaminate grains or other crops produced in the EU. When commodities like grains, cocoa, coffee, spices, dried fruits, or nuts are imported, however, the risk is unpredictable, and the analytical control system must be vigilant at all times.

The scenario is changing because of climate change, and it will change even more in the next 10 to 20 years. The "fungi- and myco-geography" is changing, too, making it even more expensive for farmers and cereal traders to guarantee - at a reasonable cost - compliant raw materials for the food and feed industry.

Consumer associations and toxicologists point out that some mycotoxins are still not regulated, that some limits are too high, and that some segments of the population (children, for instance) are exposed to risky levels of certain compounds. Farmers, cereal processors, traders, and some in the food and feed industry, on the other hand, are asking for less restrictive regulations, and they oppose any proposals to strengthen existing rules.



*The EU Commission is organizing meetings to listen to the various stakeholders, but we want to promote an open debate where all interested parties can explain their positions and make their appeals.*



## Exchange of perspectives

**Affidia - The Journal of Food Diagnostics** is offering a new interactive event: a webinar panel discussion between the primary stakeholders.

We have invited scientists, representative of FBOs, consumers, and, of course, a representative of the EU Commission, so attendees can see a complete picture of this fast-evolving issue that is important for public health as well as for the sustainability of many industries and the incomes of hundreds of thousands of farmers.

## Confirmed panelists

Frans Verstraete  
*Administrator, EU Commission*

Bojan Sarkanj, Assoc. Prof., PhD  
*Head of Department of Food Technology, University Centre Koprivnica;  
member of GHI (Global Harmonization Initiative)*

Marco Binaglia  
*Team leader Contaminants (BIOCONTAM), European Food Safety Authority  
(EFSA)*

Rebeca Fernández  
*Director of Food Policy, Science and R&D, FoodDrinkEurope (FDE)*

Amedeo Reyneri, Full Prof., PhD  
*Department of Agricultural, Forestry and Food Sciences (DISAFA), University  
of Turin*

Alberto Mantovani  
*Research Director, Italian National Institute of Health (ISS); member of two  
EFSA working group*

Alberto Ritieni, Full Prof  
*Professor of food chemistry, University of Naples "Federico II"*

**Chairman: Roland E. Poms, Prof., PhD**  
*Professor of Food Science and Nutrition, IU International University of  
Applied Sciences*

## Preliminary program

11:30- 11:35

Introduction by the Chairman.

11:35- 11:40

Video 1: The relevance of the mycotoxin burden on  
economies.

11:45-12:15

First round of discussion: What has happened in the  
past 10 years?

12:15-12:20

Video 2: Do we have evidence that consumers are not  
sufficiently protected?

12:20-12:50

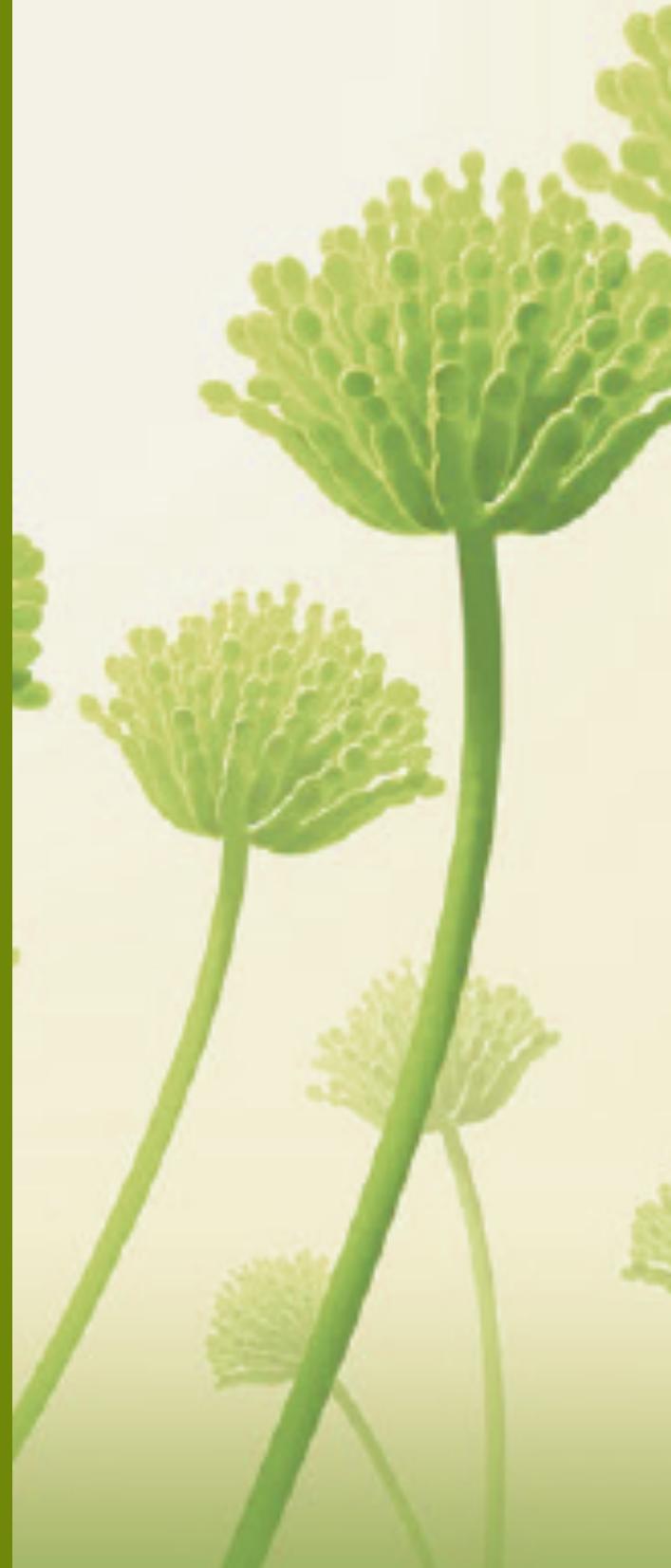
Second round of discussion: Is it necessary to change  
some regulatory limits?

12:50-13:20

Q&A

13:20-13:30

Conclusion by the Chairman.



## About us



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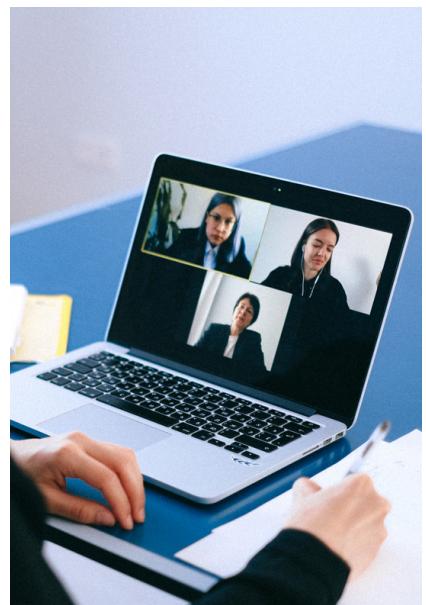
## Who should attend?

- Representative of farmers
- Quality assurance and food safety managers in the food, beverage, and feed industries
- Traders of high-risk commodities (e.g. spices, grains, dry fruits, nuts)
- Food safety auditors
- Regulatory team members
- Master's and PhD students (who focus on food safety issues and risk management)
- Advisors that support the food, beverage, and feed industries in managing mycotoxin risk
- Consumers associations
- Media companies active in the food and agricultural field

We hope you are interested in this topic and this event, and we invite you to take part in Affidia's webinar on 16 December 2021, 11:30-13:30 CEST (Rome, Berlin time).

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- Online participation in live event
- Access to the recorded version of the event
- E-Certificate for participation (please ask for it when you register)

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