

**Technical and Regulatory Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 25th June 2019 – Via Conference Call**

Members present at meeting:

Tracy Brown	BCA Secretariat
Chris Stemman	BCA Executive Director
Nick Boxall	Complete Coffee Ltd (Chair T&R Committee)
Deirdre McCooley	Bewley's
Carla Politano	Costa
Jenny Breadmore	Fine Foods International Ltd
Chris Coates	Taylor's of Harrogate

1. Apologies for absence:

Rhodri Evans	Finlays
Sarah Harrington	Masteroast

2. Competition Law Compliance

It was confirmed that the meeting would run under the FDF competition law compliance rules, as per the Golden Rules previously distributed.

3. Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were duly accepted without comment.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

No matters arising from the previous minutes.

CS asked those on the call if they have anything further that they would wish to raise. CS noted that when he leaves TB will circulate more of the FDF and ECF materials to the Technical & Regulatory Working Group, this would require this group to review and any possible action.

5. Contaminants

- **OTA**

CS noted that he had tried to fully update everyone in the last set of minutes.

With more using green coffee as a direct ingredient, it is unsurprising that some Member States are now pressing for green coffee to be included in the OTA regulation.

- **Acrylamide (AA) Regulation**

CS noted that you now have the sector specific guide/CoP. Members should make note of this document as it could be useful if they face regulatory challenge.

Action: TB To Re-send this document

- **Furan (and its methyl derivatives)**

CS noted that there is still a lot going on, and clearly the problem for the regulators, they know you can't mitigate acrylamide and furan, as one will affect the other. CS noted the ISIC studies that were circulated.

Coffee contains the highest level of methyl furans; CS believes that there may be some significant interest on this subject in the future.

CS noted that the ECF will be picking up on this.

- **Diacetyl**

CS noted that as agreed last time that CC will be the touch point for developing an agreeable safety advice for the members with HSE.

CS noted that the HSE recommending quarterly inspections seems pretty onerous if the process does not change.

CC asked if there has been any further feedback since the conference call and minutes that were sent out on Tuesday 19th June, TB confirmed nothing received.

CC noted that he will feed comments back this week, and hopefully we get a final draft to review.

CS asked if the HSE make any media announcements about safety announcements, CC will raise this with the HSE.

Action: CC

CC noted that he feels anything to do with Occupational Health will come to the fore more and more, and companies should definitely be looking at dust respiratory issues and monitoring. We need to ensure that as the BCA we are definitely working with HSE not sitting on the outside.

CS noted that he will definitely raise this with the ECF to see if they have any materials or best practice guides around Occupational Health issues.

Action: CS

CS noted that also the monitoring of carbon monoxide is necessary and that the BCA could help establish if there is a correlation between carbon monoxide and diacetyl levels.

CC asked that perhaps we should be seeking Member Data, anonymised by the BCA, but data that we can use in responding to the HSE.

Action: CC/BCA

- **Chlorate**

No new update.

- **Heavy Metals & Chemicals**

No new update.

- **Mineral Hydrocarbons**

No new update.

- **Pesticides**

Glyphosphate

CS noted that he did speak in depth about this at our last meeting, and this will not be going away, and could mean more intensive testing.

Methyl Bromide

No new update.

Mepiquat

CS noted that this turns up in coffee by accident as a process contaminant.

6. BRCv7(8) – Food Authenticity

CS asked those present if they are now all happy with this document?

7. ISO Activities

CS noted that NB will respond on the current open votes, documents previously circulated. Please ask the Secretariat if you have not seen these and require a copy.

8. Sustainability and Foot Printing

- **Regulatory**

UK Resources and Waste Consultations, CS noted that we made a submission to one of the consultations of the four. Please ask TB if you need to be put on the Sustainability Committee distribution list as this will currently be managed through Communications and Sustainability Committees.

9. Health Claims

- **Caffeine Claims**

No new update.

10. Consumer Information Legislation

- **Rules of Origin (FIC)**

CS noted that TB has up to date information on this.

- **Labelling (Brexit)**

CS stated that if and when we leave the EU the UK will become a third country and will be required to label accordingly. A transition period is proposed to allow manufacturers to introduced modified labels.

CS noted that Members need to be aware of possible Third Country labelling, but noted that the UK will probably have a 6-month derogation in regard to change of labelling.

CC asked who will look after anything in regard to Brexit. CS noted that currently he sits on the FDF Brexit Roundtable, but moving forward TB will receive all the documentation from the FDF and also directly from Defra, FSA & HMRC.

CS noted that Members can also sign up directly to receive alerts on the Gov.UK, you can type in a query, hopefully it will produce the information you are looking for!

CS noted that until we have a resolution from Government, then we will just monitor. Until it looks as if something will happen, our BCA Chair, Tom Blackwall will be contacted who will then look to engage with PA Consultant Matthew Orman to assist with and work on this. If there is anything of a technical nature that may occur, we will likely direct this through to the Technical Working Group.

11. Technical & Regulatory Priorities

CS asked those on the call if they were now happy with the updated document?

12. Position Statements

CS noted that in regard to anything in the regulatory sphere there have been no updates to position statements.

13. Date of the next 2019 Technical meeting

CC asked if we could put a meeting in the diary for September as November seems so far away, it was agreed to hold a physical meeting on **Wednesday 11th September**, TB contacted the FDF no room available and now seeking alternative venues.

- Remaining Date for 2019, please can we ask that you put this date in your diaries.
 - **Wednesday 11th September 2019 – Venue TBC**
 - **Wednesday 6th November 2019 - FDF**