

The Consumer Voice in Europe

Contribution of consumer organisations to food safety

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2012, DG Sanco - materials on the market are not safe

2016, European Parliament – lack of uniform EU measures is detrimental to public health

2020, REFIT evaluation – safety is insufficiently defined at EU level for most FCMs

2020, Farm-to-Fork Strategy – legal reform launched to improve food safety and public health





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Consumers do not feel sufficiently informed

- 2 in 5 find it unclear which food containers and packaging are safe to use
- 1 in 3 feel little or not at all informed about symbols on food containers

Significant support for protective EU action







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STOVIGLIE ALTERNATIVI Bambù

non m'inganni più

Die Bambuslüge





Forbrugerrådet Tænk Kemi

Offentliggjort af Niels Søndergaard 2 · 28. januar 2021 · 3

Kopper, tallerkener og anden service lavet i bambusplast er ulovligt og må ikke længere sælges. Det slog Fødevarestyrelsen fast i efteråret.

Men i januar viste en stikprøve fra Forbrugerrådet Tænk Kemi, at mange webshops fortsat markedsførte produkter i bambusplast 👇

OBS: Forbuddet gælder ikke rene bambusprodukter.



Au Backe!

TEST Sillikonbackformen. Aus Backformen aus Sillikon können chadstoffe in die Backware übergehen. Wir haben 22 handelsübliche

Pas au quotidien

KEMI.TAENK.DK

Ulovlig bambusplast: Forhandlere stopper salget efter henvendelse

260 5108 Nåede personer Distributionsscore Interaktioner

Boost opslag

@ 37

2 kommentarer 7 delinger

Synes godt om

Kommenter











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Silicone bakeware | 44 products tested

- 82% released substances of concern, incl. 'Substances of Very High Concern'
- 23% either released contaminants in high amounts (>30 mg/kg) - or the amount increased between tests







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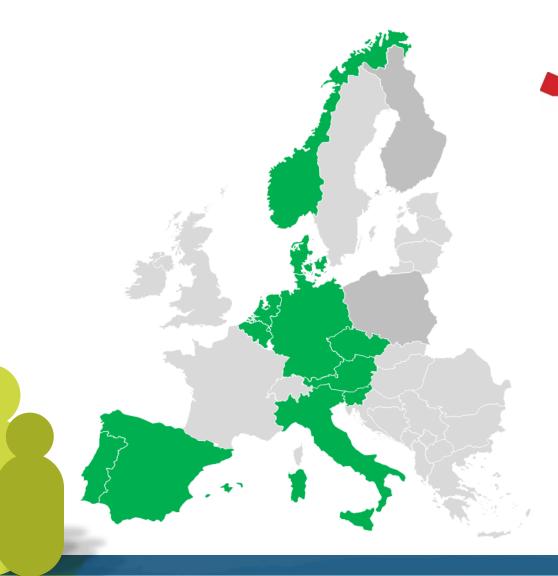
Alternatives to Single Use Plastics | 57 products tested

- 66% treated with PFAS, incl. <u>all</u> the moulded fibre products – as well as some paper straws
- 29% contained chloropropanols above recommended limits
- 28% contained pesticide residues, incl. some that are known to cause cancer, are not approved for use in the EU or both



























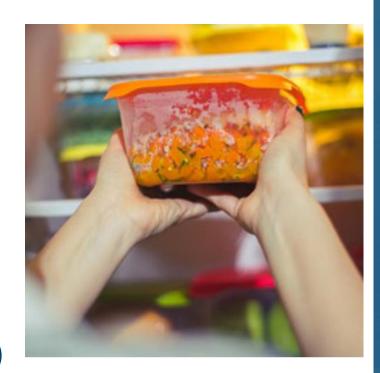
11 country online survey
11,232 consumers responded
Representative sample





3 in 4 consumers have experienced that essential information is missing or unclear

- 2 in 3 experience at least sometimes that safe use instructions are missing
- 69% experience that information is only present on product packaging or on a sticker that disappears during use
- A majority has experienced symbols that are either not clear (67%) or not visible / poorly readable (63%)







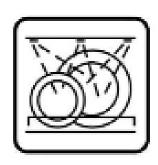
Around 3 in 4 consumers recognise the Glass and Fork symbol – but only a minority (29%) knows what it means

Other symbols are better understood

- Suitable for microwave: 70%
- Suitable for dishwasher: 73%
- Suitable for freezing: 86%









Signs that consumers use FCMs in ways that could increase their exposure to food-related risks

- 50% keep using (for some time) worn or damaged food containers and kitchenware
- Around 1 in 5 reuse take-away plastic containers for hot food-to-go / reuse hard plastic containers to store hot food/drink





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FCM revision | recommendations

- Reinforce the rules regulating what information and how – producers and retailers must communicate to consumers
- Strengthen the obligation to ensure that FCMs are safe under all foreseeable conditions of use
- Invest in awareness-raising campaigns to educate consumers about how to avoid food-related risks







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FCM revision | recommendations

- Establish a preventive approach to chemicals present in FCMs, cf. the Farm-to-Fork strategy / Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability
- Regulate reusable, recyclable, and renewable materials to prevent exposure to chemical contaminants / to promote consumer trust
- Reinforce compliance checks, incl. through cooperation between control authorities and consumer organisations







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