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**Von:** [REDACTED]@efsa.europa.eu>  
**Gesendet:** Freitag, 30. September 2016 14:08  
**An:** Johannes Heeg (foodwatch)  
**Betreff:** FW: Seeking infos on the process for permanent call for data on chemical substances.

**Kennzeichnung:** Zur Nachverfolgung  
**Kennzeichnungsstatus:** Gekennzeichnet

Dear Mr Heeg,

Following our recent phone conversations with regard to your request earlier this month concerning the process for permanent call for data on chemical substances, as promised, I would herewith like to share with you some contextual information, which should certainly bring more clarity on the process for permanent calls for data.

First of all, note that data collection on all chemical contaminants is not fully regulated at EU level. There are some Commission regulations and recommendation that relate to certain contaminants only. In practice, data providers are usually Member State's competent authorities, who send the data on a voluntary basis.

In the past EFSA used to launch separate calls for data, following a mandate from the Commission. However since the collection and reporting of data are an extremely costly, time- and resource-consuming procedure, EFSA regularly faced situations where qualitative data were lacking. To overcome these deficiencies, after consulting with the Commission and the EFSA Network on Chemical Occurrence Data, it was decided to organise a continuous annual call for data, the deadline being 1<sup>st</sup> October each year, whilst requesting data on a list of chemical contaminants. This list covers the most frequently monitored chemical contaminants for which Commission Recommendations on monitoring are in place, but it also covers some contaminants, which Member States are encouraged to monitor and report, like mineral oil. Hence, the decision to monitor and communicate such occurrence data rests with Member States.

To sum up:

- mineral oil is included in the list of the continuous call for data;
- its monitoring and reporting are done on a voluntary basis;
- the continuous collection of chemical contaminants occurrence data is open to all stakeholders, though in practice mainly competent authorities in Member States apply.

I invite you to consult the continuous call, which is exclusively published online at the following web address:  
<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/data/call/datex101217>

I remain at your entire disposal, should you need additional information about EFSA's activities.

Kind Regards

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**From:** Johannes Heeg (foodwatch) [<mailto:johannes.heeg@foodwatch.de>]

**Sent:** 07 September 2016 12:38

**To:** EFSA Press

**Subject:** Question on the permanent call for data on chemical substances

Dear Sir,

thank you very much for the conversation on the phone today. As agreed, I hereby send you my question via email.

Foodwatch recently has reached in a request for public access to documents concerning data on MOSH/MOAH in food and food packaging that has been submitted to EFSA. Please find attached the reply to our request that Mr. Dirk Detken has sent us end of July. In this document, he says: "Since 2010 MOH were included in the permanent call for data on chemical contaminants, but since then no additional data on this substance group were submitted to EFSA."

I would very much like to understand a bit better this process of permanent call for data. To whom is this call directed and how is it published? Is it sent out to institutions or exclusively published online?

We know that the German Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety once per year (October 1<sup>st</sup>) sends out data on contaminants to EFSA. Do these data sets usually contain the substances mentioned in the permanent call for data?

I would very much appreciate if you could provide me some information on this process.

Thank you very much in advance & best regards,

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