Wednesday, 26 November 2014

9.00–9.15 am
Welcome and Opening
Prof Andreas Hensel,
Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)

9.15–9.30 am
Greeting
Dr Michael Winter, Head of Unit,
Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL)

9.30–10.00 am
Activities of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) in the area of aluminium
George Kass,
European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

I. Effects on Human Health

10.00–10.45 am
Toxicology and Toxicokinetics of Aluminium
Prof Andrea Hartwig,
Karlsruhe Institute of Technology

10.45–11.15 am
Are there any indications of a possible causal connection between aluminium and breast cancer?
Prof Philippa Darbre,
University of Reading, United Kingdom

11.15–11.45 am Coffee break

11.45 am–12.45 pm
Are there any indications of a possible causal connection between aluminium exposure and Alzheimer’s disease?
11.45 Prof JR Walton,
University of New South Wales, Australia
12.15 Prof Chris Exley,
Keele University, United Kingdom

12.45–1.00 pm Discussion

1.00–2.00 pm Lunch

2.00–2.45 pm
A Systematic Review of Potential Human Health Risks of Aluminium
Prof Daniel Krewski,
University of Ottawa, Canada

2.45–3.00 pm Discussion

II. Exposure

3.00–3.30 pm
What’s our aluminium intake from food?
Dr Oliver Lindtner, Christine Sommerfeld,
Dr Rainer Gürtlter,
Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)

3.30–4.00 pm Coffee break

4.00–4.30 pm
Aluminium exposure from food contact materials
Dr Frederic Müller, Dr Karla Pfaff,
Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)

4.30–5.00 pm
How high is aluminium exposure from cosmetic products?
Dr David Mason, Dr Dagmar Bury,
Cosmetics Europe

5.00–5.30 pm Summary and Discussion

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9.00–9.30 am
Consumers ask, experts answer
Dr Suzan Fiack,
Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)

9.30–10.00 am
Risk perception by consumers and reporting in the media
Dr Mark Lohmann,
Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)

III. How can consumers protect themselves?

10.00–10.20 am
Federation of Food Law and Food Science (BLL)
Dr. Sieglinde Stähle, Scientific Direction

10.20–10.40 am
German Cosmetic, Toiletry, Perfumery and Detergent Association (IKW)
Birgit Huber, Business Unit Manager Beauty Care

10.40–11.10 am Coffee break

11.10–11.30 am
Cancer Information Service (KID)
Dr Susanne Weg-Remers, Direction of the Cancer Information Service (KID),
German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ)

11.30–11.50 am
ÖKO-TEST
Jürgen Stellpflug, Chief Editor

11.50 am–12.10 pm
Federation of German Consumer Organisations (vzbv)
Gudrun Köster, Consumer Advice Centre Schleswig-Holstein

12.10–1.10 pm
Synopsis and recommendations for consumers, final discussion
Aluminium, a light metal that we frequently encounter in everyday life, is the third most common element in the earth’s crust, which means that it is a natural ingredient of drinking water and untreated foods. In addition to this, processed foods can also contain additives which contain aluminium. Food packaging materials can also transfer the light metal into foods.

Due to their sweat-inhibiting effect, aluminium salts are used in antiperspirants. Lipsticks and make-up can also contain aluminium compounds as colour pigments. Toothpastes and other care products can contain aluminium compounds as an additional ingredient, too, usually in small doses. Aluminium can also occur in medicinal products.

The fact that we frequently encounter aluminium in everyday life is currently being discussed very intensively and the demand for information is high. With the 15th BfR Consumer Protection Forum, the BfR is satisfying this demand while also providing a platform for discussion.

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The event is open to the public, and no fees will be charged.

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