



Webinar on PFAS 18 September 2023 – preliminary program available

What do we know about the PFAS situation in the Nordic region and what can be done? This will be discussed at a webinar 18 September 2023 jointly organized by 4 Nordic research institutions and food authorities. See the preliminary program and register – participation is free.

PFAS covers a wide range of fluorine substances that have been used for decades and is still used in a myriad of products. The substances, also known as the 'Forever Chemicals', are chemically extremely stable and continuously accumulate in humans and animals and elsewhere in the environment where they can pose a risk to animal and human health.

At a webinar the 18 September 2023 researchers, food and chemical authorities will discuss the current knowledge on PFAS in the Nordic Region. How does PFAS affect health? What are the risks? Where is PFAS found and to what extent? What are the authorities doing and how is it possible to remove or avoid a PFAS? What do we not know and need more knowledge about?

The webinar is jointly organized between Danish DTU National Food Institute (DTU Fødevareinstituttet), Finnish Food Authority (Ruokavirasto, Livsmedelsverket), Norwegian Scientific Committee for Food and Environment (Vitenskapskomiteen for mat og miljø) and Swedish Food Agency (Livsmedelsverket).

Time

18 September 2023, 9-15 PM CET

Location

Online (You will receive a link the day before the webinar)

Program

See the preliminary program below.

Registration

Participation is free, however registration is necessary no later than 16 September 2023. [Please register on the DTU National Food Institute's webpage.](#)

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Preliminary program

Moderator: Christine Nellemann, Director of the National Food Institute, Technical University of Denmark (DTU)

9.00-10.30 PM CET

Opening speech: Human health risks and main concerns of PFAS

Anne Marie Vinggaard, Professor, DTU National Food Institute, Denmark

Risk assessments in the Nordic region

Health risks after high exposure to PFAS in drinking water. Experiences from Ronneby, Sweden
Kristina Jakobsson, Professor, School of Public Health and Community medicine, Sahlgrenska Academy University of Gothenburg, Sweden

PFAS in Finland – dietary exposure, with focus on occurrence in fish

Johanna Suomi, Research Professor. Finnish Food Authority

PFAS in food and migration from food contact materials into real food, Denmark

Kit Granby, Associate Professor, DTU National Food Institute, Denmark

Production of paper products identified as the main source of PFAS in polluted fish

Håkon A. Langberg, Senior Researcher, The Norwegian Geotechnical Institute

10.30-10.45 PM CET

Break

10.45-12.30 PM CET

Where the consumer meets PFAS in everyday life

Line Småstuen Haug, Norwegian Institute of Public Health

Overview of risk management and monitoring in the Nordic region

Overview of monitoring and risk management of PFAS in Denmark and regulatory foresights at the EU level

Henrik Søren Larsen, Head of Office, Ministry of Environment of Denmark

Fish meal from wild fish in organic egg production – PFAS findings in Finland, a risk management case

Riitta Rannikko, Senior Specialist, Finnish Food Authority

Risk management of PFAS in Norway

Julie Tesdal Håland, Senior Adviser, The Norwegian Food Safety Authority, Head Office, Chemical food safety

PFAS in food - how does environmental contamination affect food production and human exposure?

Karl Lilja, Swedish Environmental Protection Agency

Temporal trends of PFAS concentrations in dated sediment cores from Finland and Baltic Sea

Ville Junttila, Researcher, Finnish Environment Institute

12.30-13.15 PM CET

Break for lunch

13.15-15.00 PM CET

What more can be done?

PFAS - From hero to villain to criminal

Stig Valdersnes, Senior Researcher, Institute of Marine Research, Norway

PFAS treatment techniques – Needs for the future?

Lutz Ahrens, Professor in Environmental Organic Chemistry, Department of Aquatic Sciences and Assessment, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

Topic: Proposal for a broad PFAS restriction in EU
Jenny Ivarsson, Strategic Advisor, Swedish Chemicals Agency (KEMI)

Closing remarks on future perspectives - a world without PFAS?

Harald Gjein, Director at Norwegian Scientific Committee for Food and Environment
Helen Brunnkvist, Head of Department, and Emma Halldin Ankarberg, Toxicologist, Swedish Food Agency
Pia Mäkelä, Head of Department, Finnish Food Authority
Christine Nellesmann, Director of the DTU National Food Institute, Denmark