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FEICA holds Seminar on 'Safe Adhesives for Safe Food' in Brussels

FEICA, the Association of the European Adhesive and Sealant Industry, organised a Food Contact Seminar in Brussels on 28 September 2017 titled 'Safe Adhesives for Safe Food'. The seminar concentrated on migration testing of adhesives and especially the testing of the migration of mineral oil hydrocarbons. It was intended for persons that have to carry out migration testing or assess the results of such tests.

With an impressive line-up of experts from H.B. Fuller, Henkel, Nynas and Laboratory Lommatzsch, registrations totalled almost 100 adhesives manufacturers and other actors in the supply chain.

The Seminar provided insights into sample preparation, testing and interpretation of the results, common errors and pitfalls regarding migration testing, and the possible limits of analytical methods.

Alexandra Ross, Product Regulatory Specialist at H.B. Fuller launched the seminar with an introduction to the adhesive industry and the food packaging sector. She was followed by a presentation on migration testing approaches for adhesives by André Weiss, Manager Instrumental Analytics, Food Safety at Henkel. Anna Hedelin, Senior Staff Researcher Toxicology at Nynas explained about the toxicological and regulatory background of mineral oil hydrocarbons. After lunch, Monika Toenniessen, Henkel's Regional Product Safety & Regulatory Affairs Manager for Europe, and Martin Lommatzsch, Analytical Chemist at Laboratory Lommatzsch, elaborated on mineral oil hydrocarbons as well as the testing of mineral oil and synthetic hydrocarbon from adhesives into food. Jana Cohrs, Regulatory Affairs Manager at FEICA concluded the seminar with a talk on the FEICA guidance and recommendations to the industry, both for adhesives manufacturing as for the adhesive-using industry. The seminar closed after a lively Q&A session where it was lauded for being 'very useful', 'valuable' and 'enjoyable'.

Philip Bruce, FEICA's Secretary General, who opened the Seminar with a general presentation regarding FEICA and the importance of Regulatory Affairs, stated 'we are delighted that so many industry professionals attended the event. In addition, the quality of each and every speaker was simply extraordinary. It's great to see how FEICA can enable such cooperation between the stakeholders in adhesives and sealants'.

The presentations of the seminar are available on [FEICA's dedicated Food Contact page](#).

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