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## Lecture\_

Testing and verification of the hygienic requirements of food processing equipment\*

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## Summary

In the EC, the Council Directive on the approximation of the laws of Member States relating to machinery (89/392/EEC) was published on the 14th June 1989 and was subsequently updated by 98/37/EC. The Directive includes a short section dealing with hygiene and design requirements which states that machinery intended for the preparation and processing of foods must be designed and constructed so as to avoid health risks and consists of seven hygiene rules that must be observed. These rules are concerned with the suitability and cleanability of materials in contact with food, surface finish and design features such as joints, absence of ridges and crevices, avoidance of the use of fasteners, the design of internal angles and corners, drainage of residues from equipment surfaces, dead spaces and voids, and lastly bearings and shaft seals. The Directive requires that all machinery sold within the EC after January 1995 shall meet these basic standards and be marked accordingly to show compliance (the 'CE' mark). In other words, it is a legal requirement in the EU for food processing equipment to be hygienically designed. To provide further advice to equipment manufacturers in implementing 98/37/EC, the standard EN 1672-2 "Food processing machinery-Safety and hygiene requirements-Basic concepts-Part 2, Hygiene requirements" can be followed. Since the implementation of this directive and standard, a number of issues have arisen in the food industry that has re-focused attention on hygienic design. These include,

- Is manufacturers' self-certification of cleanability sufficient or is third party approval of design and cleanability preferred?
- Do the design standards of particularly) dry processing equipment have to be increased to allow wet cleaning to remove allergens and other product contamination issues?

<sup>\*</sup> Lecture presented at the conference "Hygienic Design" on September 11-12, 2008 in Zurich

- Are lubricants capable of controlling microbial growth through their use life-cycle?
- Are replacement parts (e.g. belts and gaskets) always suitable for food contact purposes? Should suppliers provide certificates of compliance?

The presentation will consider, with examples, how these issues can be addressed.

## Verification of Food Processing Equipment Hygiene

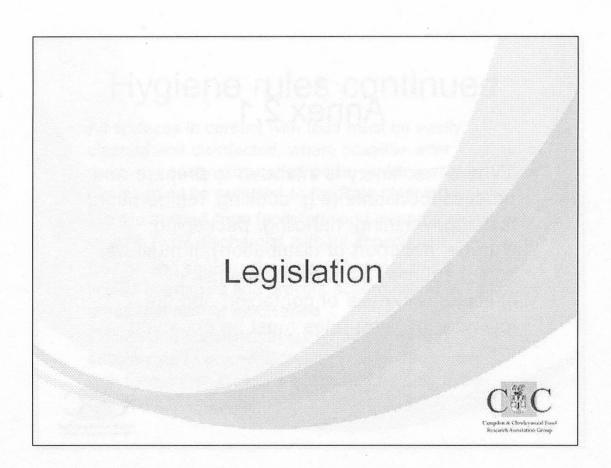
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## Hygiene requirements

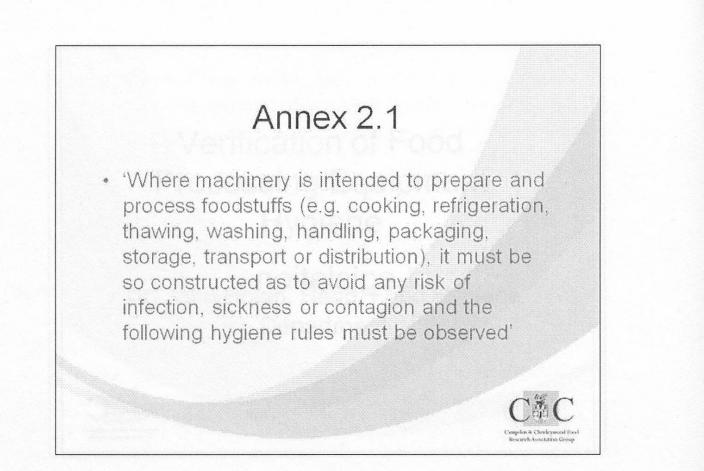
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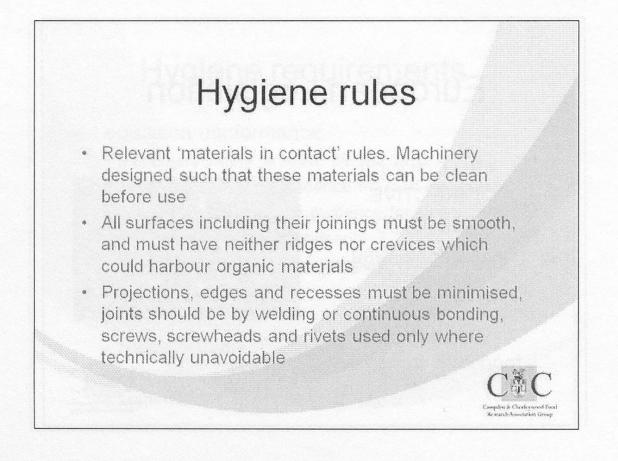
- Machinery safety directive 89/392/EEC

- EN 1672-2 Hygiene guidance for food equipment
- EN ISO 14159 Hygiene guidance for all equipment
- EN ISO 21469:2006 Lubricants
- EC No. 852/2004 General hygiene requirements
- Third Party approval
- Hazard control
  - Microorganisms
  - Allergens
  - Materials of construction



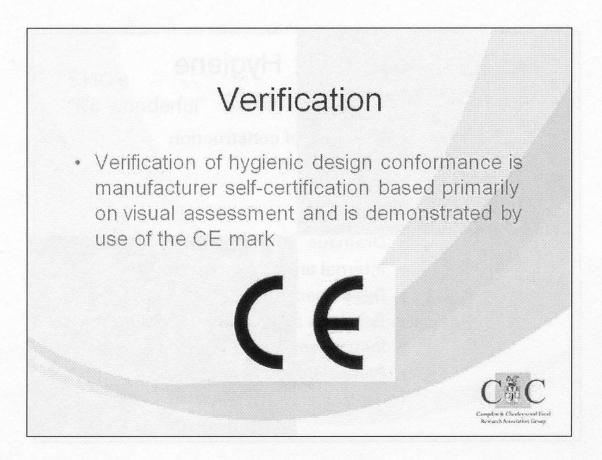


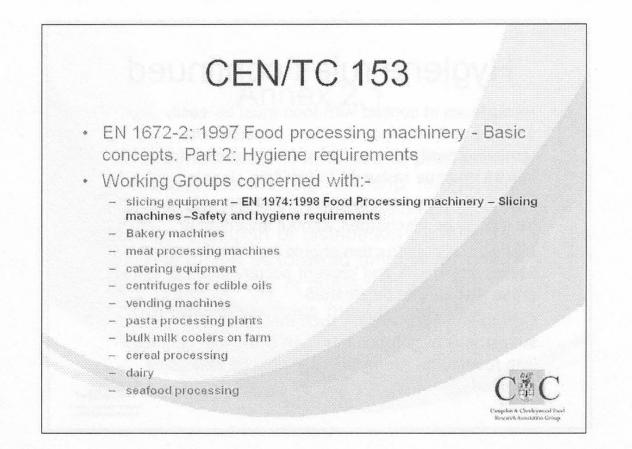


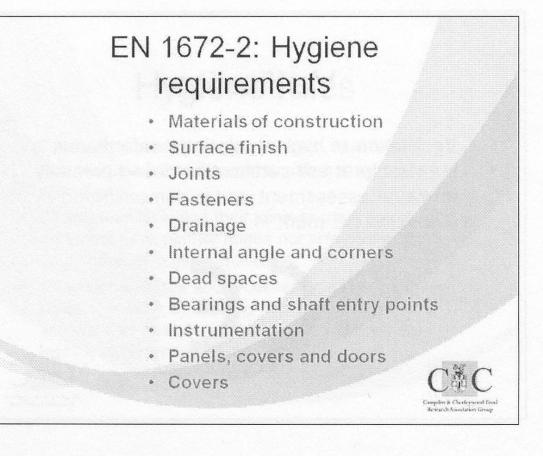


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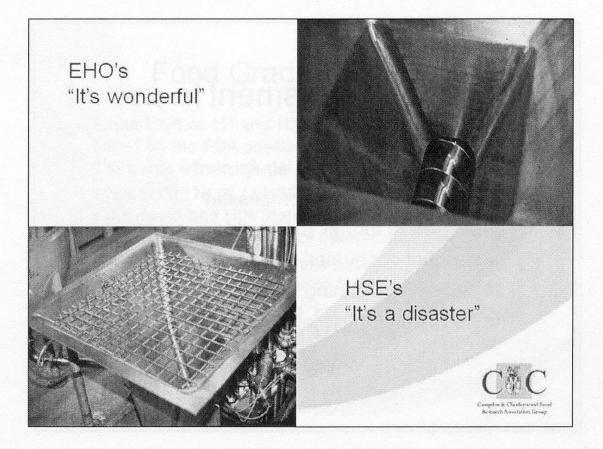
- All surfaces in contact with food must be easily cleaned and disinfected, where possible after removing easily dismantled parts. Inside surfaces curves must be radiused to facilitate cleaning
- Liquids derived from foodstuffs and cleaning should be able to be discharged without impediment
- Design and construction should prevent the entry of liquids or animals and prevent accumulation of soil in areas that cannot be cleaned
- Design and construction such that no ancillary substances (e.g. lubricants) can come into contact with foodstuffs. Compliance should be able to be checked

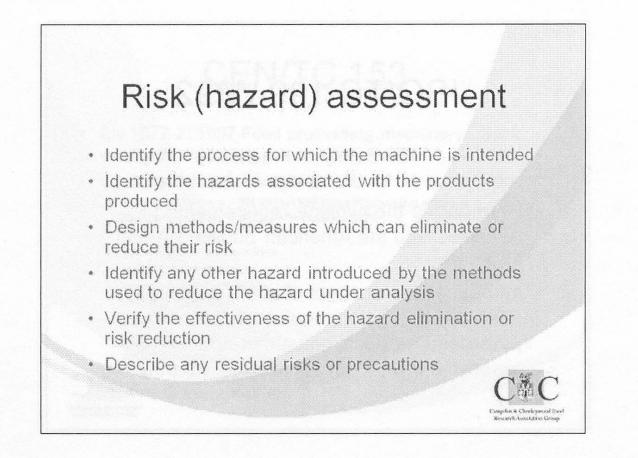


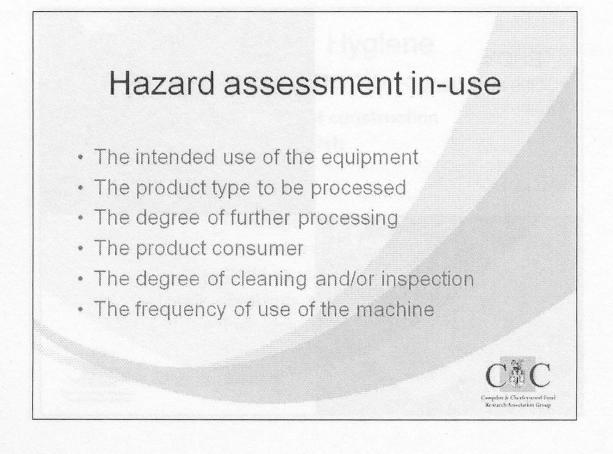


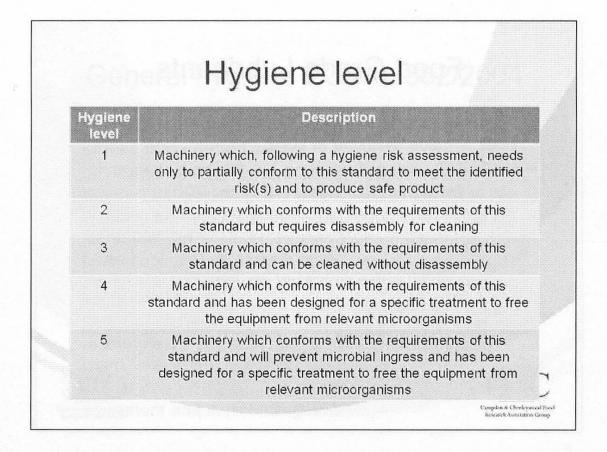


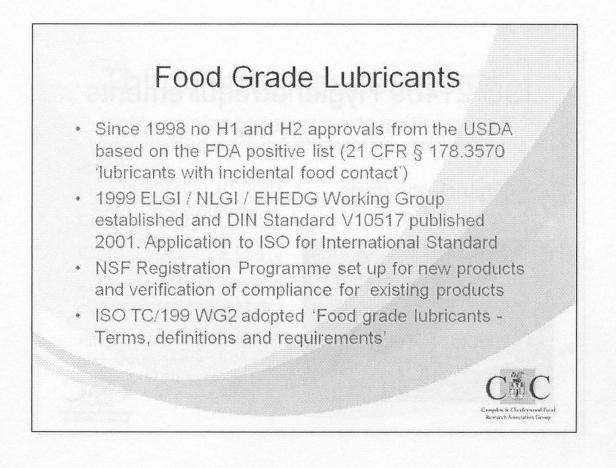










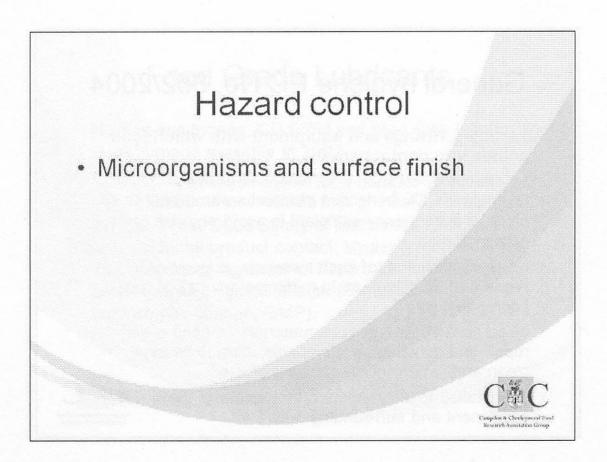


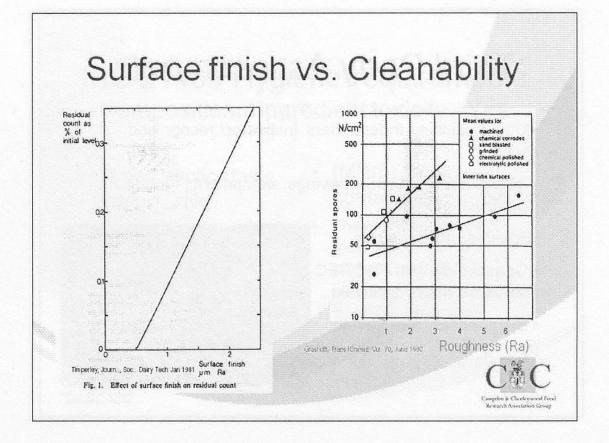
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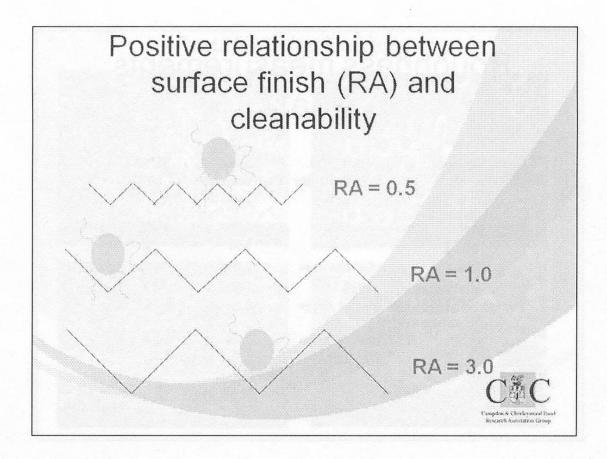


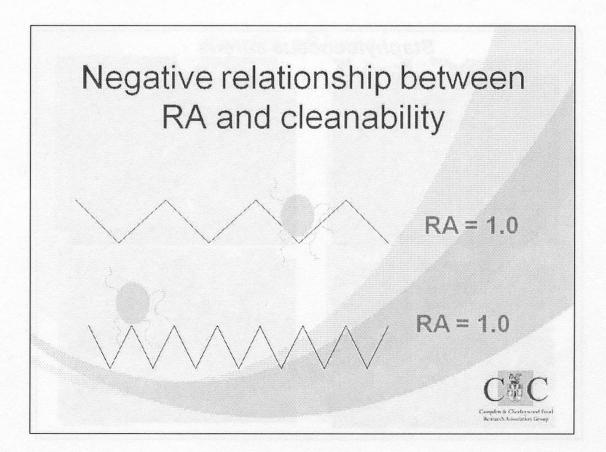
## General hygiene EC No. 852/2004 All articles, fittings and equipment with which food comes into contact are to: be effectively cleaned and, where necessary disinfected. Cleaning and disinfection are to take place at a frequency sufficient to avoid any risk of contamination be so constructed, of such materials, in good order, repair and condition, as to minimise any risk of food contamination be so constructed, of such materials, in good order, repair and condition, as to enable them to be kept clean and, where necessary, disinfected. be installed to allow adequate cleaning of the equipment and surrounding area



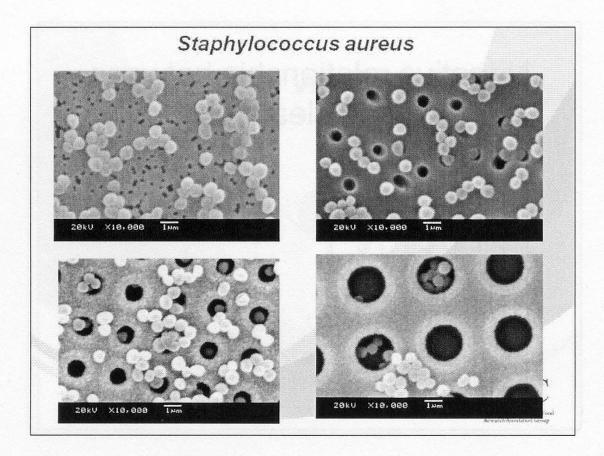


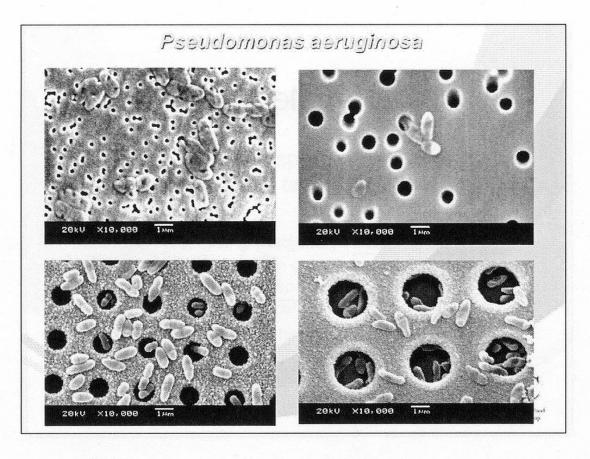


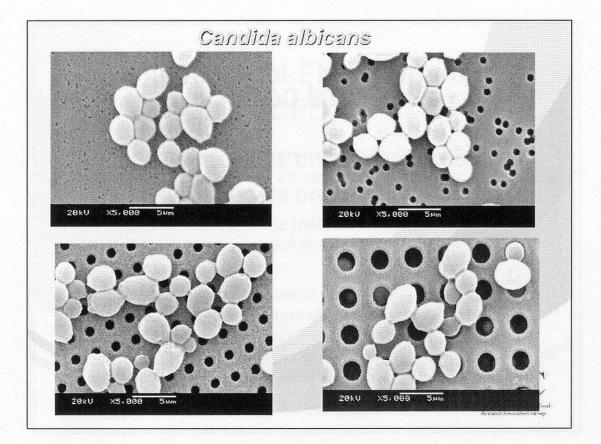


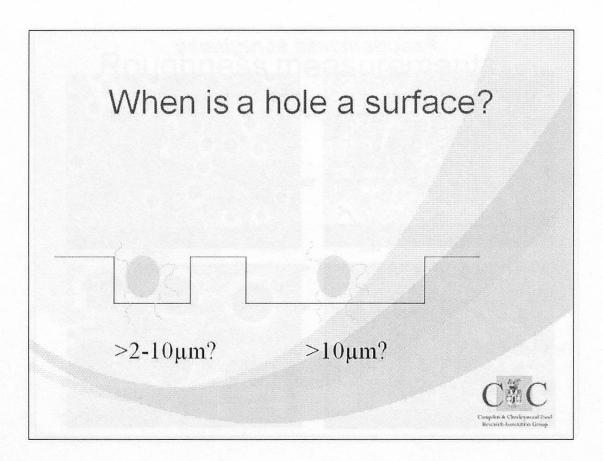


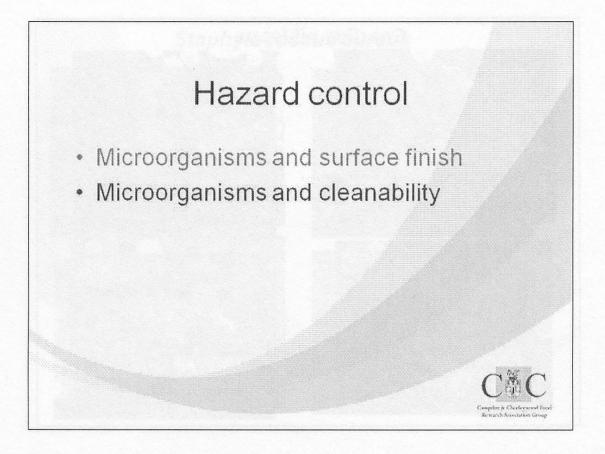
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PTFE	0.49	1.37	72
PMMA	Out of range	0.02	2.2
Stainless steel	0.11	0.63	75
Polished stainless steel	Out of range	0.06	7.9
Glass	Out of range	0.05	1.6
Porcelain	1.16	6.69	216

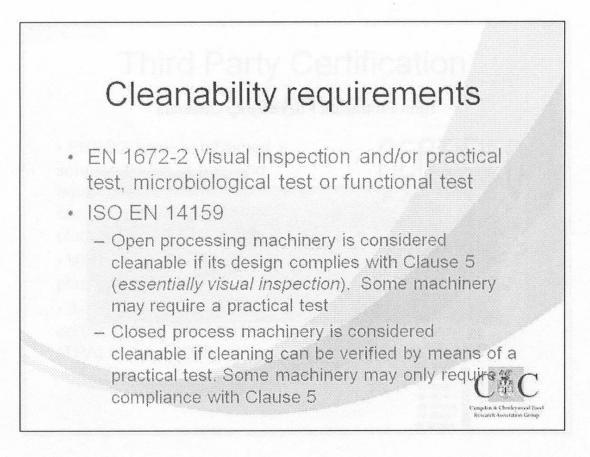


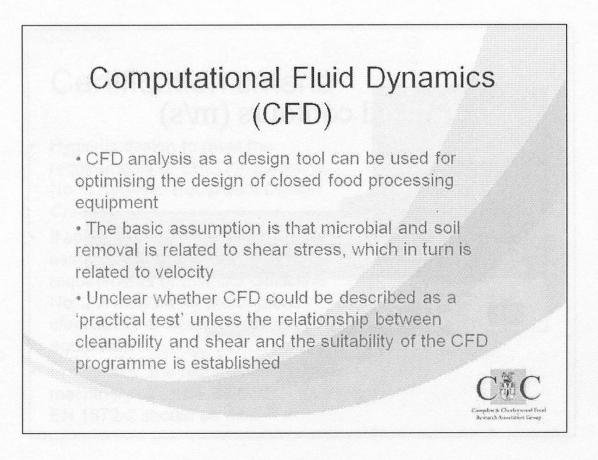


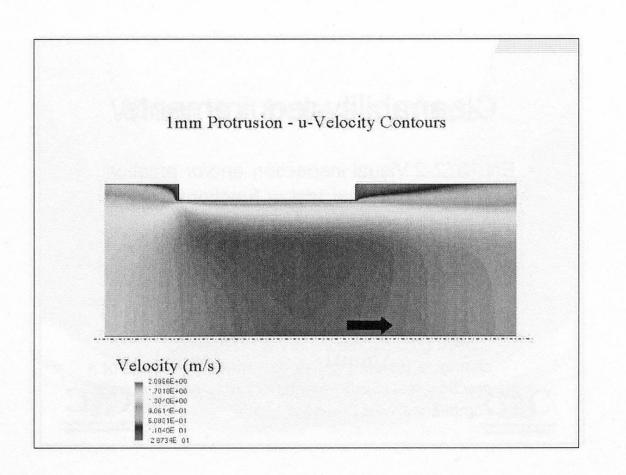


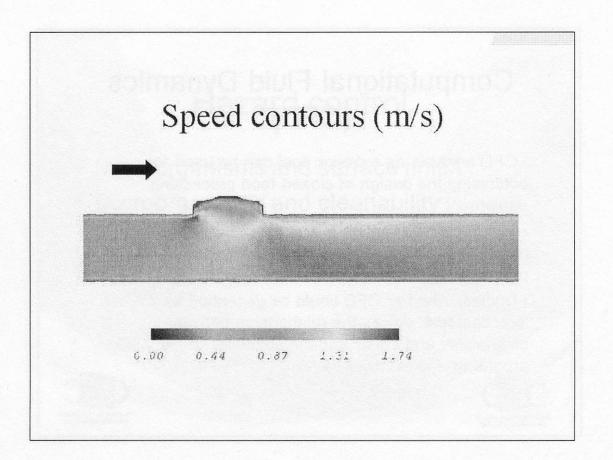


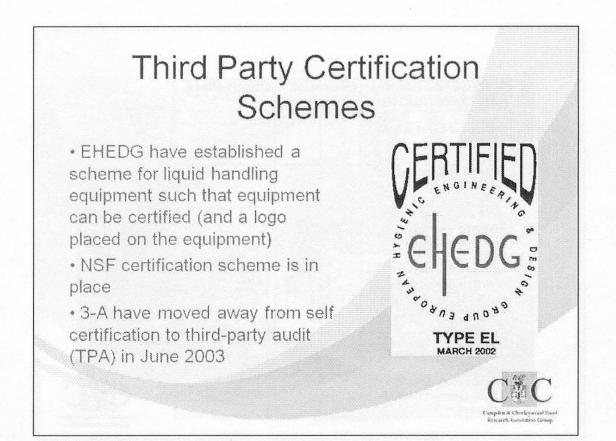


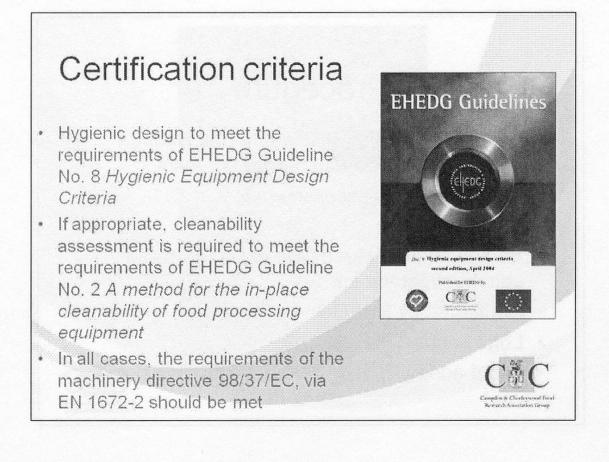




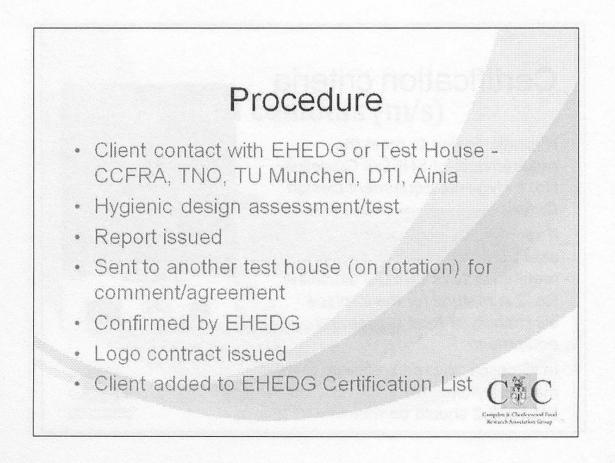


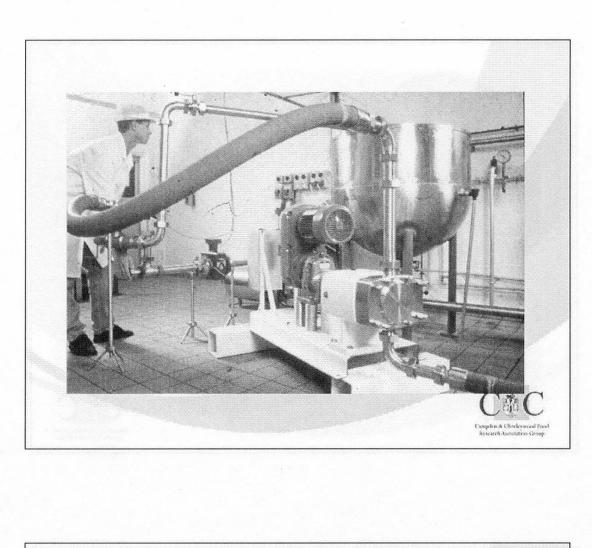


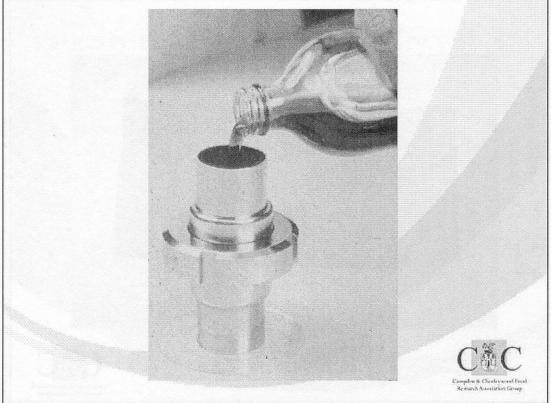


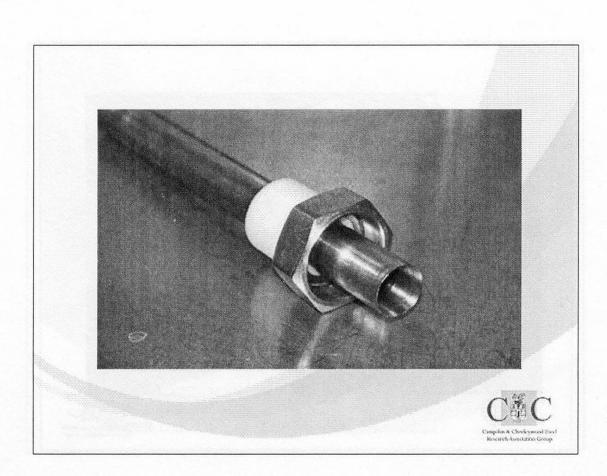


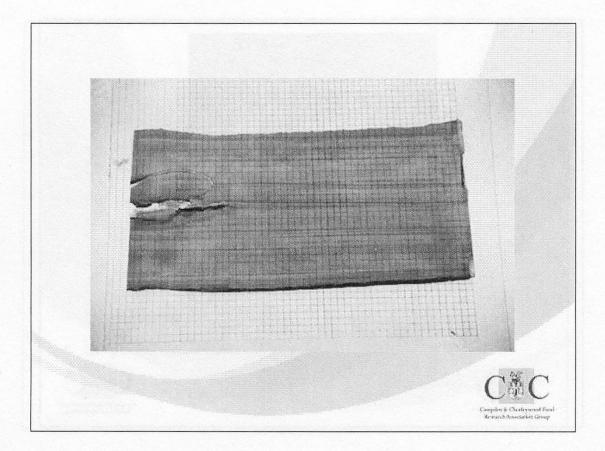
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absence of misalignment in equipment and pipe connections	10010	1																									
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absence of O-rings in contact with food product																											
absence of screw threads in contact with food product																											
radius of corners $\geq 3 \text{ mm}$																											
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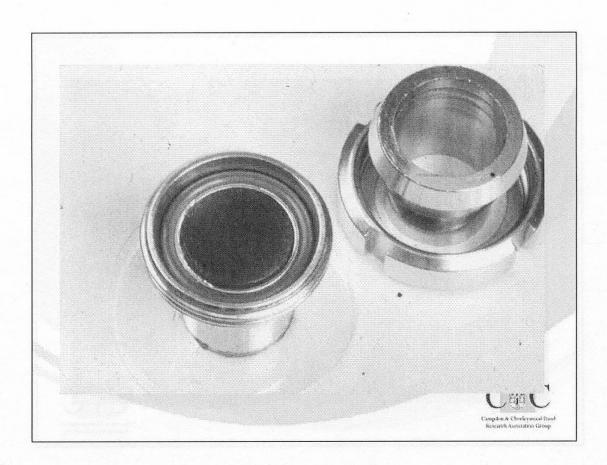


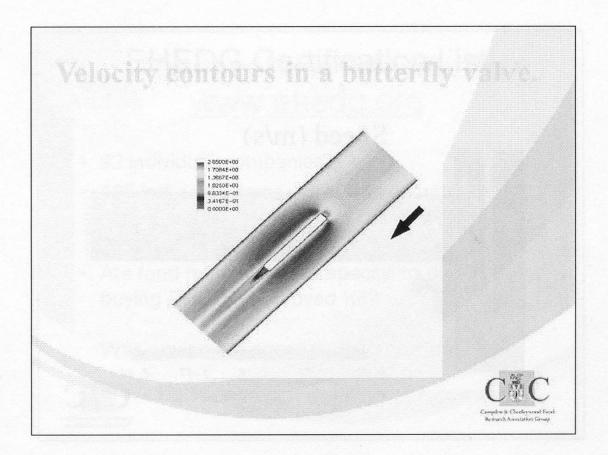


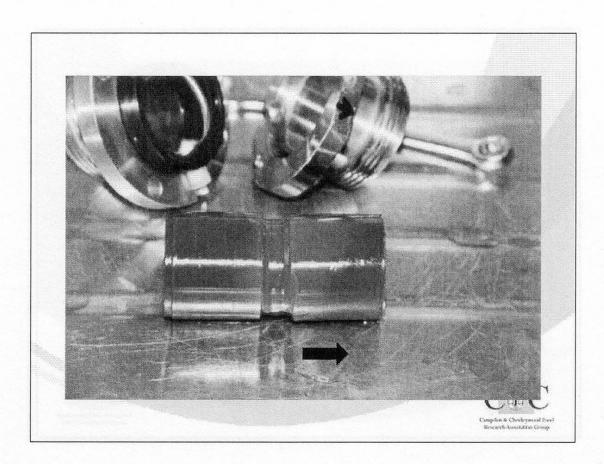


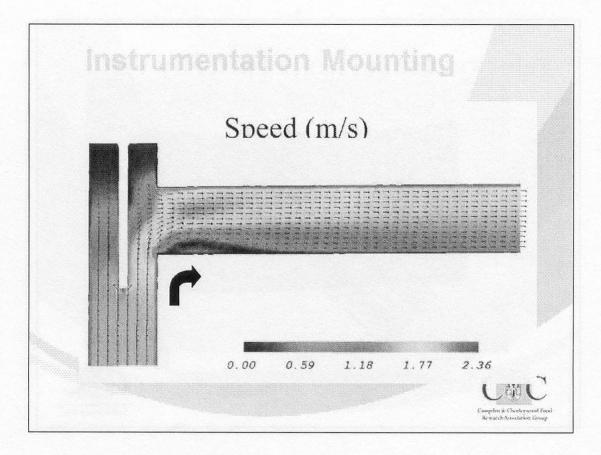






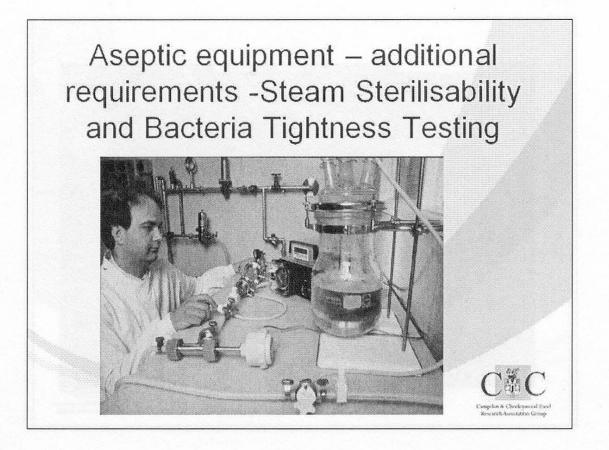


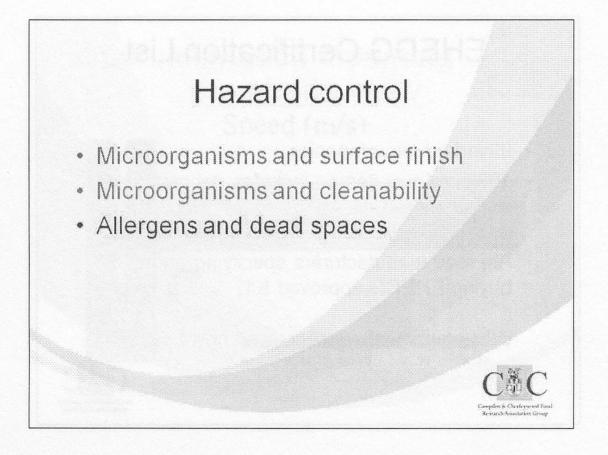


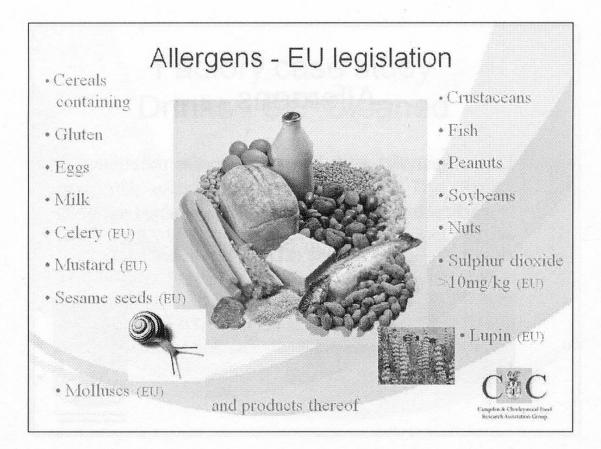


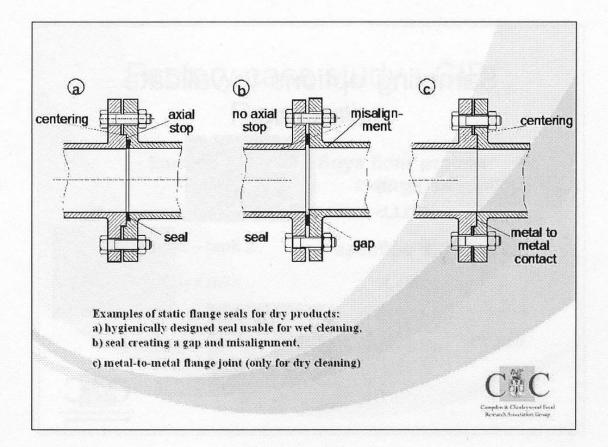


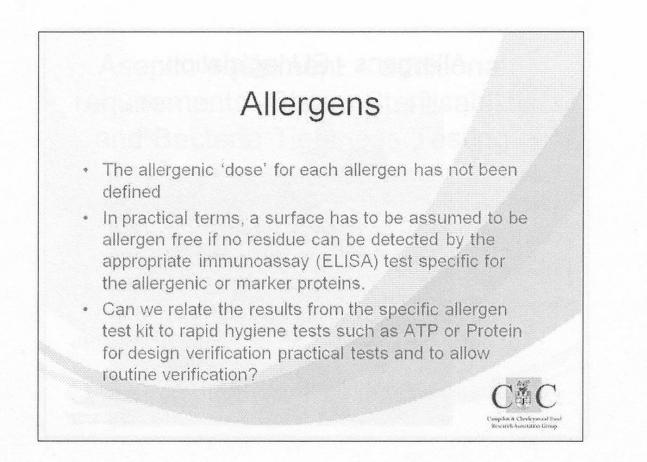


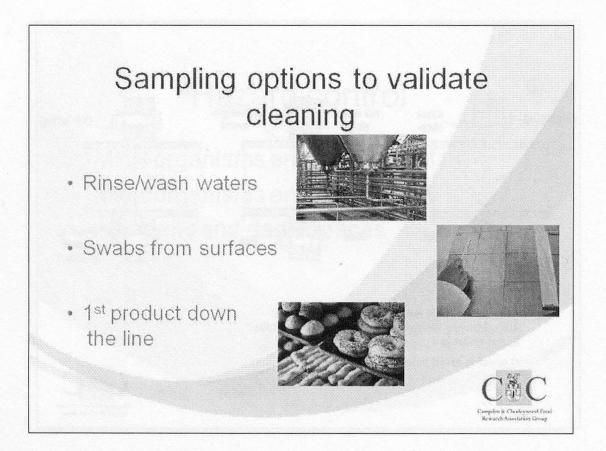


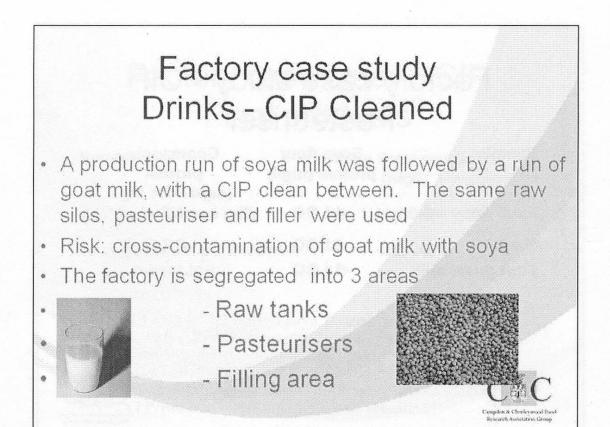


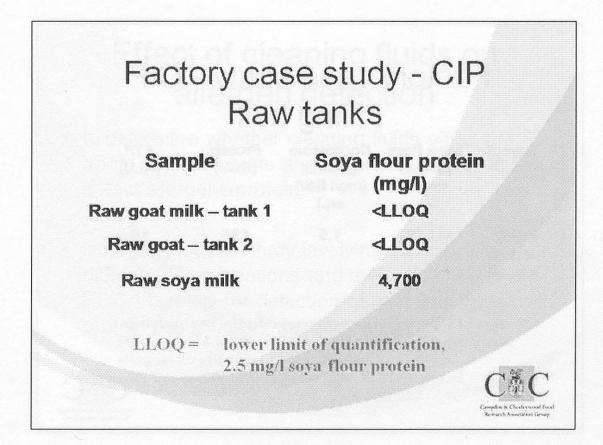




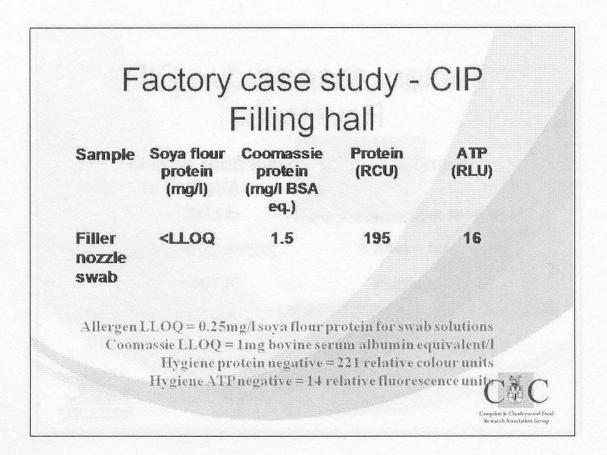




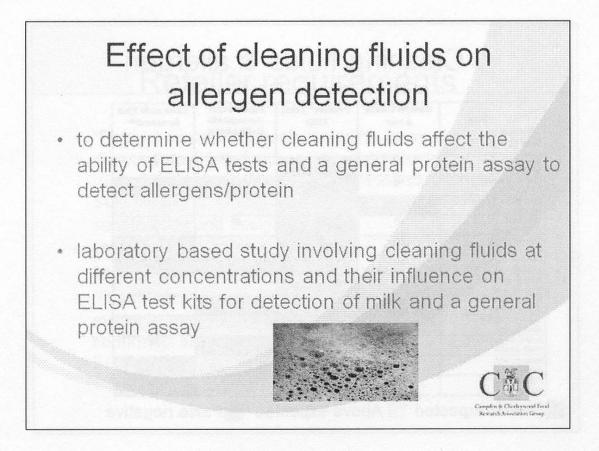




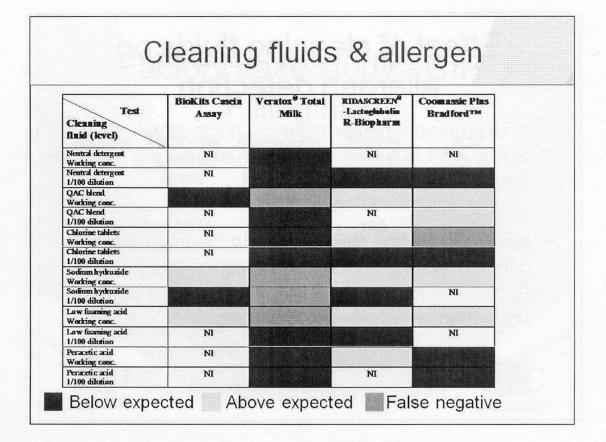
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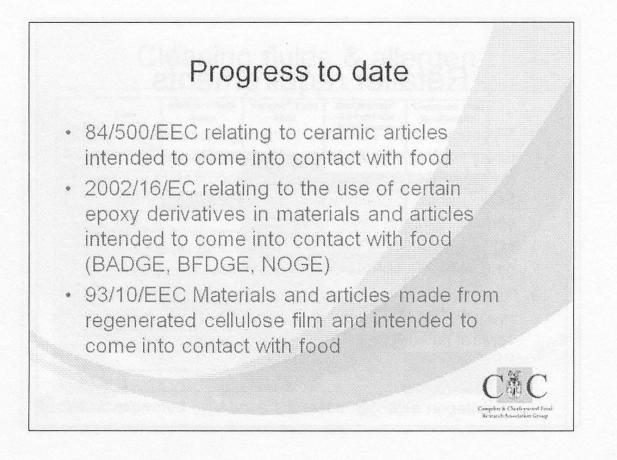
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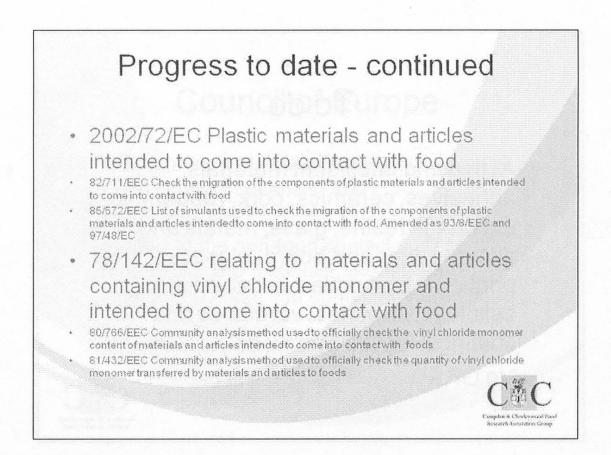


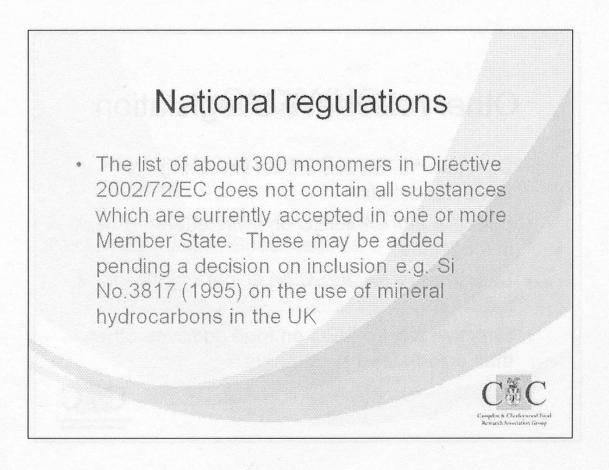


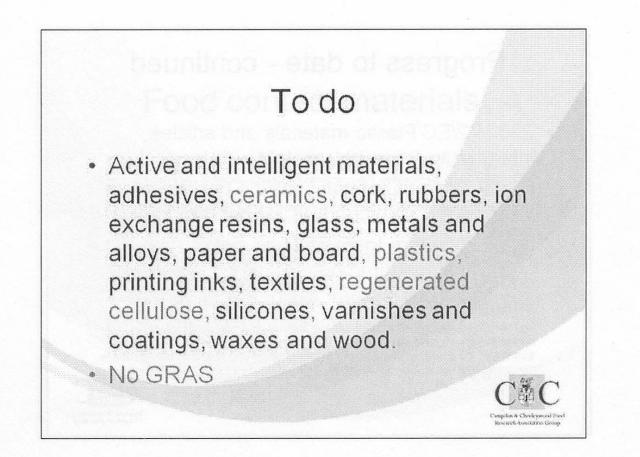


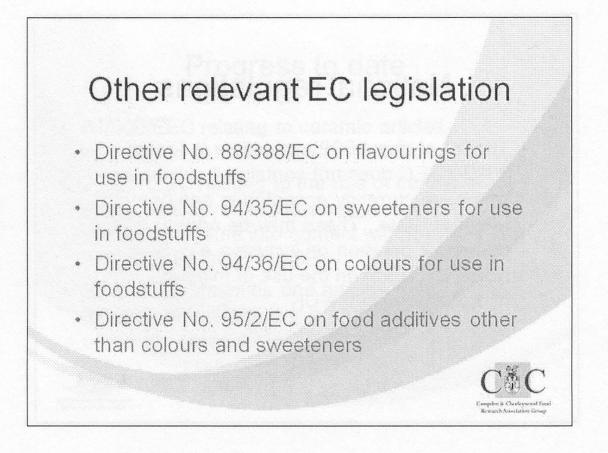


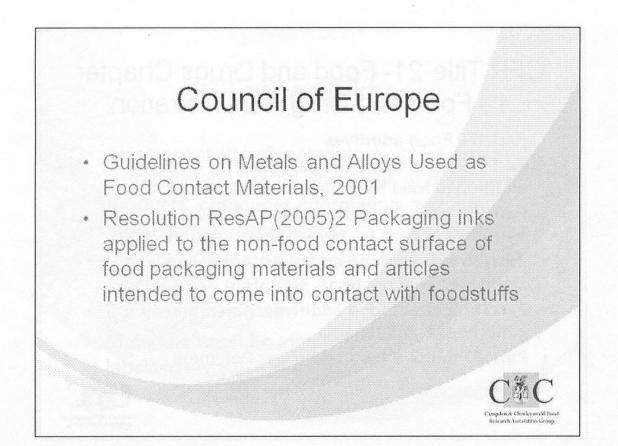


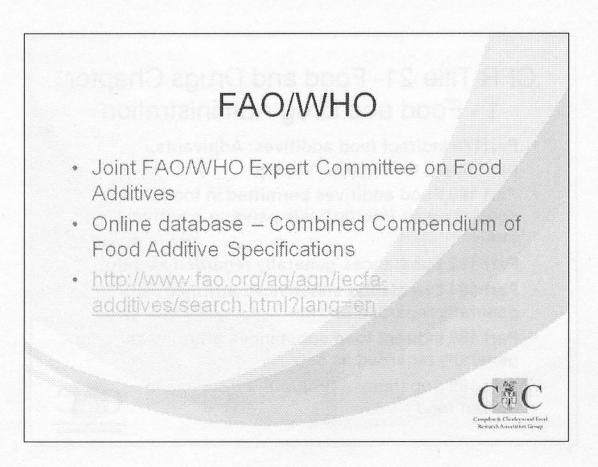


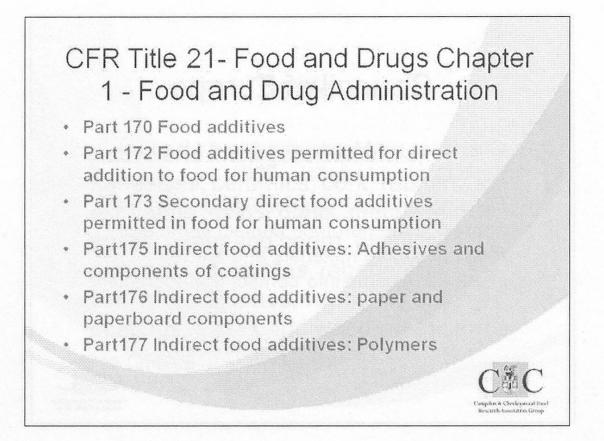


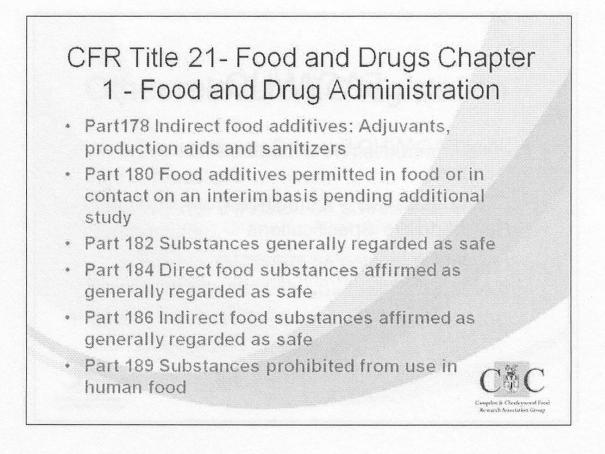












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