

STANDARD DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (DOI) FORM

Definitions:

“**Activity**” or “**Activities**” (capitalised ‘A’) means an activity or activities of or under the the Group of Chief Scientific Advisors for instance in its formation as Coordination Group or in sub-groups, or that or those in relation thereto.

"**Conflict of interest**" means any situation where an individual has an interest that may compromise or be reasonably perceived to compromise the individual’s capacity to act independently and in the public interest when providing advice to the Commission in relation to Activities performed.

"**Immediate family member**" means the individual’s spouse, children and parents. "Spouse" includes a partner with whom the individual has a registered non marital regime. "Children" means the child(ren) the individual and the spouse have in common, the own child(ren) of the individual and the own child(ren) of the spouse.

"**Legal entity**" means any commercial business, industry association, consultancy, research institution or other enterprise whose funding is significantly derived from commercial sources. It also includes independent own commercial businesses, law offices, consultancies or similar.

"**Body**" means a governmental, international or non-profit organisation.

"**Meeting**" includes a series or cycle of meetings.

Please answer each of the questions below. If the answer to any of the questions is "yes", please briefly describe relevant interests and circumstances, as appropriate.

If you do not describe relevant interests and your DOI form is considered to be incomplete, or if declared interests are considered to constitute a Conflict of Interest, you may be excluded from all or part of the Activities.

First name: Richard

Family name: Thompson

Date: 06/03/20

Description of the Activity: SAPEA Biodegradability of Plastics expert group

	Within the past 5 years, were you employed or have you had any other professional relationship with a natural or legal entity, or held any non-remunerated post in a legal entity or other body with an interest in the field of the Activity in question?	yes	
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I have been employed by the University of Plymouth since 2001. Much of my work since then has been on the topic of microplastics. I have received funding to research this topic from a variety of governmental and non governmental organisations and have several active projects on this topic. I have acted as an advisor, both paid and un paid, to government and non governmental organisations. I have several ongoing projects with government and non governmental organisations including NERC, and Defra.

<i>1a</i>	<i>Employment</i>	<p>Research is part of my job description and I conduct research on microplastics and degradability of plastics</p> <p>I do not consider this creates any conflict of interests</p>	
<i>1b</i>	<i>Consultancy, including services as an advisor</i>	<p>I have advised a number of international working groups including GESAMP, SAPEA, UN</p> <p>I do not consider these activities create any conflict of interests</p>	

<i>Ic</i>	<i>Non-remunerated post</i>	<p>I have advised a number of international working groups including GESAMP, SAPEA, UN. I have also advised companies and trade organisations including Plastics Europe, British plastics Federation, Coca-Cola</p> <p>I do not consider these activities create any conflict of interests</p>	
<i>Id</i>	<i>Legal representation</i>	<p>I have advised a number of bodies as an expert scientific advisor e.g. the UK Environmental Audit Committee</p> <p>I do not consider these activities create any conflict of interests</p>	

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2 MEMBERSHIP OF MANAGING BODY, SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BODY OR EQUIVALENT STRUCTURE

	Within the past 5 years, have you participated in the internal decision-making of a legal entity or other body with an interest in the field of Activities in question or have you participated in the works of a Scientific Advisory Body with voting rights on the outputs of that entity?
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Both - I have worked with legal entities on this topic but I do not have voting rights in those legal entities. I do not consider these activities create any conflict of interests

<i>2a</i>	<i>Participation in a decision-making process</i>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>2b</i>	<i>Participation in the work of a Scientific Advisory Body</i>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Time period (from... until month/year)</i>	<i>Name of legal entity or body</i>	<i>Description</i>
Expert Scientific Advisor	2019	SAPEA microplastics workign group	Provide expert scientific advice on microplastics
Expert Scientific Advisor	2011-present	GESAMP	Provide expert scientific advice on microplastics
Expert Scientific Advisor	2010-present	UK Government and EU MSFD	Provide expert scientific advice on microplastics

3 RESEARCH SUPPORT

	Within the past 5 years, have you, or the research entity (institute or department) to which you belong, received any support from a legal entity or other body with an interest in the field of Activities in question?	yes	
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3a	<i>Research support, including grants, rents, sponsorships, fellowships, non-monetary support</i>	X	
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<i>Activity</i>	<i>Time period (from... until month/year)</i>	<i>Name of legal entity or body</i>	<i>Description</i>
Investigating the sources and pathways of synthetic fibre and vehicle tyre wear contamination into the marine environment	2018 – 2019	DEFRA	Quantify the sources and pathways of synthetic fibre and vehicle tyre wear contamination into the marine environment
Current and future effects of microplastics on marine ecosystems (the MINIMISE project).	2019 - 2022	Directed Strategic Highlights Topic scheme of the UK Natural Environment Research Council	This project combines world leading expertise in marine litter and the ecological consequences of anthropogenic activities with cutting edge technologies to deliver new knowledge of the risks posed by microplastics. Research activities in this developing field have been patchy and fragmented and by bringing them

			together into a cohesive project we will deliver a step change in understanding.
Real Risk Nano Project- Distinguishing the realistic environmental risks of nanoplastics by investigating fate and toxicology in real-world scenarios (RealRiskNano)	2015-2019	Directed Strategic Highlights Topic scheme of the UK Natural Environment Research Council	Investigation of how toxic substances associate with microorg-agglomerates and influence where nanoplastics accumulate within test marine environments (mesocosms) and whether the toxic substances are released to fish.

4 FINANCIAL INTERESTS

	Do you have current investments in a legal entity with an interest in the field of Activities in question, including holding of stocks and shares, and which amounts to more than 10,000 EUR per legal entity or entitling you to a voting right of 5% or more in such legal entity?		no
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4a	Shares		x
4b	Other stock		x

<i>Investment</i>	<i>Name of legal entity</i>	<i>Description</i>
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5 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

	Do you have any intellectual property rights that might be affected by the outcome of the Activities in question?		no
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<i>5a</i>	<i>Patent, trademarks, or copyrights</i>		X
<i>5b</i>	<i>Others</i>		X

<i>Intellectual property</i>	<i>Description</i>

6 PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND POSITIONS

	<i>Within the past 5 years, have you provided any expert opinion or testimony in the field of Activities in question, for a legal entity or other body as part of a regulatory, legislative or judicial process? Within the past 5 years have you held an office or other position, paid or unpaid, where you represented interests or defended a public statement or position in the field of Activities in question?</i>	yes	
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6a	For a legal entity or other body as part of a regulatory, legislative or judicial process	X	
6b	Represented interests or defended an opinion		X

I have provided evidence to UK Parliament Environmental Audit Committee on a) micropalstics and b) sustainable fashion - I do not consider these activities create any conflict of interests

Activity	Time period (from... until month/year)	Name of legal entity or body	Description
Opinion contained within many published reports on Microplastics?	See publication list on website link	Various publishing houses and grey literature (UN GESAMP etc.)	Abstracts freely available.

I do not consider these activities create any conflict of interests

7 INTERESTS OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS **yes** **no**

7a	To your knowledge, are there any interests of your immediate family members which could be seen as undermining your independence when providing advice to the Commission in the field of the Activities in question?		X
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<i>Interests</i>	<i>Time period (from... until month/year)</i>	<i>Name of legal entity or body</i>	<i>Description</i>

7b	<i>If interests of your immediate family members are declared, it is your responsibility to inform them about the collection and publication of information on their interests included in the DOI and to provide them with the privacy statement attached to the guidance for filling in this DOI, and this at the latest when you file the DOI form with the Commission.</i>
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8 OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION **yes** **no**

8a	Are there any other elements that could be seen as undermining your independence when providing advice to the Commission in the field of the Activities in question?		X
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Description:

I hereby declare on my honour that I have read the guidance for completing this form. I also declare on my honour that the information disclosed in this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Should there be any change to the above information, including as regards upcoming activities, I will promptly notify the competent department or entity and complete a new DOI form describing the changes in question.

I am informed that my personal data are stored, processed and published in accordance the applicable data protection legislation.

Date: 13/3/20_____

Signature: _____

