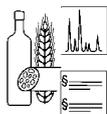


# ARBEITSGRUPPE "BEDARFSGEGENSTÄNDE"



in der LEBENSMITTELCHEMISCHEN GESELLSCHAFT  
Fachgruppe in der GESELLSCHAFT DEUTSCHER CHEMIKER



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The working group "BEDARFSGEGENSTÄNDE" is a committee in the LEBENSMITTELCHEMISCHEN GESELLSCHAFT, dealing with issues of the composition and analysis of commodities. **Commodities**, as defined in the German Law Lebensmittel- und Bedarfsgegenständegesetz (LMBG) are:

## COMMODITIES

commodities with food contact	commodities with body contact	toys and joke articles	detergents

The field of commodities includes a very large spectrum of differently composed matrices (e.g. glassware, ceramics, wood, metal, leather, textiles, plastics like PE, PP, PA, PES, PVC and chemicals) - **meaning an analytical challenge.**

**Complex legal regulations:**  
Assessments concerning health and consumer risks have to take European and national law into consideration (e.g. foodstuff, chemical and product safety law).

The working group is a neutral **committee**, who offers expert advice to manufacturers, commerce and official services. Recently there are 42 members (18 active, 24 corresponding). The **members** are chemists and food chemists from:

- Manufactures	- Commerce	- University	- Governmental Services	- Independent private laboratories	- Official laboratories
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## TASKS and ACTIVITIES

<p>Expert advice to governmental authorities</p> <p>Collaboration with other national and international expert committees (DIN, CEN....)</p> <p>Commentation of national and European legislation</p>	<p>Development of analytical methods for the examination of commodities, including proficiency tests and ringtrials</p> <p>Discussion of recent issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- analytical</li> <li>- informative</li> </ul>	<p>Public relations work:</p> <p>informative events</p> <p>publications</p> <p>statements to special issues</p>
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Recent analytical issues:

- Azo-dyes and PCP in textiles and leather
- nickel release from metal articles with skin contact

Recent discussion topics:

- spread of contact allergies (e.g. nickel, isothiazolinone)
- esters of phthalic acid in toys
- legislation for commodities in Austria and Switzerland

informative events up to now:

- commodities with body contact (1996 and 2003)
- commodities with food contact (2000)
- detergents (1998)
- toys and joke articles (2005)

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Do you have questions?  
You are welcome!