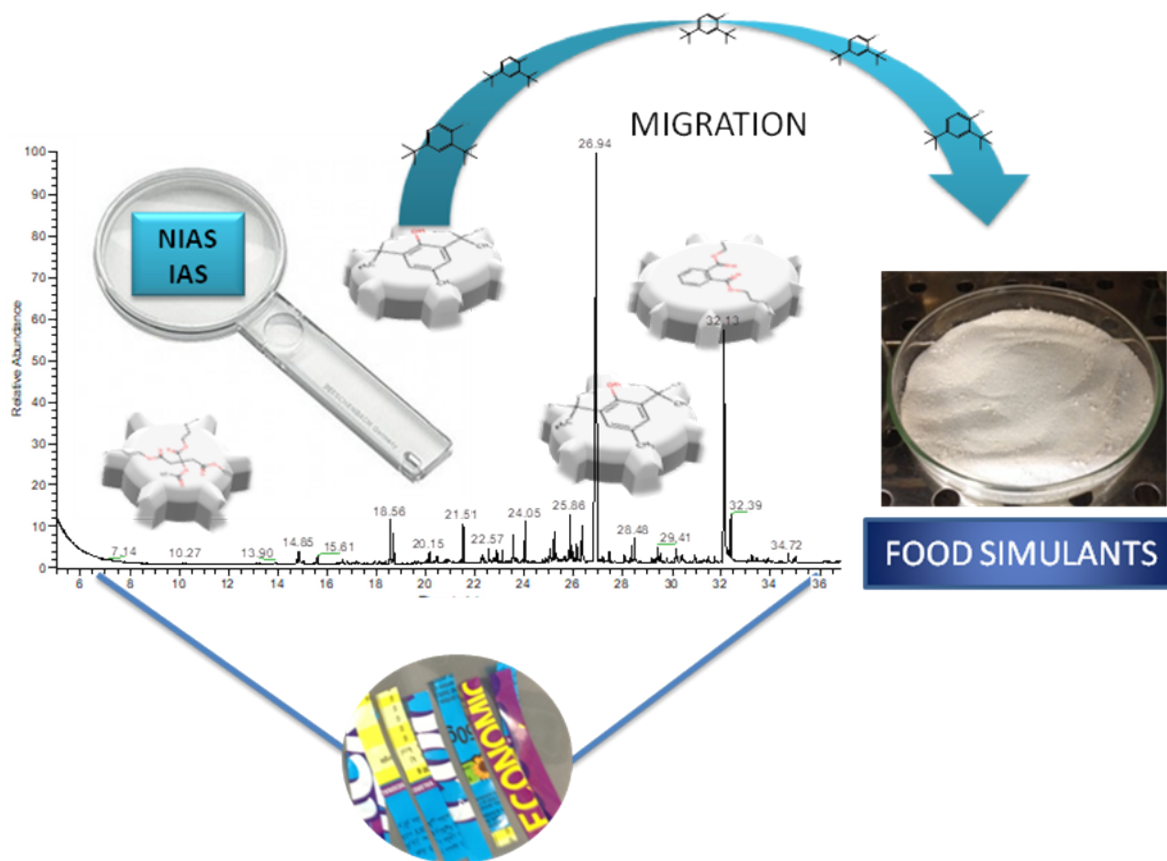


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PLASTIC MATERIALS

1 **NON-TARGET ANALYSIS OF INTENTIONALLY AND NON INTENTIONALLY ADDED**
2 **SUBSTANCES FROM PLASTIC PACKAGING MATERIALS AND THEIR MIGRATION INTO**
3 **FOOD SIMULANTS**

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26 **ABSTRACT**

27 A wide variety of compounds are used in the manufacture of plastic materials; however, some
28 of them have the potential to migrate in food products.

29 The main objective of this work was the identification of potential migrants in plastic
30 packaging materials and their migration into food simulants. For this purpose, a total of twelve
31 plastic packaging materials were analyzed using purge and trap (P&T) coupled to GC-MS for
32 volatile compounds and GC-MS for semivolatile compounds after extraction with organic solvents.

33 A qualitative migration tests were carried out using tenax and isooctane and the migrants were
34 analyzed by GC-MS. About 100 different organic compounds were detected in plastic materials. Of
35 these, 27 compounds migrated into tenax and/or isooctane. In general, migration occurs to a larger
36 extent in tenax than in isooctane. Moreover, most of detected compounds in plastic samples are not
37 included in the Commission Regulation (EU) No. 10/2011 on plastic materials and articles intended
38 to come into contact with food.

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40 **Keywords:** volatile compounds; semivolatile compounds; migration; food simulants

41 1. Introduction

42 Plastic materials are widely used in food packaging applications for their excellent properties.
43 Polymers most widely used in this application include polyethylene (PE), polyethylene
44 terephthalate (PET), polypropylene (PP), polyamide (PA), polystyrene (PS), ethylene vinyl alcohol
45 (EVOH), polyvinylidene chloride (PVDC), polyvinyl chloride (PVC), ethylene vinyl acetate (EVA)
46 and polycarbonate (PC). The mentioned polymers are also used ~~too~~ to produce multilayer materials
47 (Hoppe, de Voogt, & Franz, 2016). Multilayer materials are commonly used in food packaging
48 industry. These materials are produced by combination of various types of plastic and or non-plastic
49 materials (e.g., aluminum foil and paper, among others) with adhesives. Most commonly used
50 adhesives in the manufacturing of multilayer food packaging are polyurethane and acrylic or
51 acrylate based adhesives. The final properties of these materials are a combination of individual
52 material properties, which allows improving the performance of packaging materials (Clemente,
53 Aznar, Nerín, & Bosetti, 2016).

54 Packaging provides physical protection and extends the shelf life of foods, however when
55 packaging comes in contact with food, components from the packaging materials can migrate into
56 the food. there is the possibility that constituents from the same are transferred to the packaged
57 food. In fact, packaging materials contain chemical compounds that potentially can migrate into the
58 foodstuffs; ~~These substances could include authorized substances e.g. residual monomers, starting~~
59 ~~substances as well additives used to improve the properties of materials. Furthermore, may migrate~~
60 ~~the so called “non intentionally added substances” or (NIAS). from packaging material into the~~
61 ~~packaged food.~~ In Europe the substances authorized are included in Regulation N° 10/2011 which
62 contains the list of monomers, starting substances and additives allowed to be used in the
63 manufacture of plastics as well as the list of simulants and the assay conditions to be used for
64 testing migration. of constituents of plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with
65 foodstuffs. The same Regulation defines NIAS as “any impurities in the substance used or reaction
66 intermediates formed during the production process or decomposition or reaction products”. These

67 substances are not included in the union list, however the safety of NIAS has to be assessed
68 (Commission Regulation (EU) No 10/2011).

69 ~~The presence of NIAS in packaged food could be the result of the impurities present in the raw~~
70 ~~materials used for their production but one of the most frequent pathway to NIAS formation is~~
71 ~~degradation processes (Dąrowska, Borez, & Nawrocki, 2003; Kim et al., 2015). For example,~~
72 ~~during PET manufacturing, several degradation and decomposition reactions can occur. High~~
73 ~~temperatures and the presence of oxygen in the PET can promote reactions generating numerous~~
74 ~~NIAS in the polymer (Kassouf, Maalouly, Chebib, Rutledge, & Dueruet, 2013). In recent years the~~
75 ~~concern about the risk of NIAS is increasing. Over 50% of compounds migrating from food contact~~
76 ~~materials are NIAS (Bach et al., 2013; Grob, Biedermann, Scherbaum, Roth, & Rieger, 2006). From~~
77 the toxicological point of view, particular attention have received low molecular substances,
78 ~~including also NIAS~~, given that it is generally accepted that substances with molecular weight over
79 1000 Da are not absorbed by the gastro-intestinal tract (European Food Safety Authority, 2008).

80 ~~Several analytical techniques have been used for the determination of potential migrants in~~
81 ~~packaging materials used target and non target methodologies.~~ The application of mass
82 spectrometry (MS) in combination with gas chromatography (GC) or liquid chromatography (LC)
83 has been well recognized for both quantification and semi-quantitative screening of food packaging
84 materials. GC is suitable for semi-volatile substances, whereas compounds that are thermally
85 instable, non- or highly volatile should be analyzed by LC (Bradley & Coulier, 2007; Lahimer,
86 Ayed, Horriche, & Belgaied, 2013; Nerin, Alfaro, Aznar, & Domeño, 2013; Simal-Gándara,
87 Damant, & Castle, 2002).

88 GC-MS coupled to headspace by solid-phase microextraction (HS-SPME) or combined with a
89 purge & trap (P&T) system have shown to be efficient techniques for screening of volatile
90 compounds in food contact materials (Nerin, Canellas, Aznar, & Silcock, 2009; Skjevrak et al.
91 2005). More sophisticated technologies such as comprehensive two-dimensional gas

92 chromatography has also been successfully applied in the analysis of food packaging materials
93 (Biedermann, Castillo, Riquet, & Grob, 2014; Biedermann, & Grob, 2013).

94 Other techniques such as pyrolysis–GC coupled to mass spectrometry has also been used for
95 compositional analysis of polymers (Rial-Otero, Galesio, Capelo, & Simal-Gándara, 2009).

96 ~~Gas chromatography mass spectrometry (GC-MS) has been applied successfully for the screening~~
97 ~~and the identification of potential migrants from films and adhesives as well as for quantitative~~
98 ~~analysis of migration into food simulants. Rothenbacher & Schwack (2009) developed a GC-MS~~
99 ~~method for the screening in resins, foils, and multilayer foils intended for the production of food~~
100 ~~packaging. Toxicological evaluation of the 46 identified compounds was also realized. GC-MS~~
101 ~~coupled to headspace by solid-phase microextraction (HS-SPME) is another technique selected for~~
102 ~~its high sensitivity for the screening of volatile compounds coming from adhesives used in~~
103 ~~packaging materials (Nerin, Canellas, Aznar, & Silcock, 2009).~~

104 ~~Other technique that can trap and analyze simultaneously the vapor emitted from the plastic is the~~
105 ~~purge & trap (P&T) system coupled with a GC-MS. This system allows the identification and~~
106 ~~quantification of compounds that arriving at the MS detector. Skjevrak et al. (2005) used Purge-~~
107 ~~and trap (P&T) combined with GC-MS (P&T-GC/MS) and solid phase extraction (SPE)-GC/MS~~
108 ~~for the analysis of volatile and semi-volatile compounds originated from four type of plastic~~
109 ~~articles. Most migrants were NIAS or compounds originated from non-plastic components, such as~~
110 ~~printing inks, adhesives, not-listed additives, solvents and coatings.~~

111 ~~Advances in analytical instrumentation have allowed to address the challenging task to identify~~
112 ~~unknowns. High resolution mass spectrometry techniques such as Time of Flight (TOF) and~~
113 ~~Orbitrap have been effectively applied for this purpose (Isella, Canellas, Bosetti, & Nerin, 2013;~~
114 ~~Cherta et al., 2015; Vaclavikova et al., 2016).~~

115 ~~the use of new technologies to identify target and non-target compounds such as Time of Flight~~
116 ~~(TOF) mass spectrometry, which provides the sensitivity and selectivity required for the analysis of~~
117 ~~compounds with an accurate mass analysis. Ultra-high performance liquid chromatography–~~

118 quadrupole time-of-flight mass spectrometry (UPLC-Q-TOF/MS) has been proved to be a powerful
119 technique to identify NIAS from polyurethane adhesives (Isella, Canellas, Bosetti, & Nerin, 2013).
120 In the same way the identification of unknown substances capable to migrate from plastic materials
121 to food simulants was performed using the combination of two analytical techniques (GC-
122 (EI)TOF/MS) and GC-(APCI)QTOF/MS, which allowed the confirmation of the identity of 8
123 migrants (Cherta et al., 2015). Recent developments have let that polymers and solid food simulants
124 can be analyzed by direct thermal desorption techniques, in which the extraction steps can be
125 avoided. These techniques include direct analysis in-real-time (DART) MS (Ackerman, Noonan, &
126 Begley, 2009; Lago & Ackerman, 2016), desorption electrospray ionization (DESI) MS (Venter,
127 Nefliu, & Cooks, 2008) and atmospheric solids analysis probe (ASAP) MS (Barrere, Maire,
128 Afonso, & Giusti, 2012).

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130 In this work an approach based on purge and trap and MS (P&T-GC/MS) and an extraction with
131 organic solvents followed by a GC-MS analysis for the determination of volatile and semi-volatile
132 Intentionally added substances (IAS) and non-intentionally added substances (NIAS) in plastic
133 packaging materials is proposed. This methodology could be a valuable screening tool and be used
134 as a first step in identifying potential migrants for compliance with food contact materials
135 legislation. Additionally, migration tests were performed using Tenax and isooctane as food
136 simulants.~~In this work a GC-MS and purge and trap (P&T-GC/MS) method was developed for the~~
137 ~~determination of volatile compounds in twelve different plastic food packaging samples. In~~
138 ~~addition, the semi-volatile compounds were analyzed by GC-MS after an extraction with organic~~
139 ~~solvents. Migration tests were performed with the aim of identifying the semi-volatile compounds~~
140 ~~capable to migrate from plastic materials into food simulants Tenax and isooctane.~~

141 2. Materials and methods

142 2.1. Chemicals and analytical standards

143 Analytical standards of butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT) 99% (CAS: 128-37-0), tributyl acetyl
144 citrate (ATBC) 99% (CAS: 77-90-7), bis(2-ethylhexyl) adipate (CAS: 103-23-1), bis (2-
145 ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP) 99% (CAS: 117-81-7) were purchased by Fluka (Steinheim,
146 Germany).

147 Caprolactam (CAS: 105-60-2), diethyl phthalate (DEP) 99.5 %, (CAS: 84-66-2), erucamide (CAS:
148 112-84-5), toluene 2,6-diisocyanate 97% (CAS: 91-08-7), benzophenone 99%, internal standard
149 methyl myristate (CAS: 124-10-7), saturated alkane standard mixture C₇-C₃₀ (1000 µg/mL each
150 component in hexane) and polyoxide 2,6-diphenyl-p-phenylene TA (Tenax), 80-100 mesh were
151 purchased from Sigma Aldrich (Schnelldorf, Germany). Toluene 2,4 diisocyanate (584-84-9) from
152 Merck (Darmstadt, Germany).

153 All chemicals were of analytical grade. Acetonitrile (ACN), ethanol, methanol, acetone and
154 isooctane were from Merck (Darmstadt, Germany). Purified water (Type I) was obtained from an
155 Autwomatic Plus purification system (Wasserlab, Navarra, Spain).

156 2.2. Samples

157 Twelve samples of plastic films (with and without printing ink)- intended to come into contact with
158 food not yet in contact with food (six samples purchased in Quito-Ecuador and six samples
159 purchased in Spain) were independently studied during the investigation of organic compounds.

160 Details of packaging samples are listed in Table 1.

161 2.3. Sample Treatment (Screening)

162 The organic compounds originated from the plastic material, were extracted from slices of plastic
163 material (approx. 1 g, 1.58 dm²) by purging an inert gas (Helium at 40 mL/min) through the sample
164 (heated at 60°C) during 20 minutes. Purged sample components are trapped in a tube containing a
165 suitable sorbent material (Vocarb 3000 Trap). When purging is completed, the trap is heated

166 (250°C) and back flushed with Helium (400 mL/min during 2 min) to desorb the trapped sample
167 components into the GC column. Components eluting from the GC column are identified by MS.

168 A liquid extraction was also performed with plastic samples. Acetonitrile was selected as extraction
169 solvent due to its extraction power. ~~For this purpose an~~ An area of 0.8 dm² (0.7 g) was cut from
170 each packaging material and analysed separately. Each specimen was then cut in ~~layers,~~ pieces put
171 in a glass container and extracted with 25 mL of acetonitrile for 24 h at 70 °C, after been
172 hermetically closed. An aliquot of the extract (10 mL) was then removed and evaporated under
173 nitrogen stream (RapidVap Vertex Evaporator, Labconco) up to less than 1 mL. Subsequently, to a
174 1-mL volumetric flask was added 50 µL of the internal standard methyl miristate (100 mg/L) and the
175 volume was made up with the final extract (evaporated).

176 Cramer rules were used to estimate the toxicity of identified compounds. An open source
177 application called Toxtree v2.6.13 (Ideacon Ltd.) was used for this purpose (Toxtree v2.6.13,
178 2015). The decision tree allows classifying chemical compounds into three structural classes mainly
179 on the basis of chemical structure and reactivity. Class I (low toxicity): For substances with simple
180 chemical structures and efficient modes of metabolism; Class II (intermediate toxicity) for
181 substances that may suggest significant toxicity or have reactive functional groups and substances
182 of a chemical structure that permit no strong initial impression of safety and may even suggest a
183 significant toxicity are classified in Class III (high toxicity) (Lapenna & Worth, 2011; Patlewicz,
184 Jeliaskova, Safford, Worth, & Aleksiev, 2008).

185 *2.4. Qualitative Migration Test*

186 Migration test were carried out using two simulants. Isooctane and Tenax® . All migration
187 experiments were done in duplicate.

188 For migration test performed with Tenax, 0.13 dm² of each laminate (the side in contact with food)
189 were placed in a petri dish and covered with 0.52 g of Tenax (4 g Tenax per dm² laminate) (UNE-
190 EN-14338, 2004) which had been previously cleaned with acetone in a Soxhlet extraction for 6 h
191 and dried into the oven for other 6 h at 160°C.

192 Petri dishes were wrapped by aluminium foil carefully and stored at 60°C during 10 days. Two
193 independent replicates of each packaging material were analyzed. After this period Tenax was
194 extracted two consecutive times using acetone (10 mL every time) through manual shaking for 1
195 min and ultrasonic bath for 15 min. The samples were then centrifuged (5 min, 2°C at 2000 rpm).
196 The recovered acetone was concentrated under nitrogen stream (RapidVap Vertex Evaporator,
197 Labconco) to approx. 1 mL and transferred to a 1mL volumetric flask with 50 µl of the internal
198 standard methyl miristate (100 mg/L) and analyzed by GC-MS with the same method used for the
199 screening and identification of semivolatile compounds. Blank samples of tenax (without plastic
200 material) were placed in the oven in the same conditions of test specimens.

201 For migration tests carried out with isooctane, 0.08 dm² of each plastic films were place in contact
202 with 8 mL of pre-warmed isooctane (100 mL simulant per dm² laminate) (UNE-EN 1186-1, 2002)
203 using a glass cell that exposes only one side of the material to the simulant. Two replicates of each
204 packaging material were prepared. The samples were stored at 20°C for 2 days. After this period the
205 simulant was removed and concentrated under nitrogen stream (RapidVap Vertex Evaporator,
206 Labconco) up to less than 1 mL. Then, to a 1-mL volumetric flask was added 50 µl of the internal
207 standard methyl miristate (100 mg/L) and the volume was made up with the final extract to approx.
208 1 mL and transferred to a 1 mL volumetric flask with 50 µl of the internal standard methyl miristate
209 (100 mg/L) and analyzed by GC-MS with the same method used for the screening and identification
210 of semivolatile compounds. Blank samples (without plastic samples) undergo the same migration
211 procedure same treatment as regular samples

212 2.5. Instrumentation

213 2.5.1. Purge and Tramp- GC-MS analysis

214 A Stratum Purge and Trap (P&T) instrument (Teledyne, Tekmar) with automatic sample heater
215 coupled in line with a Finnigan Trace GC ultra chromatograph with a Trace DSQ mass detector
216 (Thermo Scientific) and a TriPlus AS autosampler were used for the analysis of volatile
217 compounds. The purge and trap conditions are presented in Table 2.

218 The column used for separation in GC/MS analysis was a ZB-624 (30 m x 0.25 mm x 1.40 μm)
219 from Phenomenex® (Torrance, CA, USA), with the following oven program: 35 °C during 4 min,
220 then 210°C at 5 °C/min with a holding time of 5 min. Helium was used as carrier gas with a flow
221 rate of 1 mL/min. The temperature of injector inlet and transfer line of the detector was 200 and 250
222 °C respectively. The mass spectra were also obtained using a mass-selective detector under electron
223 impact ionization and data acquisition was done in full scan mode (range: 20-400 m/z).
224 Before the analysis of each sample, blank runs were obtained to check the likely contamination.
225 Xcalibur 3.0.63 software (Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc) was used to process peak areas. The
226 identification was carried out by using the NIST/EPA/NIH 11 Mass spectral library (version 2.0)
227 and Wiley Registry™ 8th edition.

228 2.5.2. GC-MS analysis (liquid extraction)

229 A Thermo Scientific Trace 1300 Series Gas Chromatograph (Thermo Fisher Scientific, San José,
230 CA, USA) with a Trace ISQ LT mass detector and an AI 1310 automatic injector was used to
231 perform GC analysis of semivolatile compounds. The separation was performed on a ZB-5MS (30
232 m x 0.25 mm x 0.25 μm) column from Phenomenex ® (Torrance, CA, USA). An unpacked liner
233 was used. Helium was used as carrier gas with a flow rate of 1 mL/min and the temperature of
234 injector inlet and transfer line of the detector was set 300 °C. Injection was performed in a splitless
235 mode, the splitless period was 1 min and the injection volume was 1 μL . The oven temperature was
236 programmed as follows: 50°C for 3.00 min, then 300°C at 8°C/min, with a holding time of 3 min.
237 The mass spectra were obtained using a mass-selective detector under electron impact ionization at
238 a voltage of 70 eV and data acquisition was done in full scan mode over a range of 40-500 m/z .
239 Xcalibur 3.0.63 software (Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc) was used to process peak areas. The
240 identification was carried out by using the NIST/EPA/NIH 11 Mass spectral library (version 2.0)
241 and Wiley Registry™ 8th edition.

242 2.6. FT-IR

243 Infrared spectra were acquired using an ATR-FTIR spectrometer (FT-IR 4700, Jasco, Japan) with
244 an optical element of diamond in the range from 4.000 to 650 cm⁻¹. ATR-FTIR spectrometer was
245 controlled by the software Spectra Manager™ Suite.

246 2.7. Film thickness measurement

247 The thickness of the plastic samples was determined using a manual digital micrometer (Mitutoyo-
248 Japan). Measurements were repeated in 3 different regions of each sample and then an average
249 value was calculated.

250 **3. Results and discussion**

251 3.1. Screening of organic compounds

252 First of all, the plastic materials used in this study were characterized by FTIR-ATR. External and
253 internal side of packaging materials were characterized by FTIR-ATR. The results shown that the
254 ~~external-internal~~ side of most materials were polyethylene, while on the outer side were found
255 different type of materials. For example, in sample 1EC the internal side corresponds to
256 polyethylene (PE) while the external side to polyethylene terephthalate PET. Details of the other
257 plastic films are shown in Table 1.

258 ~~On the other hand, t~~The GC-MS screening analysis of organic compounds of the plastic films
259 studied provided chromatograms with numerous peaks; an example is given in Figure 1.
260 Identification of compounds was performed comparing the mass spectra of the peak obtained in the
261 samples with that of the NIST/EPA/NIH 11 Mass spectral library (version 2.0) and Wiley
262 Registry™ 8th edition.

263 In the case of P&T technique parameters such as temperature and time of purge, sorption and
264 desorption steps were optimized. The ~~maximum number of detected compounds-highest number of~~
265 ~~peaks detected~~ as well as their relative abundance in tested samples was used as criteria in the
266 optimization of the method.

267 Volatile compounds with the best matches found during the library search are listed in Table 3.
268 Compounds with matching factors SI (direct matching factor for the unknown and the library
269 spectrum) and RSI (reverse search matching factor ignoring any peaks in the unknown that are not
270 in the library spectrum) in a value from 800 to 1000 were selected (900 or greater is an excellent
271 match; 800–900, a good match; and 700–800, a fair match).

272 More than 30 volatile compounds were detected including alkanes, cycloalkanes, alkenes,
273 aldehydes, alcohols, aromatic compounds, cyclic amides, phenolic compounds and phthalate esters.
274 Most of the compounds found are most likely to have come from broken polymeric chains (alkanes)
275 or monomers (alkenes). Alkanes are common components of polymers; they serve as raw materials
276 to produce plastics, fibres and rubbers. Alkenes are also used as starting compounds for several
277 additives and polymers.

278 More than 77% of the volatile compounds detected were alkanes being the predominant detected
279 compounds, especially in PE/PET films, followed by aldehydes (hexanal, octanal, nonanal), alkenes
280 such as dodec-1-ene, 2-octene, alcohols (1-tetradecanol) and aromatic compounds (benzene, 1,3-
281 bis(1,1-dimethylethyl)-). Phenolic compounds, such as the antioxidant butylated hydroxytoluene
282 (BHT) were detected in four samples (8ES, 10ES, 11ES and 12ES). Caprolactam was detected in
283 sample 2EC, while the plasticizer diethyl phthalate (DEP) was detected in sample 7ES. Only three
284 of the identified compounds listed in Table 3 have specific migration limits detailed in European
285 legislation: 1- dodecene, BHT and caprolactam. In this study, for semivolatile compounds a liquid
286 extraction ~~using~~ with temperature was investigated to leach out the chemical compounds from
287 plastics as a simple procedure for screening purposes. Thus, about 50 semivolatile compounds were
288 identified including citrates, phthalates, adipates, phosphates, alkanes, aldehydes, carboxylic acids,
289 alcohols, phenolic compounds, diisocyanates, fatty acids, cyclic amides, among others. Although
290 the identification of some compounds was not possible with the tools used in this work.

291 As well as volatile compounds, semivolatile compounds with the best matches found during the
292 library search are listed in Table 4. The analysis of available reference standards was performed in

293 order to confirm the identity of some compounds found in the samples. Thus, identity of 21
294 compounds was confirmed based on retention time and their respective spectral data. The remaining
295 detected peaks could not be finally confirmed due to the lack of their corresponding commercial
296 standards and they were considered as tentatively identified.

297 Among the hydrocarbons found in plastic samples alkanes such as dodecane, tridecane, hexadecane,
298 heptadecane, octadecane, eicosane and docosane can be highlighted. Aldehydes such as octanal and
299 some fatty alcohols; heptadecanol, 1-octadecanol and 1-hexadecanol were also detected. 1-
300 Octadecanol was identified in sample 1EC (PE/PET). This compound is used as ink solvent and
301 lubricant, as well as in coatings and as plasticizer in packaging materials applications (Ash & Ash,
302 2004). 1 Hexadecanol, a compound used as adhesive in food packaging materials was identified in
303 samples 3EC, 7ES and 11ES (PP/PP, PE/EVA, PE/PET).

304 Acids such as lauric, palmitic and octadecanoic acid were also found. In this case fatty acids are
305 originating from several oils such as coconut oil (lauric acid) or palm oil (palmitic acid). Lauric acid
306 was found in sample 11ES. The use of this compound includes alkyl resins, wetting agents and
307 detergents, and it is also used as lubricant for easy opening polyolefin bottle cap liners (Bush,
308 Gilbert, & Goenaga, 1993). Palmitic acid was found in nine samples (4EC, 5EC, 6ES, 7ES, 8ES,
309 9EC, 10ES, 11ES, 12ES); it is a common fatty acid that occurs in natural fats and in oils and
310 nondrying oil for surface coatings. This compound is authorized as monomer or additive for food
311 contact materials (Bengtstrom, 2014). Octadecanoic acid is used as lubricant for plastics at low
312 concentrations as well as slip agent and for adhesives in food packaging materials. This compound
313 was detected only in sample 9EC (PE/PA) (Ash, 2004; Ash & Ash, 2004; Kumudini, 2012).

314 Plasticizers such as phthalates, citrates, adipates and phosphates were identified in the plastic
315 materials. Among the phthalates, bis (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP) was confirmed in 4 samples,
316 diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP) in 5 samples, while DEP in 6 samples. Of these compounds only DEHP
317 is included as an additive or auxiliary in polymer production in the positive list in Regulation
318 10/2011.

319 Phthalates are compounds used in a wide range of applications due to their desirable properties.
320 High molecular weight phthalates such as DEHP are used mainly as plasticizers in the production of
321 PVC, although they are also used in other materials such as polyurethane (PU) and polyvinyl
322 acetate (PVA) (Meeker, Sathyanarayana & Swan, 2009). DEP is used as plasticizers for PVC, PVA
323 and nitrocellulose as well as in cosmetic formulations. DIBP is a plasticizer for nitrocellulose and it
324 is often combined with other phthalates for PVC applications (Heudorf, Mersch-Sundermann, &
325 Angerer, 2007; Rodgers, Rudel, & Just, 2014). Besides plasticizers, phthalates have been used as
326 solvents to hold color and also can be present in printing inks (VanHolderbeke et al. 2014, Cao,
327 2010).

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329 Tributyl acetylcitrate (ATBC) is one of the most frequent identified compound in tested samples of
330 packaging materials, which was found in samples 3EC, 6ES, 7ES, 8ES, 9EC, 10ES, 11ES and
331 12ES. ATBC is a citrate compound widely used in food packaging applications as plasticizer for
332 vinyl resins, cellulosic resins and rubbers, as well as plasticizer for inks, adhesives and coatings
333 (Ash & Ash, 2004).

334 The adipate compound bis (2-ethylhexyl) adipate (DEHA) was detected in samples 10ES
335 (PE/EVA), 11ES (PE/PET), and 12ES (PE/PET). This compound just like the ATBC is one of the
336 most widely used plasticizers, used mainly in flexible PVC films as well as in coatings, adhesives
337 and printing inks (Godwin, 2011). When these films are used in contact especially with fatty
338 foodstuffs significant migration of DEHA to the foodstuff can occur. It has been reported that
339 DEHA is associated with reproductive toxicity as well as with liver carcinogenicity in **animals**
340 animals (Dalgaard et al., 2003). HoweverHowever, the International Agency for Research on
341 Cancer (IARC) has concluded that there is limited evidence for the carcinogenic of DEHA in
342 experimental animals and considered that is not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity in humans
343 (Group 3) (International Agency for Research on Cancer, 2000). Very limit information about

344 DEHA exposure is described in the literature. Fromme et al. (2007) reported values of daily intake
345 via food of 0.7 µg/kg body weight for DEHA.

346 Regarding phosphates, triphenyl phosphate (TPP) was detected in samples 3EC and 9EC. This
347 compound is used ~~as plasticizer for cellulose acetate articles and~~ in lacquers, as well as a flame
348 retardant and solvent (Sheftel, 2000). This compound classified in class III according Cramer rules.

349 Tributyl aconitate (TBA), a compound commonly used to protect PVC against effects of light and
350 heat, was detected in samples 6ES, 7ES, 8ES and 12ES (Dupáková, Dobiáš, Votavová, Klaudisová,
351 & Voldrich, 2010). Isopropyl myristate was detected in sample 3EC, and is used as plasticizer for
352 cellulosic, as well as pigment dispersant and binder (Ash & Ash, 2004).

353 Antioxidants such as BHT were detected in samples of PP/PET, PE/EVA and PE/PET (8ES, 10ES,
354 11ES and 12ES). This compound is used in the production of plastics, mainly polyolefins and is
355 approved as antioxidant for food contact applications (Sheftel, 2000).

356 Slip agents were detected in all types of materials analyzed PE/PET, PP/PET, PE/PA, PE/PP and
357 PE/EVA. According to the bibliography these compounds are added to reduce the surface
358 coefficient of friction of polymers and are used to enhance either processing or end applications.

359 Erucamide was found in all tested samples, oleamide in six samples, hexadecanamide in three
360 samples and octadecanamide in two samples. Octadecanamide is used as a slip agent, anti-fogging or
361 lubricant for food packaging films (mainly polyolefins) (Ash, 2004). Erucamide is one of the most
362 commercially important slip additives, used in polyolefin closures as well as in food contact
363 materials due to their properties including heat stability as well as better blocking performance
364 (Lahimer et al., 2013; Wypych, 2005). Hexadecanamide is used as slip agent for processed plastics,
365 printing inks, coatings and films (Dupáková et al., 2010). Oleamide is used as slip agent for printing
366 inks, coatings and films however erucamide is more widely used because it is thermally more stable
367 than oleamide (Dupáková et al., 2010, Kumudini, 2012; Wypych, 2005).

368 Caprolactam was detected in PE/PA materials (samples 5EC and 9EC) and in PE/PET materials
369 (samples 2EC and 4EC). In these last samples probably polyamide (PA) was present in one of the

370 inner layers of the packaging materials. PA in most cases is combined with polyolefins as a
371 component of multilayer structure. Caprolactam is a monomer used for the manufacture of
372 polycaprolactam (nylon 6), widely used in food packaging materials as well as in the manufacture
373 of printing inks (Pogorzelska & Mielniczuk, 2001; Sheftel, 2000). According to IARC caprolactam
374 is probably not carcinogenic to humans (Group 4) and in experimental animals there is evidence
375 suggesting a lack of carcinogenicity of this compound (International Agency for Research on
376 Cancer,1999). Other compounds of high toxicity, identified in our samples were diisocyanates,
377 which are chemical compounds mainly used in polyurethane applications, such as coatings,
378 adhesives, elastomers, sealants among others (Dupáková et al., 2010). 2,4-toluene diisocyanate was
379 identified in 3 samples (7ES,8ES, 12ES) while 2,6-Toluene diisocyanate in sample 7ES. Their use
380 in food packaging materials is regulated in the European Union, however their levels in final
381 products must not exceed 1.0 mg/kg (Commission Regulation (EU) No 10/2011). The photoinitiator
382 benzophenone was detected in samples 7ES and 12ES, the origin of this compound in tested
383 samples is possibly the printing inks used in the external face of packaging films. This compound
384 widely used as initiator for printing inks cured by UV radiation is possibly carcinogenic to humans.
385 (International Agency for Research on Cancer, 2013).

386 The compounds benzenesulfonamide, n-ethyl-2-methyl- and benzenesulfonamide, n-ethyl-4-methyl
387 were also detected in two samples (3EC and 9EC). These compounds have been used as component
388 of ink formulations and are classified in class III of toxicity according to Cramer rules. In the
389 European Union, these substances are not included on the list of authorized substances in the
390 manufacture of plastic materials and articles. ~~However~~However, the U.S. Food and Drug
391 Administration (FDA) listed these substances in the Inventory of Effective Food Contact
392 Substances (FCS) Notifications. (U.S Food & Drug Administration, 2017).

393 Glycols such as triethylene glycol and tripropylene glycol were also identified. Triethylene glycol, a
394 compound widely used as solvent in coating and ink industry, as well as a solvent for nitrocellulose
395 and various resins was detected in sample 12ES (PE/PET) (Lago & Ackerman, 2016). Tripropylene

396 Glycol was detected in sample 8ES and is used as initiator for urethane polyols, in the manufacture
397 of polyester plastics as well as solvent and homogenizing agent for inks. Synthetic fatty alcohols
398 such as methyl palmitate was detected in sample 7ES (PE/EVA). This compound is used as
399 intermediate for detergents, emulsifiers, stabilizers, resins, lubricant, plasticizers and defoamer in
400 food-contact coatings (Ash & Ash, 2004).

401 Other identified compounds can be “non-intentionally added substances” (NIAS), such is the case
402 of 2,4-di-tert-butylphenol and 2,6-di-tert-butyl-1,4-benzoquinone. 2,4-di-tert-butylphenol is a
403 degradation product of Irgafos 168 while 2,6-di-tert-butyl-1,4-benzoquinone is a degradation
404 product of antioxidants such as Irganox 1010, Irgafos 168 and Irganox PS 802 (Félix, Isella, Bosetti
405 & Nerín, 2012; Lago & Ackerman, 2016). These compounds were detected in five and three
406 samples respectively and are reported as NIAS in other migration studies (Alin & Hakkarainen,
407 2011; Félix et al., 2012; Lago & Ackerman, 2016).

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409 The compound tert-butyl-1-oxaspiro (4,5) deca-6-9-diene-2,8-dione, a byproduct of the antioxidant
410 Irganox 1010 was identified in almost all samples of PE/PET, PP/PP, PE/PA, LDPE/PP and
411 PE/PVDC (1EC, 3EC, 4EC, 5EC, 6ES, 7EC, 8EC, 9EC, 10ES, 11ES, 12ES). This compound
412 exhibited high toxicity according to Cramer rules and other authors have also estimated some
413 toxicity (Lago & Ackerman, 2016; Rothenbacher & Schwack, 2009).

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415 Squalene was identified in samples of PE/PET, PE/PA, PE/PP and PE/ EVA (2EC, 4EC, 5EC, 6ES,
416 7ES and 12ES). This compound is an ethylenic-unsaturated hydrocarbon that had oxygen-
417 scavenging capacity to extend the shelf life of oxygen sensitive products. This compound ~~may~~
418 be added to packaging materials such as polyethylene and polypropylene during
419 conventional mixing processes to thermoplastics (Lopez-Rubio et al., 2004).

420 Lubricants such as glycerol tricaprilate were found in sample of PE/PET (2EC). Lubricants are
421 used to minimize adhesion and viscosity of plastic materials.

422 Some compounds were identified only in samples from Ecuador, such as caprolactam,
423 benzenesulfonamide, n-ethyl-2-methyl-, benzenesulfonamide, n-ethyl-4-methyl, isopropyl myristate
424 and octadecanal. Others such as BHT and DEHA only in samples from Spain. Scientific
425 information of some compounds listed in Table 4 was not available. Nevertheless, these results
426 provide evidence of the wide range of compounds that can be found in plastics materials intended
427 for food contact, which may be potential migrants to foodstuffs. Most of the identified compounds
428 are not included in the positive list of Commission Regulation (EU) No 10/2011 on plastic materials
429 and articles intended to come into contact with food, and only 3 of the compounds detailed in Table
430 3 and 16 of the compounds detailed in Table 4 are regulated by these normative.

431 It is interesting to note that some of the compounds identified are included in the inventory list of
432 the European Printing Ink Association (EuPIAincluir=ref), in different categories like this octane,
433 undecane and tetradecane are within the solvents; hexane, dodecane, octadecane, hexadecane
434 diethyl phthalate, 2,4-di-tert-butylphenol, isopropyl myristate, diisobutyl phthalate, methyl
435 palmitate and 1-docosanol are included in substances used as additives or ingredients of additive
436 preparations; 1-tetradecanol is included in polymeric resin-monomers/precursors/raw materials; 1-
437 Octadecanol and triphenyl phosphate belong to pigment additives; and benzenesulfonamide, N-
438 ethyl-2-methyl and benzenesulfonamide, N-ethyl-4-methyl are included in both groups substances
439 used as additives or ingredients of additive preparations and polymeric resin -
440 monomers/precursors/raw materials.

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442 *3.2 Estimation of migration into food simulants*

443 Considering the large number of compounds detected in the screening of plastic packaging samples,
444 a qualitative migration test was performed to identify the potential of all of these previously
445 identified substances to migrate into food simulants.

446 Qualitative migration tests were carried out with 12 plastic packaging materials using tenax and
447 isooctane as food simulants in contact with the plastic materials. Migration was performed from one

448 side of each laminate (side of contact with the food) and two independent replicates of each
449 packaging material were analyzed. The acetone extracts of tenax and isooctane were analyzed by
450 GC-MS with the same conditions used in the identification of semivolatile compounds. Results are
451 listed in Table 5 and Table 6. In total 27 compounds were detected in the migration experiments, of
452 which, 25 compounds migrated from samples from Ecuador while 17 migrated from samples from
453 Spain. Some of them were common in both simulants and others were only observed in one of
454 them.

455 ~~In this work we have proposed an approximation with the purpose of having an idea about To~~
456 evaluate the differences in the amount of compound present in plastic materials after extraction with
457 acetonitrile and in migration into tenax and isooctane. The responses were calibrated against
458 ~~estimated concentrations of these compounds were obtained considering~~ the response factor of the
459 internal standard methyl myristate, as reported in Equation 1 (Guazzotti, Giussani, Piergiovanni, &
460 Limbo, 2015; Jenke & Odufu, 2012).

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$$463 \quad C_a = C_i \times \left(\frac{A_a}{A_i} \right) \quad (1)$$

464 Where C_a is the analyte concentration (mg/L), C_i the internal standard concentration (mg/L), A_a
465 the analyte area and A_i the internal standard area.

466 Migration test were performed in two food simulants, tenax and isooctane for dry and fatty food
467 products, respectively. Migration of caprolactam occurred from the samples 2EC, 4EC and 5EC
468 only into tenax, while in isooctane was not detected. It is important to note that caprolactam that
469 was present in an external layer (polyamide) of a packaging material 5EC and 9EC, could migrate
470 through the layers of packaging and reach the food simulant.

471 2,6-di-tert-butyl-1,4-benzoquinone migrates in tenax from samples PP/PP, PE/EVA and PE/PET
472 (3EC, 7ES, 10ES) in concentrations from 0.00045 to 0.0018 mg/dm². 2,4-di-tert-butylphenol
473 migrate from five packaging samples of PP/PP (3EC), PE/PET (4EC, 12ES) and PE/PVDC

474 (10ES,11ES) into both simulants tenax and isooctane, with higher concentrations in tenax than
475 isooctane in most of the samples. In the case of samples 3EC, 10ES and 12ES, migration of 2,4-di-
476 tert-butylphenol was lower in isooctane than in tenax. In the sample 11ES migration value was
477 similar in both simulants, while in the sample 4EC migration was higher in isooctane than in tenax.
478 Our values were lower than those reported by Félix et al. (2012), except the samples 10ES -and
479 11ES whose values were similar to those described by these authors.

480 BHT migrates only into tenax from the sample of PE/PET (12ES) in a concentration of 0.000761
481 mg/dm², while migration was not observed in the samples of PP/PET, PE/EVA and PE/PET. For
482 this compound, the migration value obtained was lower than those reported by Félixby Félix et al.
483 (2012).

484 In terms of phthalates, DEP migrated in both simulants in six samples (3EC, 5EC, 6ES, 7ES, 8ES
485 and 9EC). Its migration was higher into isooctane in samples 3EC, 6ES, 7ES and 8ES, while in
486 sample 5EC the migration was higher in tenax. Migration was almost in the same proportion in both
487 simulants in sample 9EC. Migration values in isooctane were from 0.0012 to 0.084 mg/dm², while
488 in tenax were from 0.0010 to 0.017 mg/dm². Diisobutyl phthalate migrated from five samples 4EC,
489 5EC, 7EC, 11ES and 12ES into tenax and isooctane. Its migration was similar in both simulants in
490 samples 7ES and 11 ES, while in the rest of the samples migration values were higher in isooctane
491 than in tenax. Bis (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate migrated from the samples 2EC, 3EC, 9EC and 11ES in
492 tenax and isooctane, with highest migration values in sample 3EC in both simulants.

493 Benzenesulfonamide, N-ethyl-2-methyl- and benzenesulfonamide,n-ethyl-4-methyl migrated into
494 samples 3EC (PP/PP) and 9EC (PE/PA). Migration of benzenesulfonamide,n-ethyl-4-methyl was
495 higher in tenax than isooctane in both packaging materials. Benzenesulfonamide, n-ethyl-2-methyl
496 migrated more in tenax than isooctane in the sample 3EC, while in the case of sample 9EC
497 migration ranged in a similar level into both simulants.

498 Isopropyl myristate migrated only in the sample 3EC in both simulants, with higher migration
499 values in tenax than isooctane. 1-Hexadecanol migrated only into tenax from samples 3EC and 7ES,

500 with values from 0.0028 to 0.0084 mg/dm². Octadecanal migrated into both simulants from sample
501 3EC. Its migration into isooctane was higher than in tenax. Acetyl tributyl citrate was identified in
502 different types of packaging materials including PP/PP, PE/PET, PE/PA, PE/PP and PE/EVA films
503 in levels up to 2.0 mg/dm². This compound migrated from samples 3EC, 6ES, 7ES, 8ES, 9EC,
504 10ES, 11ES and 12ES into tenax and isooctane. In samples 3EC and 12ES migration was higher in
505 isooctane while in sample 6ES migration values were similar in both simulants. In the rest of
506 samples migration was greater in tenax than isooctane. ATBC was one of the predominant migrant
507 in both simulants, with migration values from 0.00026 to 0.96 mg/dm² in isooctane and from 0.0013
508 to 0.58 mg/dm² in tenax. The highest concentration level was observed in isooctane.

509 Other plasticizers found in migration studies were triphenyl phosphate (TPP) and tributyl aconitate.
510 TPP migrated from packaging samples 3EC and 9EC into both simulants, with higher migration
511 values in tenax. Migration of tributyl aconitate into both simulants occurred from samples 6ES,
512 7ES, 8ES, 9EC and 12ES, with higher migration values in tenax than isooctane in all samples,
513 except in the case of sample 8ES where the migration in isooctane was greater than in tenax.

514 Another compound also relevant in both simulants was 7,9 di-tert-butyl-1-oxaspiro (4,5) deca-6-9-
515 diene-2,8-dione, that migrate in eleven of twelve tested samples. Migration was higher in tenax than
516 isooctane, except in the case of samples 7ES and 11 ES when migration values are similar in both
517 simulants. Migration values in isooctane were from 0.00075 to 0.013 mg/dm², whereas in tenax
518 from 0.0011 mg/dm² to 0.046 mg/dm². Oleamide migrated in sample 3EC in both simulants. The
519 highest concentration level was observed in tenax.

520 DEHA was found in three of twelve tested plastic materials in concentrations from 0.024 to 1.0
521 mg/dm² and migrated in both simulants in the three samples of PE/PVDC and PE/PET (10ES, 11ES
522 and 12ES). Its migration was higher into tenax than into isooctane, migration values from 0.023 to
523 0.081 mg/dm² were reached in tenax. The slip agent erucamide was detected in all plastic materials
524 with concentrations from 0.082 to 1.3 mg/dm². In the same way this compound migrated in all
525 tested samples in tenax and isooctane, with concentrations from 0.0011 to 0.14 mg/dm² and from

526 0.0096 to 0.19 mg/dm² in isooctane and tenax, respectively. Migration values were higher in tenax
527 than in isooctane in all cases. Hexadecanamide migrated only in samples 3EC and 9EC, with higher
528 migration values in tenax than in isooctane. Octadecanamide migrated from PE/PA film (9EC) in
529 tenax and isooctane. Its migration into tenax was greater than in isooctane.

530 Squalene migrated into tenax and isooctane from samples 2EC, 4EC, 5EC, 6ES, 7ES and 12E
531 (PE/PET, PE/PA, PE/PP and PE/EVA), reaching high concentrations in tenax in almost all samples
532 tested. Migration of alkanes such as tetradecane, hexadecane, heptadecane, octadecane and
533 dodecane was also occurred in some samples, with higher migration values into tenax than in
534 isooctane. In general migration results showed higher migration values in tenax than in isooctane.
535 Only nine of out of all migrant compounds appeared in the positive list of Regulation 10/2011.

536 **4. Conclusions**

537 In this work the determination of volatile and semivolatile compounds in 12 packaging materials
538 were performed using P&T coupled to GC-MS for volatile compounds and GC-MS for semivolatile
539 compounds. These techniques have demonstrated to be useful for screening and identification of
540 compounds from plastic materials as well as their migration into food simulants. About 100 volatile
541 and semivolatile compounds including “non intentionally added substances” were detected in
542 plastic materials. Of these, 27 compounds migrated into tenax and/or isooctane. In general,
543 migration occurs to a larger extent in tenax than in isooctane.

544 On the other hand, it is interesting to point out that most of detected compounds and even more, the
545 migrants detected in the food simulants tested are not included in the positive list of monomers and
546 additives that are allowed to be used in plastic food contact materials; and neither in the –inventory
547 list of the European Printing Ink Association.

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549 **Conflict of interest statement**

550 The authors declare that there are no conflicts of interest.

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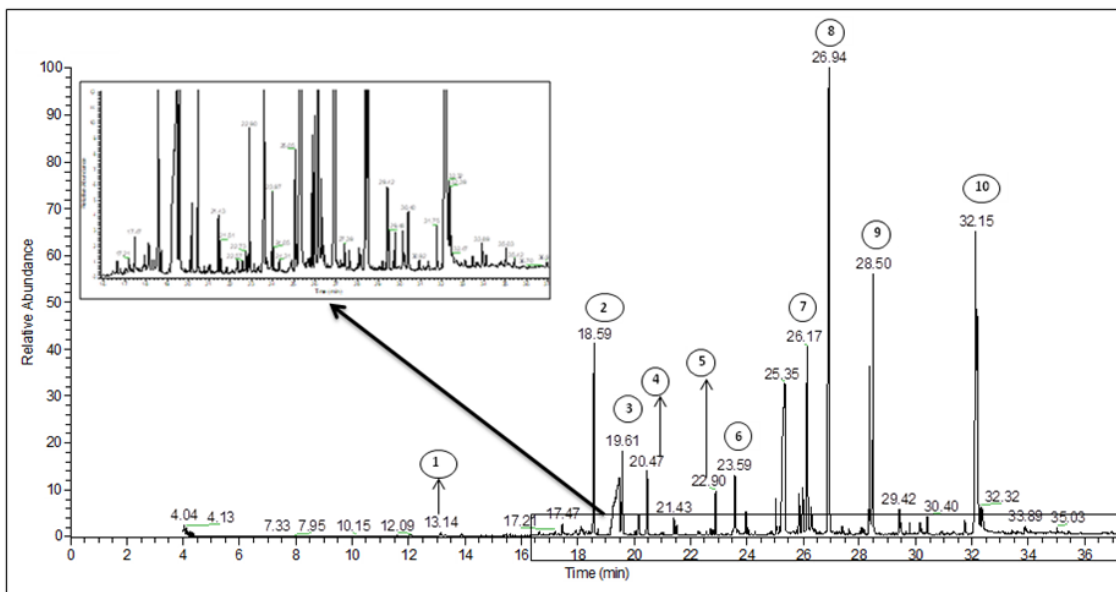
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1 **Fig.1.** Chromatogram of semivolatile compounds sample 9EC (PE/Polyamide). 1)
2 caprolactam, 2) diethyl phthalate, 3) benzenesulfonamide, n-ethyl-2-methyl-, 4)
3 benzenesulfonamide, n-ethyl-4-methyl-, 5) 7,9 di-tert-butyl-1-oxaspiro (4,5)deca-6-9-diene-
4 2,8-dione, 6) palmitic acid 7) hexadecanamide, 8) tributyl acetylcitrate, 9) triphenyl
5 phosphate, 10) erucamide.

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Table 1
Details of the twelve plastic films.

Sample Code	Type of material		Thickness μm	Origin	Observations
	Internal side	External side			
1EC	PE	PET	153	Ecuador	With printing ink
2EC	PE	PET	141	Ecuador	With printing ink
3EC	PP	PP	46	Ecuador	Without printing ink
4EC	PE	PET	146	Ecuador	Without printing ink
5EC	PE	PA	72	Ecuador	Without printing ink
6ES	PE	PP	70	Spain	Without printing ink
7ES	PE	EVA	70	Spain	With printing ink
8ES	PP	PET	35	Spain	With printing ink
9EC	PE	PA	50	Ecuador	With printing ink
10ES	PE	EVA	61	Spain	With printing ink
11ES	PE	PET	54	Spain	With printing ink
12ES	PE	PET	77	Spain	With printing ink

PE: polyethylene
PET: Polyethylene terephthalate
PA: Polyamide
PP: Polypropylene
EVA: Ethylene vinyl acetate

Table 2
Purge and Trap Instrument Conditions
Purge Parameters:

Valve Oven Temp	140 °C
Transfer Line Temp	140 °C
Sample mount Temp	90 °C
Purge ready Temp	35 °C
Standby Flow	0 mL/min
Pre-Purge Time	0.50 min
Pre-Purge Flow	40 mL/min
Sample Preheat time	1.00 min
Sample Temp	60 °C
Purge Time	20.00 min
Purge Flow	40 mL/min
Condenser Ready Temp	40 °C
Condenser Purge Temp	20 °C
Dry Purge Time	0.50 min
Desorb Parameters:	
Desorb Preheat Temp	245 °C
Desorb Time	2.00 min
Desorb Temp	250 °C
Desorb Flow	400 mL/min
Bake Parameters	
Bake Time	10.00 min
Bake Temp	280 °C
Bake Flow	200 mL/min
Condenser Bake Temp	200 °C

Table 3

Compounds extracted by dynamic Headspace and subsequently identified by GC-MS in the plastic materials with their respective level of toxicity (TC) according Cramer rules

Compound	IUPAC NAME	CAS	RT (min)	TC	Samples											
					1EC	2EC	3EC	4EC	5EC	6ES	7ES	8ES	9EC	10ES	11ES	12ES
Hexane	Hexane	110-54-3	6,07	I								X		X		
Hexane, 2,5-dimethyl-	2,5-dimethylhexane	592-13-2	10.56	I				X								
Hexane, 2,4-dimethyl-	2,4-dimethylhexane	589-43-5	10.67	I				X	X							
Pentane, 2,3,4-trimethyl-	2,3,4-trimethylpentane	565-75-3	11.42	I	X	X	X	X	X					X		
Pentane, 2,3,3-trimethyl-	2,3,3-trimethylpentane	560-21-4	11.65	I	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		
Heptane, 3-methyl-	3-methylheptane	589-81-1	12.20	I				X		X	X					
Cyclopentane, 1-ethyl-2-methyl-, cis-	1-ethyl-2-methylcyclopentane	930-89-2	13.05	I				X	X	X						
Octane	Octane	111-65-9	13.21	I	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
3-Heptene, 3-methyl-	3-Methyl-3-heptene	7300-03-0	13.30	I	X											
2-Heptene, 3-methyl-	(E)-3-methylhept-2-ene	3404-75-9	13.39	I	X			X	X							
2-Octene	oct-2-ene	111-67-1	13.95	I				X	X							
Heptane, 2,4-dimethyl-	2,4-dimethylheptane	2213-23-2	14.08	I			X	X								
Heptane, 2,5-dimethyl-	2,5-dimethylheptane	2216-30-0	14.58	I	X	X										
Octane, 3-methyl-	3-methyloctane	2216-33-3	14.58	I				X								
Hexanal	Hexanal	66-25-1	14.92									X				
Heptane, 2,3-dimethyl-	2,3-dimethylheptane	3074-71-3	15.42	I	X			X	X							
Heptane, 3,4-dimethyl-	3,4-dimethylheptane	922-28-1	15.54	I				X								
Heptane, 2,4,6-trimethyl-	2,4,6-trimethylheptane	2613-61-8	16.03	I				X								
Heptane, 2,2,4-trimethyl-	2,2,4-trimethylheptane	14720-74-2	16.17	I	X	X	X	X	X				X			
Octane, 2,2-dimethyl-	2,2-dimethyloctane	15869-87-1	16.46	I	X	X		X	X							

Octane, 3,3-dimethyl-	3,3-dimethyloctane	4110-44-5	16.98	I	X	X		X	X				X			
Nonane, 4-methyl-	4-methylnonane	17301-94-9	17.62	I	X	X		X	X							
Compound	IUPAC NAME	CAS	RT (min)	TC	Samples											
					1EC	2EC	3EC	4EC	5EC	6ES	7ES	8ES	9EC	10ES	11ES	12ES
Octane, 2,3-dimethyl-	2,3-dimethyloctane	7146-60-3	17.70	I				X								
Octane, 4-ethyl-	4-ethyloctane	15869-86-0	19.01	I	X	X		X								
Nonane, 3-methyl-	3-methylnonane 3-methylundecane	5911-04- 64002-43-3	19.52	I		X										
Decane	Decane	124-18-5	20.50	I	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Octanal <n->	Octanal	124-13-0	22.24	I								X				
Undecane	Undecane	1120-21-4	23.82	I		X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1-Tetradecanol	tetradecan-1-ol	112-72-1	24.58	I	X	X				X	X					
Nonanal	Nonanal	124-19-6	25.53	I								X				
1- Dodecene	dodec-1-ene	112-41-4	26.80	I						X			X			
Dodecane	Dodecane	112-40-3	26.89	I	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Benzene, 1,3-Bis(1,1-Dimethylethyl)-	1,3-ditert-butylbenzene	1014-60-4	29.32	I										X	X	X
Tridecane	Tridecane	629-50-5	29.80	I		X	X			X	X	X	X		X	
Tetradecane	Tetradecane	629-59-4	32.50	I		X			X	X	X		X	X	X	
Caprolactam	Azepan-2-one	105-60-2	32.87	III		X										
Octadecane	Octadecane	593-45-3	35.06	I				X	x	x	x		x	X		
Butylated hydroxytoluene	2,6-ditert-butyl-4-methylphenol	128-37-0	36.79	II								X		X	X	X
Diethyl phthalate	diethyl benzene-1,2-dicarboxylate	84-66-2	40.10	I								X				

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Table 4

Confirmed and tentative identified compounds extracted by liquid extraction and identified by GC-MS in the plastic materials with their respective level of toxicity (TC) according Cramer rules.

Compound	IUPAC Name	CAS	RT (min)	Function	TC	SML	Samples											
							1EC	2EC	3EC	4EC	5EC	6ES	7ES	8ES	9EC	10ES	11ES	12ES
*Dodecane	Dodecane	112-40-3	12.09	Alkane	I	NL	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Triethylene glycol	2-[2-(2-hydroxyethoxy)ethoxy]ethanol	112-27-6	12.5	Solvent	I	**												X
*Caprolactam	azepan-2-one	105-60-2	13.14	Monomer polyamides	in III	15		X		X	X				X			
*Tridecane	Tridecane	629-50-5	13.91	alkane	I	NL		X										
Tripropylene Glycol	1-[2-(2-hydroxypropoxy)propoxy]propan-2-ol	1638-16-0	14.30	Solvent (solubilize resins commonly used in printing-ink) internet	III	NL								X				
*2,6-Toluene diisocyanate	1,3-diisocyanato-2-methylbenzene	91-08-7	14.75	Used in the production of flexible polyurethane foams	III	ND							X					
*2,4-Toluene diisocyanate	2,4-diisocyanato-1-methylbenzene	584-84-9	14.85	Used in the production of flexible polyurethane foams	III	ND							X	X				X
*Tetradecane	Tetradecane	629-59-4	15.61	Alkane	I	NL		X		X	X	X	X					
2,6-di-tert-butyl-1,4-benzoquinone	2,6-ditert-butylcyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4 dione	719-22-2	16.65	Degradation product	II	NL			X				X			X		
*Butylated Hydroxytoluene	2,6-ditert-butyl-4-methylphenol	128-37-0	17.29	Antioxidant	II	3								X		X	X	X
2,4-di-tert-butylphenol	2,4-ditert-butylphenol)-	96-76-4	17.32	Degradation product from antioxidants	I	NL			X	X					X	X		X
*Diethyl Phthalate	diethyl benzene-1,2-dicarboxylate	84-66-2	18.59	Solvent to hold color Plasticizer in the production of cellulose esters (cellulose acetate films) intended for	I	NL			X		X	X	X	X	X			

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Compound	IUPAC Name	CAS	RT (min)	Function	TC	SML	Samples											
							1EC	2EC	3EC	4EC	5EC	6ES	7ES	8ES	9EC	10ES	11ES	12ES
*Hexadecane	Hexadecane	544-76-3	18.71	Alkane	I	NL	X	X		X	X	X	X			X		X
*Benzophenone	diphenylmethanone	119-61-9	19.25	Photoinitiator UV-inks	III	<u>NL0,6</u>							X					X
Benzenesulfonamide, N-ethyl-2-methyl-	N-ethyl-2-methylbenzenesulfonamide	1077-56-1	19.61	Component of ink formulations	III	NL				X						X		
*Heptadecane	Heptadecane	629-78-7	20.15	Alkane	I	NL		X					X				X	
Benzenesulfonamide, N-ethyl-4-methyl	N-ethyl-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide	80-39-7	20.47	Component of ink formulations	III	NL				X						X		
*Octadecane	Octadecane	493-45-3	21.52	Alkane	I	NL				X	X	X	X		X	X		
Isopropyl myristate	propan-2-yl tetradecanoate	110-27-0	21.82	Plasticizer, lubricant	I	NL				X								
*Diisobutyl phthalate	bis(2-methylpropyl) benzene-1,2-dicarboxylate	84-69-5	22.31	Plasticizer for PVC and other polymers Present in printing inks	I	NL				X	X		X				X	X
1-Octadecanol	octadecan-1-ol	112-92-5	22.35	Ink solvent, plasticizer	I	NL	X											
1-Hexadecanol	hexadecan-1-ol	36653-82-4	22.57	Adhesive in food packaging materials and coatings.	I	**				X			X				X	
7,9 Di-Tert-Butyl-1-Oxaspiro (4,5)Deca-6-9-Diene-2,8-Dione	7,9-ditert-butyl-1-oxaspiro[4.5]deca-6,9-diene-2,8-dione	82304-66-3	22.90	Degradation product from antioxidant	III	NL	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Methyl palmitate	Methyl hexadecanoate	112-39-0	23.11	Intermediate for resins and defoamer in food-contact coatings.	I	NL							X					

Palmitic acid	Hexadecanoic acid	57-10-3	23.59	Slip agent degradant	I	**				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
*Eicosane	Eicosane	112-95-8	24.04	Alkane	I	NL				X	X		X					
Compound	IUPAC Name	CAS	RT (min)	Function	TC	SML	Samples											
							1EC	2EC	3EC	4EC	5EC	6ES	7ES	8ES	9EC	10ES	11ES	12ES
Octadecanal	Octadecanal	638-66-4	24.31	-	I	NL					X							
Heptadecanol	Heptadecan-1-ol	1454-85-9	25.05	Used as Plasticizer and in the manufacture of wetting agents and detergents.	I	NL					X				X	X		
Tributyl aconitate	Tributyl (1E)-1-propene-1,2,3-tricarboxylate	7568-58-3	25.85	Plasticizer	I	NL					X	X	X	X				X
Octadecanoic Acid	Octadecanoic Acid	57-11-4	25.99	PVC lubricant, Adhesive in food packaging.	I	**									X			
Hexadecanamide	Hexadecanamide	629-54-9	26.17	Slip agent	III	NL					X		X		X			
*Docosane	Docosane	629-97-0	26.35	Alkane	I	NL		X		X	X		X			X	X	
*Tributyl acetylcitrate	tributyl 2-acetyloxypropane-1,2,3-tricarboxylate	77-90-7	26.94	Plasticizer for flexible packaging films	I	60					X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Oleamide	(Z)-octadec-9-enamide	301-02-0	28.09	Slip agent	III	**	X		X	X		X	X					X
Octadecanamide	Octadecanamide	124-26-5	28.34	Slip agent, antiblock agent and release agent.	III	**					X				X			
*Bis(2-ethylhexyl) adipate	bis(2-ethylhexyl) hexanedioate	103-23-1	28.40	Plasticizer in the production of plastic materials.	I	18 60										X	X	
1-Docosanol	Docosan-1-ol	661-19-8	28.42	Used in synthetic fibres and lubricants, thermal papers and	I	NL				X								

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*Tetracosane	Tetracosane	646-31-1	28.48	Alkane	I								X					X
Triphenyl phosphate	Triphenyl phosphate	115-86-6	28.50	Pigment additive Plasticizer for cellulose acetate articles and plasticizer for coatings, lacquers and varnishes	III	NL												X

Compound	IUPAC Name	CAS	RT (min)	Function	TC	SML	Samples														
							1EC	2EC	3EC	4EC	5EC	6ES	7ES	8ES	9EC	10ES	11ES	12ES			
*Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate	bis(2-ethylhexyl) benzene-1,2-dicarboxylate	117-81-7	29.85	Principal plasticizer in the production of PVC and its copolymers. Substance used as additives or ingredients of additive preparations	I	1,5 60		X	X									X		X	
cis-11-Eicosenamide	(Z)-icos-11-enamide	10436-08-5	30.17	Used in adhesives and components of coatings	III	**													X	X	X
*Erucamide	(Z)-docos-13-enamide	112-84-5	32.15	Slip agent	III	**	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
*Squalene	2,6,10,15,19,23-hexamethyltetracosane-2,6,10,14,18,22-hexaene	111-02-4	32.39	Used as oxygen-scavenging	I	NL		X		X	X	X	X								X
Glycerol tricaprylate	2,3-di(octanoyloxy)propyl octanoate	538-23-8	33.45	Lubricant	I	NL		X													

*Confirmed compounds

TC: Cramer Toxicity

SML: Specific migration limit

IUPAC:PUB CHEM

NL: Non listed in Regulation 10/2011

** Specific migration limit of 60 mg/kg (Substances for which no specific migration limit or other restrictions are provided in Annex I Regulation 10/2011)

Table 5

Comparison of the amounts of the compounds in packaging materials from Ecuador and migration into tenax and isooctane

Compound	RT (min)	Samples (mg/dm ²)																	
		1EC			2EC			3EC			4EC			5EC			9EC		
		PP	I	T	PP	I	T	PP	I	T	PP	I	T	PP	I	T	PP	I	T
Caprolactam	13.12				0.073	nd	0.025				0.68	nd	0.010	0.37	nd	0.024			
Tetradecane	15.61				0.015	0.00024	0.0033				0.013	0.0014	0.0030	0.0056	0.00049	0.00095			
2.6-di-tert-butyl-1.4-benzoquinone	16.65							0.013	nd	0.00074									
2.4-di-tert-butylphenol	17.32							0.010	0.00057	0.00092	0.024	0.0016	0.00074						
Diethyl Phthalate	18.56							0.023	0.0039	0.0025				0.0049	0.0012	0.0021	0.42	0.0014	0.0017
Hexadecane	18.71										0.0055	0.0015	0.0033	0.012	0.00055	0.0015			
Benzenesulfonamide. N-ethyl-2-methyl-	19.55							0.049	0.0057	0.017							0.15	0.018	0.017
Heptadecane	20.15				0.0043	0.00015	0.0023												
Benzenesulfonamide. N-ethyl-4-methyl	20.42							0.023	0.0021	0.0085							0.18	0.0054	0.0074
Octadecane	21.52				0.032	0.00049	0.0078				0.031	0.0015	0.0070	0.014	0.00062	0.0029			
Isopropyl myristate	21.82							0.068	0.0041	0.017									
Diisobutyl phthalate	22.31										0.0017	0.0014	0.00039	0.0030	0.0017	0.00038			
1-Hexadecanol	22.57							0.030	nd	0.0084									
7.9 Di-Tert-Butyl-1-Oxaspiro (4.5)Deca-6-9-Diene-2.8-Dione	22.91	0.023	0.0016	0.0041				0.19	0.013	0.046	0.018	0.0024	0.0039	0.012	0.00075	0.0014	0.069	0.0029	0.0050
Octadecanal	24.31							0.017	0.011	0.0043									
Tributyl aconitate	25.85																0.046	0.0096	0.025
Hexadecanamide	26.17							0.031	0.00093	0.0029							0.29	0.015	0.045
Docosane	26.35				0.019	0.0016	0.010				0.024	0.00085	0.013	0.0072	0.0010	0.0047			
Tributyl acetyl citrate	26.94							0.088	0.046	0.010							2.0	0.17	0.27
Oleamide	28.09							0.30	0.016	0.051									
Octadecanamide	28.34																0.22	0.0096	0.094
Triphenyl phosphate	28.50							0.12	0.039	0.044							0.37	0.062	0.15
Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate	29.85				0.010	0.0011	0.0012	1.8	0.37	0.34							0.029	0.014	0.015
Erucamide	32.13	0.16	0.011	0.049	0.28	0.0011	0.024	0.52	0.085	0.13	1.3	0.14	0.19	0.55	0.026	0.063	0.81	0.088	0.18

Squalene	32.39	0.38	0.13	0.0072	0.065	0.023	0.010	0.051	0.0076	0.0035
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PP: Plastic packaging; I: Isooctane; T: Tenax; nd: not detectable

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Table 6

Comparison of the amounts of the of compounds in packaging materials from Spain and migration into tenax and isooctane

Compound	RT (min)	Samples (mg/dm ²)																	
		6ES			7ES			8ES			10ES			11ES			12ES		
		PP	I	T	PP	I	T	PP	I	T	PP	I	T	PP	I	T	PP	I	T
Tetradecane	15.61	0.0043	0.00026	0.00045	0.0075	0.00034	0.00066												
2.6-di-tert-butyl-1.4-benzoquinone	16.65				0.013	nd	0.00045				0.034	nd	0.0018						
Butylated hydroxytoluene	17.29																0.0031	nd	0.00076
2.4-di-tert-butylphenol	17.32										0.030	0.0095	0.011	0.041	0.0075	0.0077	0.0088	0.00069	0.0010
Diethyl Phthalate	18.56	0.13	0.0040	0.0026	0.085	0.084	0.0010	0.048	0.027	0.017									
Hexadecane	18.71	0.0099	0.00063	0.0013	0.034	0.00093	0.0035										0.0073	0.00041	0.0025
Heptadecane	20.15				0.0046	0.00050	0.0029												
Octadecane	21.52	0.016	0.0012	0.0046	0.039	0.0018	0.012				0.023	0.00037	0.0036				0.0032	0.00055	0.0069
Diisobutyl phthalate	22.31				0.012	0.0016	0.0019							0.0045	0.0019	0.0019	0.0073	0.0047	0.0019
1-Hexadecanol	22.57				0.0075	nd	0.0028												
7.9 Di-Tert-Butyl-1-Oxaspiro (4.5)Deca-6-9-Diene-2.8-Dione	22.91	0.12	0.0058	0.0092	0.0084	0.0027	0.0023	0.013	0.0030	0.0090	0.034	0.016	0.0034	0.029	0.0013	0.0019	0.017	0.0014	0.0011
Tributyl aconitate	25.85	0.050	0.012	0.023	0.059	0.013	0.036	0.022	0.014	0.0029							0.066	0.011	0.054
Tributyl acetyl citrate	26.94	1.7	0.24	0.28	2.0	0.24	0.36	1.1	0.48	0.58	0.0016	0.00026	0.0014	0.0073	0.00033	0.0013	1.0	0.96	0.087
Bis(2-ethylhexyl) adipate	28.4										0.21	0.0014	0.081	1.0	0.0039	0.040	0.024	0.00083	0.023
Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate	29.85													0.086	0.0010	0.0095			
Erucamide	32.13	0.60	0.034	0.047	0.42	0.011	0.037	0.082	0.0025	0.0096	0.19	0.018	0.032	1.0	0.022	0.045	0.64	0.021	0.064
Squalene	32.39	0.067	0.028	0.0067	0.027	0.014	0.0062										0.45	0.0031	0.091

1 PP: Plastic packaging; I: Isooctane; T: Tenax; nd: not detectable