



**SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS (SCHER)  
19<sup>TH</sup> PLENARY MEETING**

*Held on 20 September 2007  
in Brussels*  
**MINUTES**

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Prof. Greim, Chair of the Committee, opened the meeting and welcomed the participants.

Apologies: Prof. B. Jansson, Prof. O. Ladefoged

**2. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA**

The draft [agenda](#) was adopted as written

**3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

Prof. J. Tarazona declared a possible conflict of interest in relation to item 7.11 and 7.12 since even if he was not directly involved on the human part of the two RARs on toluene, a laboratory of his department was involved

Prof C. Janssen declared a conflict of interest in relation to item 7.1 since he was heavily involved in consultation on the report from both competent authorities and industry. Taking into account the nature of the declarations, the committee decided that he could not participate in the working group.

Prof P. Calow declared a possible conflict of interest in relation to the same item since he was chairman of the NiPERA (Nickel Producers Environmental Research Association) risk assessment report peer review group and in the same group the zinc industry was present as observer.

Prof. J Linders declared a possible conflict of interest in relation to the same item being The Nederland the Member State rapporteur for the RAR on zinc. Taking into account the nature of the declarations, the Committee decided that he could not be nominated as possible Rapporteur of the opinion on zinc.

Prof. J Tarazona declared a conflict of interest in relation to item 9.1 being the scientific supervisor of the report.

Prof M Vighi declared a conflict of interest in relation to the same item since he was directly involved in the working group. The committee decided that they could not participate in the preparation of the related opinion.

Prof. W Dekant declared a possible conflict of interest in relation to item 9.2 since he was consulted for an environmental remediation company regarding needs to clean up some Hg-contaminated sites in former East Germany and fish consumption from these sites.

In relation to item 8.1, Prof. W. Dekant declared his involvement in the preparation of the EFSA opinion on poultry treatment with antimicrobials adopted on December 2005.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 18<sup>TH</sup> SCHER PLENARY MEETING**

The [minutes](#) of the 18<sup>th</sup> SCHER plenary meeting were adopted.

#### **5. CHAIR'S REPORT ON THE INTER COMMITTEE COORDINATION GROUP (ICCG)**

##### **5.1 Follow-up to the Risk Assessment Days – meeting with the European Parliament**

Several meetings with Parliament were foreseen in the autumn. The first one involving SCHER was held on 11 September. The Chair met representatives of the EP Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE). During the information session, the Chair presented the role, structure and work of the Committee, as well as the results of a few assessments on some issues of particular importance to public health and the environment. The discussion was focused in particular on environmental issues and the use of alternatives on non-human primate testing.

##### **5.2 Next inter coordination committee group**

The next ICCG would foresee in one week after the plenary. Major issues to be discussed would be the contribution of the three Scientific Committees on the new mandates on GenTox (SCHER) and TTC (SCCP). During the meeting the new video on the activity of the three committees will be also presented.

#### **6. NEW REQUESTS ON REGULATION 793/93 EXISTING SUBSTANCES (ESR): (HUMAN HEALTH AND/OR ENVIRONMENT) – DG ENV/DG JRC**

Rapporteurs were appointed to comment on the RARs on tetrabromobisphenol-A) (CAS 79-94-7; ENV), 4-tert-butylbenzoic acid (CAS 98-73-7; ENV), N-Cyclohexylbenzothiazol-2-sulphenamide (CBS; CAS 95-33-0; HH) and alkanes, C14-1, chloro (MCCP; CAS 85535-85-9; HH)

## **7. ONGOING REQUESTS ON REGULATION 793/93 EXISTING SUBSTANCES (ESR): (HUMAN HEALTH AND/OR ENVIRONMENT) – DG ENV/DG JRC**

The committee highlighted that in some RARs parts of the data were defined as confidential making difficult for the committee to give a complete opinion on those reports.

### **7.1 Zinc (ENV)**

An updated draft opinion was presented and a few points discussed. The draft would be updated and circulated for comments at the end of October. A final draft would be proposed for adoption at the next plenary.

### **7.2 2,3-epoxypropyltrimethylammonium chloride (EPTAC – HH)**

The opinion on the human health part of the RAR on EPTAC was adopted with minor changes and is available at:

[http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph\\_risk/committees/04\\_scher/docs/scher\\_o\\_062.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_risk/committees/04_scher/docs/scher_o_062.pdf)

### **7.3 3-chloro-2-hydroxypropyl)trimethylammonium chloride (CHPTAC – HH)**

The opinion on the human health part of the RAR on CHPTAC was adopted with minor corrections and is available at:

[http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph\\_risk/committees/04\\_scher/docs/scher\\_o\\_060.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_risk/committees/04_scher/docs/scher_o_060.pdf)

### **7.4 Tris (2-chloro-1-methylethyl) phosphate (TCPP; ENV)**

The opinion on the environmental part of the RAR on TCPP was adopted with minor corrections and is available at:

[http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph\\_risk/committees/04\\_scher/docs/scher\\_o\\_064.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_risk/committees/04_scher/docs/scher_o_064.pdf)

### **7.6 4-tert-butyl phenol (ENV)**

The opinion on the environmental part of the RAR on p-tertbutylphenol was adopted with minor changes and is available at:

[http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph\\_risk/committees/04\\_scher/docs/scher\\_o\\_063.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_risk/committees/04_scher/docs/scher_o_063.pdf)

### **7.6 1-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-3,5,5,6,8,8-hexamethyl-2-naphthyl)ethan-1-one (AHNT;HH)**

The opinion on the environmental part of the RAR on 1-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-3,5,5,6,8,8-hexamethyl-2-naphthyl)ethan-1-one (AHNT) was adopted and is available at:

[http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph\\_risk/committees/04\\_scher/docs/scher\\_o\\_061.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_risk/committees/04_scher/docs/scher_o_061.pdf)

### **7.6 Chloroform (ENV)**

The opinion on the environmental part of the RAR on chloroform was adopted and is available at:

[http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph\\_risk/committees/04\\_scher/docs/scher\\_o\\_065.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_risk/committees/04_scher/docs/scher_o_065.pdf)

## **8. ONGOING REQUESTS FOR OPINIONS BY COMMISSION SERVICES ON:**

### **8.1 Model implementation and quantification of the eutrophication risk associated to the use of phosphates in detergents**

The rapporteur briefly reported back on the results of the last WG meeting and on the progress of the draft. An updated final version would be circulated to the WG for approval and presented for adoption at the next plenary.

### **8.2 Use of Hg in dental amalgam**

An updated version of the draft would be presented for adoption at the next plenary.

## **9. PARTICIPATION OF THE SCHER IN ACTIVITIES/WORKING GROUPS OF OTHER SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES OF THE COMMISSION OR EFSA**

### **9.2 EFSA**

BMD: the work was still ongoing.

WORKSHOP on Eco-innovation indicators 3 & 4 September 2007 - A member of SCHER participated in the workshop.

## **10. NEXT PLENARY MEETING**

The next SCHER plenary meeting was confirmed as 29 November 2007.

## **11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Annex 1: List of participants**

## **Annex I**

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### **LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

#### **MEMBERS OF THE SCHER:**

Prof. H. AUTRUP, Prof. P. CALOW, Prof. W. DEKANT, Prof. Dr. H. GREIM (Chair), Prof. W. HANKE, Prof. C. JANSSEN, Prof. H. KOMULAINEN, Prof. J. LINDERS, Dr. I. MANGELSDORF, Prof. M. NUTI, Prof. STEENHOUT, Prof. J. TARAZONA (vice Chair), Dr. E. TESTAI, Prof. M. VIGHI, Prof. M. VILUKSELA.

#### **EUROPEAN COMMISSION:**

##### ***SCHER Secretariat (DG SANCO):***

Mrs. G. FONTANESI, Mrs. N. FOUVEZ.

##### ***Other Commission staff:***

Mr. B. LUND (DG JRC); Mrs. G. LUVARA' (DG ENTR); Mr. S. PICKERING (DG ENTR)