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**Scientific Committee on Toxicity, Ecotoxicity and the Environment**

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**SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON  
TOXICITY, ECOTOXICITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT (CSTEE)  
33rd PLENARY MEETING**

**Held on 24 September 2002  
Brussels**

**Minutes**

**1. Welcoming address, apologies for absence, declarations of interest**

Apologies for absence were received from Profs. H.A. Greim, C. Lambré and A. Soares,

No specific interests were declared by any CSTEE member in respect of any of the points in the draft agenda.

**2. Adoption of the draft agenda**

The revised draft agenda was adopted as figures in Annex I.

**3. Approval of the draft minutes of the 32nd CSTEE plenary meeting**

The draft minutes of the 32<sup>nd</sup> CSTEE plenary meeting were adopted with some editorial corrections.

It is available in:

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/food/fs/sc/sct/out164\\_en.pdf](http://europa.eu.int/comm/food/fs/sc/sct/out164_en.pdf)

b) In his address to the Committee, Mr Peter Wagstaffe, Head of Unit SANCO/C2, gave a progress report on the establishment of the new European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and on the progress for the inclusion of new staff for the Scientific Committees.

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**4. Health effects of Radio Frequency and Electromagnetic fields:  
New opinion request from DG Sanco – for opinion.**

The opinion was adopted. It is available in:

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/food/fs/sc/sct/out161\\_en.pdf](http://europa.eu.int/comm/food/fs/sc/sct/out161_en.pdf)

**5. Regulation 793/93 on Existing substances (ESR):**

**Status reports/opinions (Human Health and/or Environment):**

- a) *3,4-dichloroaniline* (HH) – for opinion
- b) *Aniline*-for discussion
- c) *Octabromodiphenyl ether* (HH, ENV) – for opinion
- d) *Alkanes* – new request.

The adoption of the opinion on *3,4-dichloroaniline and aniline* was postponed to a future meeting.

With regard to *Octabromodiphenyl ether*, the Committee was informed by a representative of General Directorate Environment that further questions concerning *Decabromodiphenyl ether* would be submitted to the CSTE. Bearing this in mind and taking account of certain members' observations on *Octabromodiphenyl ether*, the Chairman proposed that a Working Group should be formed to study both substances.

The group will comprise Profs. Bridges, Dekant, Jansson, Skare and Vos and will meet before the next plenary meeting.

Regarding Alkanes, a Working Group formed by Profs. Jansson and Vighi will study this subject with a view to drafting an opinion in six months' time.

**6. CSTE recommendations for revision of Technical Guidance Document in Support of regulation 793/93 feedback from Commission services**

The Committee expressed its frustration at the lack of follow-up of their comments by the JRC. Furthermore it questioned the necessity of continuing the work on the environmental part of the document.

It must be considered that the CSTE has not yet produced an opinion on the Environmental Effect Assessment, due to the problems encountered during the informal consultation process. It was agreed that the CSTE must produce this opinion.

**7. Member States' assessments of the risk to health and the environment from Cadmium in fertilisers.**

The opinion was adopted. It is available in:

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/food/fs/sc/sct/out162\\_en.pdf](http://europa.eu.int/comm/food/fs/sc/sct/out162_en.pdf)

**8. Request for an opinion from the CSTEE on certain questions arising from a study on Risks to Health and Environment Related to the Use of Lead in Products – for opinion**

Taking into account that the report is not yet finalised, the chairman requested the Working Group to meet again in order to give a draft opinion.

**9. Questions to the CSTEE relating to *risks to health from asbestos (chrysotile)* – progress report.**

Taking into account that certain relevant scientific papers required examination, this point was carried over to the next plenary meeting.

**10. Justification of a notification by The Netherlands to introduce national measures concerning wood treated with copper substances – for opinion.**

The opinion was adopted. It is available in:

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**11. Emerging issues identified by the SSC and for which the CSTEE is the “lead” committee:**

- a) Endocrine disruption (Human Health)
- b) Indoor climate

Concerning “Endocrine disruption” the rapporteur informed the Committee on the progress made by the Working Group at its last meeting on 23 September. He commented on the opportunity of financing a study on the quality of sperm since the latest metanalysis available is dated 1970.

The representative from Directorate B of Directorate General Health and Consumer Protection asked the rapporteur to send him the exact terms for the study. He will make enquiries to see if the Directorate has sufficient funds to finance the study.

With regard to Indoor climate, it was agreed by the Committee that the Working Group would meet on 28th October.

**12. Strategies for dealing with additional opinions requests, if any, submitted by other DGs of the Commission.**

- A request for an opinion on “Short-chain Chlorinate Paraffins” had been received from DG Enterprise.

The representative from this Directorate General stated that the request required urgent attention.

The Chairman requested Prof. Jansson to deal with the subject and to assemble all the scientific documentation on the subject.

Prof. Dybing informed the Committee that a great number of studies exist on the subject.

-Concerning “Drinking Water”, Mr Daskaleros, representative from Directorate B of DG SANCO reported on the study being financed by his Directorate and requested that the Committee give an opinion on this study.

The Chairman of the Committee said that it would be necessary to include a member of the Scientific Committee on Food in the creation of any Working Group.

It was agreed that Professors Janssen, Victorin and Vighi should form part of this Working Group.

Professors Dybing and Vos promised send the name of a microbiologist to be included in the Working Group.

-A request for an opinion on “Organostannic compounds” from the CSTEE was also received.

The Chairman will undertake to contact the Chairmen of the other scientific committees to find out whether they have already studied the problem of these compounds from other aspects, e.g. that of food safety.

### **13. Feedback from the relevant services of the Commission on the follow-up to the opinions adopted previously by the CSTEE.**

The secretariat informed the Committee that a draft of the rules for *Bisphenol A* was sent by DG Environment as follow-up on the subject.

This paper had previously been sent to all the members of the SCTEE by mail by the secretariat of the Committee.

### **14. Participation of the CSTEE in activities/working groups of other scientific committees of the Commission.**

Prof. Vighi informed the Committee that he had participated, together with other CSTEE members, in four working groups of the SCAN on the environmental effects of Additives and other Chemical Substances present in Animal Feed : Copper (with Prof. Janssen and Prof Soares), Undesirable Substances (with Prof. Janssen), Zinc (with Prof. Janssen and Prof Soares), and Coccidiostats (with Dr Tarazona). Meetings of the last three Working Groups are planned for October and November.

### **15. Update on the latest meetings of the Scientific Steering Committee on matters of interest to the CSTEE**

- a) Harmonisation of Risk Assessment Task Force and Working groups
- b) Cross-committee's collaboration

On the first point, the vice-chairman, Prof. Tarazona, reported that the group met in September and that the report has been published on the Internet for comments. He requested the members of the Committee that if they have comments to make it is necessary to send them. He asked Committee members to make any comments now.

No discussion on point b).

**16. Arrangements for the following (34th) plenary meeting of the CSTEE**

The next plenary meeting will be held on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2002 as scheduled.

**17. Comments and discussion on CIRCA system.**

The members of the Committee said that the CIRCA system is a good tool but that they still want to receive the documents in paper form by mail.

**18. Any other business**

No other matters.

**Annex I: Agenda.**

**Annex II: List of Participants.**

## Annex I



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**- AGENDA -**

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  - c) Diphenyl ether, Octabromo Derivative – for discussion.**
  - d) Alkanes – new request.**
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## **Annex II**

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#### **LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

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