



## Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety

1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the WG 'Methodologies' – 7 May 2009

### Minutes

#### 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chairman of the Working Group (WG) welcomed the participants.

#### 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The draft agenda was adopted as proposed.

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

None of the Members declared an interest that could prevent him/her from participating in the discussion on the items on the agenda.

#### 4. EPISKIN-SM<sup>TM</sup> *IN VITRO* SKIN IRRITATION TEST: NEWLY SUBMITTED DATA

The Chairman illustrated the history of the EPISKIN-SM<sup>TM</sup> test method. The test was recently validated as a full replacement for the *in vivo* Draize test by ESAC (ECVAM Scientific Advisory Committee).

In a memorandum on the EPISKIN-SM<sup>TM</sup> method, the SCCP expressed specifically its concern about the interference of colorants and coloured hair dyes with the MTT colorimetric method used in the test. Moreover, no discrimination can be made between non- and mildly irritants.

Additional data, addressing the concerns of the SCCS, has been submitted and are currently being evaluated

#### 5. DERMAL ABSORPTION

On 7 October 2008, the former SCCP invited external experts and representatives from the cosmetic industry to discuss the requirements of dermal absorption studies.

The WG has set up a special Task Force to review and update the current SCCNFP/SCCP basic criteria on dermal absorption.

Also EFSA is currently working on a guidance document for dermal absorption of pesticide. The secretariat will contact EFSA to get more information of this work.

## **6. REVISION OF THE NOTES OF GUIDANCE**

A list of points that need to be updated in the 6<sup>th</sup> revision of the Notes of Guidance (2006) was tabled.

The members were invited to add other points that should be reconsidered.

## **7. STATUS REPORT ON ALTERNATIVES**

On 19 June 2007, the former SCCP adopted a memorandum on the actual status of alternative methods to the use of experimental animals.

Directive 76/768/EEC on cosmetic products prohibits the testing of cosmetic ingredients on animals (testing ban) as from 11 March 2009. Hence, a draft update of this memorandum was tabled for discussion.

## **8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No specific items were raised.

Annex 1: draft agenda

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