1. BACKGROUND

Hydrolysed wheat proteins have a widespread use in cosmetic products. The use of hydrolysed wheat proteins in cosmetic products is not currently regulated in the Cosmetics Directive.

Several Member States have recently indicated safety problems in relation to cosmetic products containing hydrolysed wheat protein. Several cases of contact urticaria provoked by these cosmetic products, followed by anaphylactic shock after the ingestion of food containing wheat proteins, have been recently reported.

As hydrolysed wheat proteins can be part of several ingredients it is important to have a clear picture whether it is only the hydrolyzed wheat protein in itself or any combination containing hydrolysed wheat protein that causes the problems raised by Member States.

A public call for scientific data on the use of hydrolysed wheat proteins in cosmetic products was made by the Commission Service during autumn/winter 2009-10.

2. TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Does the SCCS consider the use of hydrolysed wheat proteins to be safe for consumers in cosmetic products on the basis of the provided scientific data?

2. And/or does the SCCS have any scientific concerns with regard to the use of hydrolysed wheat proteins in cosmetic products?