

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER SAFETY

Request for a scientific opinion: Cetylpyridinium chloride (No P97) Submission II

1. Background

Submission I for Cetylpyridinium chloride (Colipa No P 97) was submitted in March 2005 by COLIPA¹.

The Scientific Committee on Consumer Products (SCCP) adopted at its 7th plenary meeting the 28 of March 2006 the opinion (SCCP/0985/06) with the following conclusion:

In view of the poor quality of the toxicological data presented in the current dossier, the SCCP requires a new dossier to be submitted in which data is provided to all relevant toxicological end-points and conforming to currently accepted standards.

Submission II for Cetylpyridinium chloride was submitted in July 2011 by Cosmetics Europe¹ supplemented by separately submitted company data. These submissions are intended to demonstrate the safety of the ingredient for use as preservative in various categories of cosmetic products. The submission applies for inclusion of Cetylpyridinium chloride in Annex VI of the Cosmetics Directive 76/768/ECC, soon in Annex V of the Cosmetic Regulation (EC) n.1223/2009.

2. Terms of reference

1. On the basis of the data provided, does the SCCS consider that cetylpyridinium chloride is safe for consumers, when used as a preservative in cosmetic products in the following specified concentrations:

- mouthwashes cosmetic products up to a concentration of 0.1 %*
- all other oral hygiene cosmetic products up to a concentration of 0.5 %*
- skin lotions and creams up to a concentration of 0.2 %*
- anti-perspirant deodorants up to a concentration of 2.0 %*

2. Does the SCCS have any further scientific concerns with regard to the use of cetylpyridinium chloride in cosmetic products?