



**Risk Assessment Days  
22 March 2007**

# Regulatory framework

- Commission Decision 2004/210/EC of 3 March 2004 setting up Scientific Committees in the field of consumer safety, public health and the environment\*

\* OJ L 66, 4.3.2004, p. 45



## THE 3 NON-FOOD SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES within SANCO

The Scientific Committee on Consumer Products  
(SCCP) – 19 members

The Scientific Committee on Health and Environment Risks  
(SCHER) – 19 members

The Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified  
Health Risks (SCENIHR) - 13 Members but able to call on  
Associate Members for any specific question

## Terms of office of the SCs

- Article 7 (1) foresees that the members are appointed for a term of three years and their mandate is renewable. They remain in office until they are replaced or their appointment is renewed. The current Scientific Committees should undergo a renewal by July 2007

# Renewal of the SCs

## Considerations:

- Scientific Advice is needed to support risk management decisions of EU institutions through a variety of policies to identify and assess risks to human health and the environment
- New developments are expected over the next two years which will have significant consequences for the Commission needs for scientific advice on risk assessment .
- The establishment of the European Chemical Agency (ECHA), implementing the Registration, Evaluation Authorisation and Restrictions of Chemicals (REACH)

## Proposal for amendment of Commission Decision 2004/210/EC

- in order to ensure continued provision of the necessary scientific advice in the period until the establishment of ECHA, in April 2008,
- it is therefore proposed to:
  - prolong by a period of 18 months the terms of office of the current Members of the Scientific Committees, until December 2008.
  - increase the number of members of the SCENIHR, from 13 to 16.

## Next steps

- Once the amended Decision is adopted:
  - You will be officially informed of the prolonged terms of office (by letter)
  - Members may agree to remain in office or may wish to resign. We would appreciate if you could inform us officially of your decision
  - A prompt reply is essential for the following steps
- Limited Call for expressions of interest



**Thank you for  
all your support !**



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