

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PRODUCTS (SCCP)

Request for a scientific opinion: 6-amino-m-cresol (CAS 2835-98-5) submission IV (A075)

Submission I, II and III for 6-amino-m-cresol was submitted by COLIPA¹ in February 1989, in March 1993 and in April 1995 respectively.

The Scientific Committee on Cosmetology (SCC) adopted, at its 46th plenary meeting of 19 February 1991, an opinion with the conclusion, that “*Since several studies have shown that this compound has produced positive results in "in vitro" mutagenicity studies, the SCC requires a study for the in vivo induction of UDS.*”

The SCC confirmed this opinion at the 54th plenary meeting of 10 December 1993.

According to the current submission IV, submitted by COLIPA in July 2005, 6-amino-m-cresol it is used as a precursor in oxidative hair dyeing products with of maximum concentration on the scalp of 1.5%.

Submission II presents updated scientific data on the above mentioned substance in line with the second step of the strategy for the evaluation of hair dyes (<http://europa.eu.int/comm/enterprise/cosmetics/doc/hairdyestrategyinternet.pdf>) within the framework of the Cosmetics Directive 76/768/EEC.

2. Terms of reference

Does the Scientific Committee on Consumer Products (SCCP) consider 6-amino-m-cresol safe for consumers, when used in oxidative hair dye formulations with a concentration on the scalp of maximum 1.5% taking into account the scientific data provided?

3. Deadline

December 2006.

¹ COLIPA - European Cosmetics Toiletry and Perfumery Association