

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PRODUCTS (SCCP)

Request for a scientific opinion: Pigment Red 57 (CAS 5858-81-1) update submission I (C181)

1. Background

Submission I for Pigment Red 57, with the chemical name Disodium 3-hydroxy-4-[(E)-(4-methyl-2-sulfonatophenyl)diazenyl]-2-naphthoate, was submitted in September 2003 by COLIPA¹.

The Scientific Committee on Consumer Products and Non Food Products intended for Consumers (SCCNFP) adopted at the 28th plenary meeting of 25 May 2004 the opinion (SCCP/0795/04) with the conclusion, that “*the information submitted is inadequate to assess the safe use of Pigment Red 57. Before any further consideration, the following information is required:*

- * *complete physico-chemical data;*
- * *a percutaneous absorption study in accordance with the SCCNFP Notes of Guidance”.*

The current submission, submitted by COLIPA in July 2005, is an update of the submission I for Pigment Red 57. Pigment Red 57 is identical with CI 15850 also used as a colouring agent allowed for use in all cosmetic products. Pigment Red 57 is used as a direct dye in semi-permanent hair dye formulations at a maximum concentration on the scalp at 0.4%.

The current submission 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 Pigment Red 57 safe for consumers when used as a direct dye in non-oxidative hair dye formulations at a maximum concentration on the scalp at 0.4% taking into account the scientific data provided?

3. Deadline

December 2006.

¹ COLIPA - European Cosmetics Toiletry and Perfumery Association