

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PRODUCTS (SCCP)

Request for a scientific opinion: HC Blue no 15 (CAS 74578-10-2) submission I update (C182)

1. Background

Submission I for HC Blue no 15, with the chemical name 4-[(2,6-dichlorophenyl)(4-imino-3,5-dimethyl-2,5-cyclohexadien-1-ylidene)methyl]-2,6-dimethylbenzenamine phosphate (1:1), was submitted September 2003 by COLIPA¹.

The Scientific Committee on Consumer Products and Non Food Products intended for Consumers (SCCNFP) adopted on 23 April 2004 the opinion (SCCNFP/0793/04) with the opinion, that *“the information submitted is inadequate to assess the safe use of the substance. Before any further consideration, the following information is required:*

- * *complete physico-chemical characterisation of the test substances used, including data on stability.*
- * *data on the genotoxicity/mutagenicity following the relevant SCCNFP-opinions and in accordance with the Notes of Guidance”.*

According to the current update to submission I, submitted by COLIPA in July 2005, HC Blue no 15 is used as a as a direct dye in oxidative and non-oxidative hair colouring products. The final concentration on the scalp can be up to 0.2%.

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

1. *Does the Scientific Committee on Consumer Products (SCCP) consider HC Blue no 15 safe for the consumers, when used as a direct dye in any hair dye formulations at a maximum concentration on the scalp of 0.2% taking into account the scientific data provided?*
2. *Does the SCCP recommend any restrictions with regard to the use of HC Blue no 15 in any hair dye formulations?*

3. Deadline

December 2006.

¹ COLIPA - European Cosmetics Toiletry and Perfumery Association