



Luxembourg, 21 December 2018

<p style="text-align: center;">Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS) Meeting of the Working Group on Methodologies</p>

14 December 2018, Luxembourg

MINUTES

1. Welcome and apologies, approval of the agenda and declaration of interests

The Chair welcomed the participants including a representative from SCHEER.

One member apologised.

The agenda was adopted.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 September were endorsed by written procedure by the WG members and published on 10 October on the website:

https://ec.europa.eu/health/sites/health/files/scientific_committees/consumer_safety/docs/sccs2016_miwg_049.pdf

The Chair invited participants to declare any interest regarding matters on the agenda. None of the participants declared any interest conflicting with the matter on the agenda.

2. List of points discussed and conclusions

A. Notes of Guidance (NoG)

The document and factsheet (being also translated into FR, DE and SP) have been published:

https://ec.europa.eu/health/scientific_committees/consumer_safety/opinions_en#fragment2

DG GROW highlighted an issue regarding a missing reference to specific '*Guidelines on Microbiological Quality of the Finished Product*' that was provided in the SCCS Notes of Guidance 9th revision and that is in a Commission Decision on Guidelines on Annex I.

This might be added again in the Annex of the 10th revision of the NoG, via an Addendum. DG GROW will confirm.

B. Notes of Guidance (NANO) update

The Chair of the WG presented the work on NANO Guidance and invited all experts of the WG to send any comment on the draft NANO Guidance.

C. SCCS meeting of the WG on Methodology on 27 February 2019

This WG meeting will be organised as an internal scientific workshop on alternative methods in Brussels, back to back with SCCS Plenary meeting (on 26/02).

The idea is to see, in a practical way, how risk assessment could be envisaged without animal testing, whether possible at all. Non-binding recommendations could then be further used by the SCCS.

The group started to elaborate the draft program, confirmed speakers and the foreseen invitations (closed one-day meeting).

The group discussed in particular the paper from Yang et.al, 2017 on Threshold of Toxicological Concern (TTC).

3. Information from the Commission and WG members

- EFSA has launched a public consultation on its proposed guidance for the use of the threshold of toxicological concern (TTC) approach in food safety assessment. This document proposes guidance on the use of the TTC approach, updating the Scientific Committee opinion of 2012 by considering the latest developments in the field. Contributions were collected from the members of the WG and the SCCS Chair will draft a contribution. Deadline is 8 January 2019.
- EU-ToxRisk is organising its pivotal Read-Across Workshop in Helsinki on 21-22 May 2019. The SCCS agreed to be part of the organising committee to discuss the possible relevant topics of that event.
- *Vera Rogiers*, SCCS Vice-Chair, reported on her mission to PARERE-ESTAF meeting in JRC on 27-29 November.
- Secretariat reported on its mission to the JRC EURL ECVAM Scientific Advisory Committee ESAC meeting held on 4-5 December .
- *Vera Rogiers*, SCCS Vice-Chair, reported on her mission as observer to the IFRA - IDEA workshop on characterisation and categorisation of allergens held on 12 December in Brussels.

- The Secretariat informed about a new mandate received that will be dealt with under the WG on cosmetics: Allergy Alert Test (AAT) as a proof-of-concept study to elicit a signal recognizable by laypersons.

4. Next steps

To collect all input from the members to prepare new version of the relevant documents for the next meeting (23/01).

5. Next meeting(s)

23 January, 27 February, and 26 March 2019

6. List of participants

SCCS Members

1. Dr Ulrike BERNAUER
2. Dr Laurent BODIN
3. Prof. Qasim CHAUDHRY (Chair SCCS)
4. Prof. Pieter-Jan COENRAADS (Vice-chair SCCS)
5. Prof. Maria DUSINSKA
6. Dr Eric GAFFET
7. Prof. Corrado L. GALLI
8. Dr Berit GRANUM
9. Prof. Eirini PANTERI
10. Prof. Vera ROGIERS (Vice-chair SCCS and chair of the WG)
11. Dr Christophe ROUSSELLE
12. Dr Maciej STEPNIK
13. Prof. Tamara VANHAECKE

SCCS External Experts

14. Dr Alain SIMONNARD
15. Dr Natalie VON GÖTZ

SCHEER representative

16. Dr Renate KRÄTKE (SCHEER Member)

Apologies

17. Dr Janine EZENDAM

SCCS Secretariat (DG SANTE C2)

18. Natacha GRENIER