



Luxembourg, 04 February 2019

Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS) Meeting of the Working Group on Methodologies

23 January 2019, Luxembourg

MINUTES

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

The Chair welcomed the participants including a representative from SCHEER.

The agenda was adopted.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 December were endorsed by written procedure by the WG members and published on 21 December on the website:

https://ec.europa.eu/health/sites/health/files/scientific_committees/consumer_safety/docs/sccs2016_miwg_053.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. Threshold of Toxicological Concern (TTC) and Yang Article (2017)

The group discussed TTC publications, and in particular the paper from Yang et al., 2017 on TTC for cosmetics-related substances: new database, thresholds, and enrichment of chemical space.

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 before next plenary meeting (26/02). It was agreed that checklists for Applicant should also be revised.

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 on 27/02, 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 finalised the draft program and prepared the content of the scientific workshop. Experts participating have been invited by the SCCS (closed meeting).

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. Secretariat sent the SCCS contribution.
- EU-ToxRisk is organising its pivotal Read-Across Workshop in Helsinki on 21-22 May 2019. The SCCS Chair agreed to be part of the organising committee to discuss the possible relevant topics of that event and is planning to be represented there too.
- SCCS member, *Janine Ezendam*, will participate in the European Partnership for Alternative Approaches to Animal Testing (EPAA) conference, in Helsinki on 7-8 February 2019.
- *SCCS Secretariat and Pieter-Jan Coenraads*, SCCS Vice-Chair, are planning to participate as observer in the IFRA - IDEA annual review event on 25 February in Brussels.
- FR report on the safety of diapers in which they have identified some risks with some compounds such as perfume substances is available: <https://www.anses.fr/en/content/anses-recommends-improving-baby-diaper-safety>
- The 10th revision of the Notes of Guidance did not include anymore the microbiology part (for which the Responsible person is responsible for) as well as finished product part (SCCS receives mandates for cosmetic ingredients and not for assessing risk of finished products). Of course this relevant previous information from the 9th revision remains valid and should be used.
- The Scientific Committee on Health, Environmental and Emerging Risks (SCHEER) identified a short list for Emerging risks: see https://ec.europa.eu/health/sites/health/files/scientific_committees/scheer/docs/scheer_s_002.pdf . SCHEER new mandates were informed.

4. Next steps

To collect all input from the members to prepare new version of the relevant documents for the next meetings (27/02 and 26/02).

5. Next meeting(s)

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 Janine EZENDAM
7. Dr Eric GAFFET
8. Prof. Corrado L. GALLI
9. Dr Berit GRANUM
10. Prof. Eirini PANTERI
11. Prof. Vera ROGIERS (Vice-chair SCCS and chair of the WG)
12. Dr Christophe ROUSSELLE
13. Dr Maciej STEPNIK
14. Prof. Tamara VANHAECKE

SCCS External Experts

15. Dr Alain SIMONNARD
16. Dr Natalie VON GÖTZ

SCHEER representative

17. Dr Renate KRÄTKE (SCHEER Member)

Apologies /

SCCS Secretariat (DG SANTE C2)

18. Natacha GRENIER
