



Luxembourg, 9 March 2021

## **Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS)**

### **Meeting of the Working Group on Cosmetic Ingredients in Cosmetic Products**

25 February 2021, Luxembourg

### **Minutes**

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

The Chair welcomed the participants. The meeting was organised via AUDIO. No apology was received. The agenda was adopted without changes.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 January were endorsed by written procedure by the WG members and published on the website:  
[https://ec.europa.eu/health/scientific\\_committees/consumer\\_safety/minutes\\_wg\\_meetings\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/health/scientific_committees/consumer_safety/minutes_wg_meetings_en)

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

#### **2. List of points discussed**

##### **2.1 New mandates**

See: [https://ec.europa.eu/health/scientific\\_committees/consumer\\_safety/requests\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/health/scientific_committees/consumer_safety/requests_en)

- A new mandate for a Scientific Advice (SA) on the threshold for the warning ‘contains formaldehyde’ in Annex V, preamble point 2 for formaldehyde-releasing substances, was adopted by written procedure on 12 February and published. A Rapporteur has been selected and will be appointed by the Commission.
- Four new mandates for endocrine disrupting (ED) substances from Group A (4-Methylbenzylidene camphor - 4-MBC, Butylated Hydroxytoluene - BHT, Kojic acid, Genistein and Daidzein) will be adopted by written procedure after the

meeting before their publication. Rapporteurs have been selected and will be appointed by the Commission.

- A new mandate for the revision of the Vitamin A Opinion will be adopted by written procedure after the meeting before publication. A Rapporteur has been selected and will be appointed by the Commission.

GROW informed about the potential following call for data/mandates:

- Cannabidiol – Internal discussions at horizontal level. Possible mandate for SCCS assessment after a call for data
- Three ED substances of Group A (Triclocarban/Triclosan/Benzophenone -BZP) are under discussion for a potential Scientific Advice by the SCCS.
- Call for data on ‘*Ingredients with potential endocrine-disrupting properties used in cosmetic products*’ on 10 out of 14 Group B substances of the priority list of potential EDs in cosmetic products has been published: [https://ec.europa.eu/growth/content/call-data-ingredients-potential-endocrine-disrupting-properties-used-cosmetic-products-0\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/growth/content/call-data-ingredients-potential-endocrine-disrupting-properties-used-cosmetic-products-0_en)  
Deadline to submit relevant scientific data/info is 15 November 2021 on all substances except for Butylparaben. For Butylparaben, the deadline is 15 July 2021.

## 2.2 Draft Opinion discussed

- **Methylsalicylate** - a draft preliminary version of the Opinion has been discussed and new tasks allocated to the members. A revised version will be discussed during the next WG meeting.
- **Prostaglandins and analogues** - a draft preliminary version of the Opinion has been discussed and new tasks allocated to the members. A revised version will be discussed during the next WG meeting.
- **Hair Dye Acid Yellow 3 – C054** – the requested study was received and discussed and new tasks allocated to the members. A revised version will be discussed during the next WG meeting.

See: [https://ec.europa.eu/health/scientific\\_committees/consumer\\_safety/opinions\\_en#fragment0](https://ec.europa.eu/health/scientific_committees/consumer_safety/opinions_en#fragment0)

## 2.3 Comments on Opinions

- **BPA in clothing** – the public consultation was running until 7 December. 25 comments from 6 recipients were received. SCCS draft responses to comments have been discussed and the preliminary Opinion has been revised accordingly. Tasks were allocated among members.  
These documents are under finalisation for adoption planned during plenary meeting (30-31 March).

- **Homosalate** – the commenting period was running until 4 January. Following the submission of additional data, DG GROW agreed with an extension of the deadline until June 2021. SCCS draft responses have been discussed and will be further discussed at the next WG meeting.

The following files could not be discussed due to the lack of time. It was agreed an additional ½ day meeting will be held prior to the plenary in March:

- **Resorcinol** – the preliminary Opinion has been published and was open for comment until 22 December. SCCS draft responses will be discussed at the next WG meeting.
- **Propylparaben** – the preliminary Opinion has been published and was open for comment until 4 January. SCCS draft responses will be discussed at the next WG meeting.
- **Benzophenone-3** – the preliminary Opinion has been published and was open for comment until 15 February 2021. SCCS draft responses will be discussed at the next WG meeting.
- **Aluminium in lipstick** - addendum for new concentration: the preliminary Opinion has been published and was open for comment until 15 February 2021. SCCS draft responses will be discussed at the next WG meeting
- **Octocrylene** - the preliminary Opinion was adopted by written procedure on 15 January. It has been published and is open for comment until 15 March 2021.

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### 3. Information from Chairman/Members/Commission

- DG GROW provided a presentation on the new EU Chemical Strategy and implications for cosmetics.
- The call for applications for the selection of members of the expert group “High-level roundtable on the implementation of the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability” has been published and is open until 18 March. More information is available at the following link: <https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regexpert/index.cfm?do=groupDetail.groupDetail&groupID=3757>. The mission of the expert group is to realise the objectives of the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability and to monitor its implementation in dialogue with the stakeholders concerned.
- The EU Publications Office released recently a new consolidated version of the Cosmetic Products Regulation (updated until Dec 2020):  
Access page: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02009R1223-20201203>

EN version: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:02009R1223-20201203&from=EN>

- BfR published the E-Morph Assay: Identification and characterization of environmental chemicals with estrogenic activity based on quantitative changes in cell-cell contact organization of breast cancer cells  
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0160412021000350>
- EURL ECVAM report 2020 from JRC is available:  
<https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/publication/eur-scientific-and-technical-research-reports/non-animal-methods-science-and-regulation>
- COM will publish a report from the conference on non-animal testing held on 2-3 February. In addition, most presentations and videos will be made available on DG ENV web-site: [www.ec.europa.eu/animals-in-science](http://www.ec.europa.eu/animals-in-science)

#### **4. Next meetings**

½ day in March (tbc), 23 and 27 (tbc) April and 21 and 26 (tbc) May 2021