Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS)

12th Plenary meeting

03-04 March 2020

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies, approval of the minutes of the previous plenary meeting/new agenda and declaration of interests

The Chair welcomed all participants, in particular the SCHEER representative and DG GROW D4 colleagues. The agenda was adopted.

The minutes of the previous plenary meeting were adopted by the SCCS via written process and published on the website:

https://ec.europa.eu/health/scientific_committees/consumer_safety/minutes_plenary_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 and conclusions

2.1 Follow-up of adopted opinions


2.2 Cosmetic Product Notification Portal (CPNP)

DG GROW informed about the forthcoming update of the platform including new features for the ingredients withdrawn from the EU market.

2.3 New mandate(s)

The following draft mandate has been discussed and will be adopted by written procedure once submitted officially before publication on the website: https://ec.europa.eu/health/scientific_committees/consumer_safety/requests_en

- Hair Dye Acid Yellow 3 – C054

The rapporteur selected by the SCCS will be appointed by the Commission.

DG GROW informed that:
1) in view of the 11 substances included in the 2012 SCCS Opinion on fragrance allergens, an assessment focusing on the sensitisation potential could be envisaged in the forthcoming months. Such assessment could be based on the QRA2 methodology.
2) a potential Addendum on the SCCS Opinions concerning arbutins (or new Opinion) might be requested.

2.4. Draft opinions

_Nanomaterials in cosmetic ingredients_

1. **Guidance on Nanomaterials** – the Guidance document has been published.
2. **Safety of nanomaterials in cosmetics** – A first outline has been presented, tasks have been distributed among members and the draft will be discussed at the next WG meeting (8 April).
3. **Hydroxyapatite** – submission II. The letter to Applicants has been sent out and deadline for replying is 30 April.
4. **Nano Copper**. The letter to Applicants has been sent out and deadline for replying is 31 May.
5. **Nano Gold**. The letter to Applicants has been sent out and deadline for replying is 30 June.
6. **Nano Platinum**. The letter to Applicants is under preparation and will be discussed at the next nano WG meeting (8 April).
7. **ZnO coatings (nano)**. The letter to Applicants has been sent out and deadline for replying is 31 August.

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1. **TiO₂ non-nano** for an exemption under Art. 15(1). References have been received from the Applicant. Tasks have been distributed among members after a report from the rapporteur.
2. **BPA in clothing** – The literature review has been done and tasks have been distributed among members after a report from the rapporteur. EFSA connected and informed they may revise their Opinion depending the results of the ongoing
literature review performed since 2013 until October 2019. ECHA also observes
the opinion making process of the SCCS, who is aware about the proposal made
by France and Sweden for restriction on skin sensitising substances in textile,
including BPA that has been published by ECHA for public consultation:
https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/7dc24b9e-263e-a9d7-756c-c6e228e018d1”. The SCCS is preparing a note back to the mandating DG to stress
the above mentioned points.
3. Benzophenone-3 – Tasks have been distributed among members after a report
from the rapporteur.
4. Homosalate - Tasks have been distributed among members after a report from the
rapporteur.
5. Resorcinol - Tasks have been distributed among members after a report from the
rapporteur.
6. Propylparaben – the dossier has been presented and will be further discussed at
the next WG meeting.
7. Octocrylene - the dossier has been presented and will be further discussed at the
next WG meeting.

Methodology

- Chair of the WG reported on the state of play regarding next WG Methodology
  meetings foreseen and topics planned like NGRA and skin sensitisation.
- The SCCS Report on the February 2019 Workshop on alternative methods is
  under publication (and last editorial changes in Scientific Journal ‘Toxicology’; see:
  https://ec.europa.eu/health/scientific_committees/scientific_journals_en#cat_animal_testing
- JRC received from OECD PB(P)K model working group the draft guidance
document and the case studies. They shared this version internally with the SCCS
and made a short webinar to present the main principles of the document, which
was welcomed by the SCCS while highlighting the difficulty for the SCCS to get
relevant results from modelling if no human data are available.
- For preparing the 11th Revision of the SCCS NoG, the chair of the WG on
methodology asked for the help of the WG members to update the actual text in
their specific domain of expertise.

2.4 Comments on opinions

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1. Aluminium – SCCS responses to comments received and the final version of the
opinion have been technically adopted pending some changes to be finalised by
the Rapporteur/Chair according to the discussion.
2. ZnPT (P81) – SCCS responses to comments received and the final version of the
opinion have been technically adopted pending some changes to be finalised by
the Rapporteur/Chair according to the discussion. The Final Opinion will then be
published.
3. DHA - Dihydroxyacetone as hair colorant. The Final Opinion has been adopted
and will be published.
4. Hair dye Indigofera tinctoria (C170) Submission III – the preliminary Opinion is
still under commenting period until 13 March.
3. Information from Commission and member of the SCCS

The SCCS Chair gave the floor for an update on the state of play of the following issues

From the Commission

- The updated list of SCCS and SCHEER mandates/opinions was made available to the group.
- The SANTE senior management decided on Saturday 15 February 2020 to move to Health Emergency Operations Facility (HEOF) to RED from Monday 17 February 2020. Consequently the Secretariat of the Scientific Committees has to provide assistance to the unit of concern and has been required to cancel/postpone SCHEER meetings until end of March and inform mandating DGs of the foreseeable delays in the delivery opinions as well as to reorganise meetings at a later stage with adjustment of budget. The April meetings of both SCCS and SCHEER are planned via audio only.
- The final report and key conclusions from IDEA Workshop on pre/prohaptens in October 2019 was made available (https://ideaproject.info/news-events/idea-pre-and-pro-haptens-workshop-october-2019)
- Call for interest is planned to be published before Easter for the new term 2021-2026. Deadline foreseen before summer period.

From the Members

- The JRC/RTD workshop on Safe and Sustainable Smart Nanomaterials, 24-25 March 2020 in Varese (IT) has been cancelled and SCCS Chair, Qasim Chaudhry, will therefore not participate as planned.
- Participation of Vera Rogiers, SCCS Vice-Chair, foreseen in CoE workshop on inhalation TTC on 25 March in Brussels, which has now been postponed to June 2.

6. Next working group meetings:

- WG Cosmetic ingredients: 7 April and 13 May, 10 July and 8 September 2020
- WG Nanomaterials in cosmetics: 8 April, 14 May, 9 July and 9 September 2020
- WG Methodology: 12 May (training) and 7 September (11th revision NoG) 2020

Next plenary meetings:
- 09-10/06/2020
- 27-28/10/2020
- 10-11/03/2020

Next Inter-Committee Coordination Group (ICCG) meeting: 29/10/2020

7. A.O.B

The SCCS guidance on the safety assessment of nanomaterials in cosmetics has been published in Regulatory Toxicology and Pharmacology Journal: https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0273230020300374 as well as in a corresponding factsheet: https://ec.europa.eu/health/scientific_committees/policy/opinions_plain_language_en