Minutes

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

27 September 2017, Luxembourg

1. Approval of the agenda, minutes and declaration of interests

The Chair welcomed the participants, in particular the external expert, Dr. Ates Gamze. The agenda was adopted. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 31 August on inhalation exposure were endorsed by the group and published on the website on 25 September.

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. Nature of the meeting

This is a regular meeting of the working group.

3. Inhalation exposure assessment

Dr. Gamze Ates made a presentation on genotoxicity testing and on how to de-risk a positive in vitro test. Her thorough and systematic approach towards integrating different aspects was well received and appreciated. She has also written a thesis paper on "Gene expression analysis in human cells" with HepaRG cells that is still waiting for publication. The developments presented at this session can be a basis for another discussion with the SCCS to identify any potential update of the SCCS Notes of Guidance.

4. SCCS Notes of Guidance update

The group discussed about the revision of the SCCS Notes of guidance. A clarification was requested by DG GROW on recommendation on sunscreen application. SCCS clarified that value used by SCCS is for their calculation only and not recommending or requesting consumers to apply it. The Notes of Guidance will be made clearer on that point. Any further question should be submitted via a GROW mandate and data to SCCS.

5. Update Information from Commission/Chair/Members

- Christophe Rousselle informed about the European Biomonitoring Project HBM4EU: the first newsletter of the project is available and the dedicated website is: https://www.hbm4eu.eu/. The methodology WG may discuss this item at the next January meeting (23/01) to identify any update in the SCCS Notes of Guidance.
• Following the Regulation on restriction of ZnO colorant adopted and published in OJ: http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32017R1413&from=EN that addresses the question of potential inhalation (recommendation for not to be used - see SCCS/1489/12), it was stressed that the SCCS has already clarified this issue also via the Opinion SCCS/1539/14. The Applicant should determine whether or not the material in question is likely to go into the consumer lungs when marketing a powder or sprayable product. Any legislative request should be addressed directly to DG GROW contact: GROW-COSMETICS-AND-MEDICAL-DEVICES@ec.europa.eu.

6. Next steps

To collect all input from the members related to the revision of the draft opinions and to prepare respective new versions for the next working group meeting (14 December 2017).

7. Next meetings

14 December and 23 January 2018.

8. List of participants

SCCS Members
1. Dr Ulrike BERNAUER
2. Dr Laurent BODIN
3. Dr Leonardo CELLENO
4. Prof. Qasim CHAUDHRY (Chair SCCS)
5. Prof. Pieter-Jan COENRAADS (Vice-chair SCCS)
6. Prof. Maria DUSINSKA
7. Dr Janine EZENDAM
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. Prof. Tamara VANHAECKE

SCCS External Expert
14. Dr Alain SIMONNARD

SCHEER Member
15. Dr Renate KRATKE

External expert
16. Dr. Ates GAMZE

Apologies
17. Dr Natalie VON GOETZ (SCCS external expert)

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18. Natacha GRENIER