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

14 December 2017, Luxembourg

MINUTES

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

The Chair welcomed the participants and announced four apologies.
The agenda was adopted.
The minutes of the previous meeting on genotoxicity held on 27 September were endorsed by the group on 13 October and published on the website on 16 October 2017.

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

2.1 ANSA report

Both SCCS/SCHEER contributed to the EU-ANSA Research Cluster on ‘Innovative 3Rs approaches for the prediction of properties of chemicals, medicines, environmental contaminants and other regulated products’- the final version of the common input was agreed on before sending to ECHA.

2.2 Notes of Guidance update

Contributions were received from members to revise the Notes of Guidance for the testing of the cosmetic ingredients and their safety evaluation. Additional tasks have been distributed among members, including for inhalation exposure issue. A revised draft (10th revision) will be discussed at the next meeting on 23/01/18.

2.3 European Biomonitoring Project HBM4EU: one member presented the European Biomonitoring Project [https://www.hbm4eu.eu/](https://www.hbm4eu.eu/)
3. Information from the Commission and WG members


- SCCS input in a JRC survey for a proposal to the OECD for the development of an OECD instrument for Defined Approaches (DAs) for Skin Sensitisation that would make DA predictions covered under Mutual Acceptance of Data (MAD).

- The ECHA report on the regulatory applicability of non-animal approaches reviews their current status under the EU chemicals legislation has been published:
  https://echa.europa.eu/-/more-progress-needed-to-replace-animal-tests-under-eu-chemicals-laws . It describes the main types of non-animal approaches, adaptation rules, information requirements and needs for relevant (eco)toxicological properties. For each relevant information requirement, the report describes the potential non-animal approaches, the challenges and future perspectives. SCCS commented this report.

- European Union Reference Laboratory for alternatives to animal testing (EURL-ECVAM hosted by JRC): SCCS Vice-Chair, Vera Rogiers, participated in the joint PARERE (EURL ECVAM’s Network for Preliminary Assessment of Regulatory Relevance) - ESTAF (ECVAM Stakeholder Forum) meeting on 28-29 November 2017 and reported to the group.

- JRC published the 2017 EURL ECVAM Status Report:
  The report describes all the activities that EURL ECVAM has undertaken since the publication of the previous report (November 2016) to advance the Three Rs (Replacement, Reduction and Refinement of animal procedures) in collaboration with many other committed organisations.

- The EURL ECVAM Scientific Advisory Committee (ESAC) advises EURL ECVAM (the European Union Reference Laboratory for Alternatives to Animal testing) on scientific issues. Secretariat informed about projects potentially requiring ESAC advices following its mission in JRC early December.

- IDEA Working Group meeting on the effectiveness of Quantitative Risk Assessment (QRA): SCCS Vice-Chair, Pieter-Jan Coenraads participated in this meeting as observer and reported to the group.

FR published work on the exposure of the nail workers:
https://www.anses.fr/fr/content/professionnels-du-soin-et-de-la-decoration-de-loingle-exposition-de-nombreuses-substances

4. Next steps

To collect all input from the members related to the revision of the Guidance for the next meeting.

5. Next meeting(s)

23 January, 21 March and 19 April 2018.

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. Corrado L. GALLI
6. Dr Berit GRANUM
7. Prof. Eirini PANTERI
8. Prof. Vera ROGIERS (Vice-chair SCCS and chair of the WG)
9. Dr Christophe ROUSSELLE
10. Prof. Tamara VANHAECKE

SCCS External Expert
1. Dr Natalie VON GÖTZ

SCHEER Member
2. Dr Renate KRÄTKE

Apologies
1. Dr Leonardo CELLENO (SCCS member)
2. Dr Janine EZENDAM (SCCS member)
3. Prof. Maria DUSINSKA (SCCS member)
4. Dr Alain SIMONNARD (SCCS external expert)

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