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

28 November 2019, Luxembourg

Minutes

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

The SCCS Chair welcomed the participants, including a SCHEER representative. Three apologies were received, as well as from DG GROW. The agenda was adopted without changes.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 September 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

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

A. Dossiers discussed in both WGs on Cosmetic Ingredients and Methodology

BPA in clothing – the rapporteur presented the work foreseen and the group discussed the process and the need for launching a literature review. Tasks have been distributed among members and a clarification request sent to the mandating DG JUST. The Secretariat will liaise with EFSA/ECHA. The dossier will be further discussed in December meetings (methodology on 17/12 and cosmetics on 18/12).

Endocrine Disruptors in cosmetics – the Secretariat informed the SCCS about mandates foreseen early next year from DG GROW on endocrine disruptors in cosmetics following their call for data. The future task and workload will be further discussed in December meetings (methodology on 17/12 and cosmetics on 18/12).
B. The follow-up of the SCCS Scientific Workshop on alternative methods

The Speakers have sent their contribution to the SCCS who’s analysing the format and the content of the future Report foreseen for publication. The journal “Toxicology” was proposed to publish the report of the Workshop.

Some discussion took place to see whether other topics would be included in the Report, additional to those present in the Workshop program. There was general agreement to stick to the topics of the workshop. If wished, additional topics still could be brought together for a later article

- Some tasks have been distributed among members and Secretariat, among these asking for copyright of figures
- Some sections should be shortened or reworked
- SCCS introduction and way forward parts should be finalised
- References should be double checked, as well as acknowledgement and disclaimer
- Links to existing SCCS material could be added

The Secretariat will keep the speakers informed. The Chair of the WG will revise the draft Report before the next WG meeting (17/12). The revision date will, for completeness, depend on feedback of the speakers.

C. Preparation of the next WG meetings

- December meeting will focus on alternative methods to animal testing, Threshold of Toxicological concern (TTC) and read across.
- SCCS will invite external speakers.
- January meeting will focus on alternative methods to animal and genotoxicity testing. SCCS will invite external speakers.
- May meeting will be dedicated to an exercise with respect to the use of Next Generation Risk Assessment (NGRA) for sensitisation

3. Information from chairman/members/commission

- GROW launched a public consultation on fragrance allergens labelling. The deadline to give contribution is set on 4 February 2020.
  Link: https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/allergens2019/management/overview

5. Next meetings