



Luxembourg, 29 September 2017

<p align="center"><b>Scientific Committees on Health, Environmental and Emerging Risks (SCHEER)</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting</b></p>
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28 September 2017, Luxembourg

**Minutes**

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

The Chair welcomed the participants and announced one apology.

The agenda was adopted without changes.

The Chair asked the members to declare any interest related to the matters on the agenda. None of the participants declared any interest conflicting with the matter on the agenda.

**2. Information from Commission and members of the SCHEER**

From the Commission

The Head of C2 Unit informed the Committee about the changes in the Secretariat of the Committees.

He also informed that the Risk Assessment Day scheduled in October 2017 has been postponed (no date set up yet) due to the changes in the Unit.

The Secretariat presented the main results of the 2017 Members' internal survey and the general conclusions. Suggestions for actions will be discussed in detail at the Inter-committee Coordination Group (ICCG) meeting on 23 October and the Chair of the SCHEER will inform about the outcomes at the next meeting.

The Chair recalled that the list with mandates and opinions was circulated by the Secretariat as well as a link to the EU Health Newsletter from July (dedicated to the SCs' work and SCCS Chair made the editorial) [http://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/sante/newsletter-specific-archive-issue.cfm?newsletter\\_service\\_id=261&newsletter\\_issue\\_id=4357](http://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/sante/newsletter-specific-archive-issue.cfm?newsletter_service_id=261&newsletter_issue_id=4357)

From the SCHEER members

The Chair gave the floor to the SCHEER members to report on their participation, as SCHEER representatives, in the following meetings:

- 6<sup>th</sup> International Advisory Committee Meeting of the WHO Global UV Programme in Geneva, 28-30 June 2017
- ad-hoc Task-Group on water reuse on 23 June 2017 in Brussels

One SCHEER member raised an issue on participation of the mandating DGs in the working group (WG) meetings. According to the Rules of Procedures, the representatives of the risk management DGs can participate in the work of the Scientific Committees as observers. The Chair concluded that he will raise this issue for discussion at the ICCG meeting on 23 October.

### **3. Points for discussion/decision**

#### **3.1 Opinions for adoption:**

**Scientific Advice regarding the availability of sufficient new scientific data that would warrant an update of the Opinion on the safety of Poly Implant Prothèse (PIP) Silicone Breast Implants published in 2014 (Final version)**

The Chair of the WG presented the final version of the PIP advice. The advice was adopted.

**Scientific Advice on the availability of sufficient scientific knowledge to allow for a risk assessment regarding a possible connection between breast implants and anaplastic large cell lymphoma (Final version)**

The Chair of the WG presented the final version of the advice. The SCHEER asked the working group to revise the abstract of the Advice. This advice will be sent for adoption by written procedure as soon as it's finished.

**Preliminary Opinion on public health impacts and risks resulting from onshore hydrocarbon exploration and production in the European Union**

The Chair of the WG presented the state of play and announced that the Opinion is still a draft not ready for adoption. Next meeting of the WG is scheduled on 18 October.

The Chair concluded that the WG needs more time to work on the Opinion and, therefore, the adoption of the preliminary Opinion is postponed to the next plenary meeting on 22 January 2018. Representatives of DG ENV joined the plenary by audio and accepted the new deadline.

**Memorandum on weight of evidence and uncertainties – Update 2017**

The Chair and the Rapporteur of the WG informed that there are several chapters of the guidance that still need to be finalised. They proposed to have an additional meeting to finalise the document.

The Chair concluded that the WG needs to meet again to finalise the Memorandum and to take into account the specificities of EMF and other physical risks.

#### **3.2 New mandate(s)**

**Mandate on Environmental Emerging issues**

A representative of DG ENV presented the new mandate on SCHEER's involvement in the trial phase in systematic identification of emerging issues for the environment which will focus on "New technologies in the urban environment". The SCHEER adopted the mandate with few changes.

**Mandate on the benefit-risk assessment of the presence of phthalates in certain medical devices covering phthalates which are carcinogenic, mutagenic, toxic to reproduction (CMR) or have endocrine-disrupting properties.**

DG GROW presented the new mandate on guidance on medical devices: the SCHEER adopted the mandate with few changes. The WG was set up, including SCHEER and SCCS members, involving also representatives from ECHA/EFSA/EMA/JRC. The SCHEER designated the Chair of the WG. First WG meeting is planned for the end of October.

#### **4. Presentation IPCHEM by JRC - Video conference with the JRC**

JRC presented the IPCHEM (Information Platform for Chemical Monitoring) platform and gave practical examples of information available in the platform.

The SCHEER WG on oil and gas expressed an interest to get JRC's support for the Opinion on oil and gas.

#### **5. Update of the SCHEER's Position Statement on Emerging Risks**

The Chair recalled that in 2013 the SCENIHR prepared a position statement on emerging risks and that the SCHEER has a mandate to advice on emerging risks. The Chair will propose to the SCHEER a way forward for updating the position statement from 2013.

#### **6. Ongoing work**

##### **WG on aluminium in aluminium in toys**

The Chair of the WG informed that public consultation on the preliminary Opinion on the tolerable intake of aluminium with regard to adapting the migration limits for aluminium in toys was open until 10 September; 10 comments were received. The WG met on 27 September and prepared draft replies to all comments. The WG concluded that no changes in the preliminary Opinion are needed. The SCHEER adopted the final Opinion.

##### **WG on RRA**

The Chair of the WG informed about the WG exercise planned on 8 November and about meeting of pool of experts' planned for 12 December. The planning group met on 25 September to discuss the preparatory work for these meetings.

##### **WG on fuel markers**

The Chair of the WG informed that the WG met on 5 July and concluded that additional documents are needed to perform risk assessment.

##### **WG on LEDs - Preliminary Opinion on potential risks to human health of Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs)**

The Secretariat informed that the public consultation closed on 17 September. Eighty nine contributions and 22 papers were received. The document with input received during public consultation was sent to the Chair and the rapporteur of the WG who will revise them and allocate tasks for the members of the WG. Date of the next WG meeting will be determined.

#### **7. Next meeting(s)**

**Next SCHEER plenary meetings are scheduled as follows:**

**22 January 2018**

**5- 6 June 2018;** starting at 14.00 on 5 June

**11 October 2018**

**7 February 2019**

#### **8. A.O.B.**

No AOB

## **List of participants**

### **Members of the SCHEER**

Roberto Bertollini, Teresa Borges, Raquel Duarte-Davidson, Wim de Jong, Rodica Mariana Ion, Renate Krätke, Demosthenes Panagiotakos, Ana Proykova, Theo Samaras, Marian Scott, Remy Slama, Emanuela Testai, Theo Vermeire, Marco Vighi

### **Members of the SCCS**

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### **Other Commission departments**

#### **DG ENV**

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#### **DG GROW**

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