



Luxembourg, 17 September 2021

**Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS)  
Meeting of the Working Group on Cosmetic Ingredients in Cosmetic  
Products**

8-9 September 2021, Luxembourg

**Minutes**

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

The Chair welcomed the participants. The meeting was organised via AUDIO. Two apologies were received on 9 September. DG GROW did not participate. The agenda was adopted without changes.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15-16 July have been agreed by the members of the WG and published on the website:

[https://ec.europa.eu/health/scientific\\_committees/consumer\\_safety/minutes\\_wg\\_meetings\\_en](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 matters on the agenda.

**2. List of points discussed**

**2.1 New mandates or information from DG GROW**

- The WG discussed the following draft mandates and sent comments to DG GROW:
  1. Opinion on Butylparaben
  2. Opinion on new hair dye Sodium Bromothymol Blue (C186)
  3. Scientific advice for Homosalate used in face products (face cream and pump spray) up to a maximum concentration of 7.34%

- The European Commission has launched a public consultation until 15 November 2021 on the revision of the Regulation on the classification, labelling and packaging of chemical substances and mixtures (CLP Regulation):

[https://ec.europa.eu/growth/content/chemicals-commission-launches-public-consultation-revision-central-piece-chemicals\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/growth/content/chemicals-commission-launches-public-consultation-revision-central-piece-chemicals_en)

Direct access to this public consultation is under the following link:

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12975-Revision-of-EU-legislation-on-hazard-classification-labelling-and-packaging-of-chemicals/public-consultation\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12975-Revision-of-EU-legislation-on-hazard-classification-labelling-and-packaging-of-chemicals/public-consultation_en)

The SCCS is not planning to comment on legislative matters.

- The annual forum on endocrine disruptors (EDs) will be held by DG ENV on 21-22 September: DG GROW will provide an update on cosmetics' legislation's impacts and invited the SCCS to join in order to update on the ongoing SCCS safety assessments of EDs. The draft programme and the link to the registration platform: [https://scic.ec.europa.eu/ew/register/dgscic/Third Annual Forum on Endocrine Disruptors 21 Sept 2021/e/1k/g/30360/k/](https://scic.ec.europa.eu/ew/register/dgscic/Third%20Annual%20Forum%20on%20Endocrine%20Disruptors%2021%20Sept%202021/e/1k/g/30360/k/)

The SCCS is planning to be represented.

## 2.2 Draft Opinions discussed

- Butylated Hydroxytoluene (BHT): the draft preliminary Opinion has been further discussed and will be adopted by written process before publication for commenting period.
- Kojic acid: the draft preliminary Opinion has been presented and will be further discussed at the next October WG meeting. Tasks have been allocated to members.
- Prostaglandin and analogues: the draft preliminary Opinion has been further discussed and will be adopted by written process before publication for commenting period.
- Genistein: the draft preliminary Opinion has been presented and will be further discussed at the next October WG meeting. Tasks have been allocated to members.
- Daidzein: the draft preliminary Opinion has been presented and will be further discussed at the next October WG meeting. Tasks have been allocated to members.
- Revision of the Vitamin A Opinion: the draft preliminary Opinion has been presented and will be further discussed at the next October WG meeting. A clarification request has been sent to the Applicant. Tasks have been allocated to members.
- Aluminium (aggregate exposure): this file has been postponed to next WG meeting. Tasks will be distributed among members.

- 4-Methylbenzylidene camphor (4-MBC): the draft preliminary Opinion has been presented and will be further discussed at the next October WG meeting. Tasks have been allocated to members.
- Scientific Advice (SA) on Triclocarban and Triclosan: this file has been postponed to next WG meeting.
- Arbutins: the draft preliminary Opinion has been presented and will be further discussed at the next October WG meeting. Tasks have been allocated to members.

### 2.3 Comments on Opinions

- Preliminary Opinion on fragrance Methylsalicylate was published and open for comments until 8 September 2021. The rapporteur will finalise the Opinion taking into consideration comments received.
- The WG discussed a question received on Lawsonia inermis (Henna) - SCCS/1511/13

### 3. Information from Chairman/Members/Commission

- Cosmetics Europe sent a request for future topics for discussion in methodology meetings including next revision of the SCCS Notes of Guidance and PBPK modelling.
- DG JRC consulted the SCCS on New Approach Methodology used by the SCCS in the framework of the European Commission’s Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability action on extended REACH Information Requirements. This consultation took place within the framework of their PARERE group<sup>1</sup>.
- 27 October: virtual conference from the European partnership for Alternative Approaches to Animal testing (EPAA): *“How can EPAA help the successful implementation of the EU Chemical Strategy for Sustainability”*. A [draft programme is available](#) on the EPAA website and information will be updated frequently. Registration will be open until 22 October. Registration can be made by clicking [here](#). The SCCS is organising its plenary meeting the same day.
- September - Webinar to Provide Overview of Skin Sensitisation: NICEATM is partnering with the Swiss Centre for Applied Human Toxicology and the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs to present a webinar series on [“Current Concepts in Quantitative Risk Assessment for Skin Sensitization.”](#) The first webinar, which

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<sup>1</sup> PARERE is a network of national regulators that provides EURL ECVAM with upstream input and preliminary views on potential regulatory relevance of methods or approaches submitted to EURL ECVAM for validation and/or peer review. See [PARERE - EURL ECVAM Network for Preliminary Assessment of Regulatory Relevance | EU Science Hub \(europa.eu\)](#)

provides an introduction to skin sensitisation and contact dermatitis will be Tuesday, September 21, at 9:00 a.m. The webinar is free and open to the public. Information about the webinar series and a link to register for the September webinar are available at <https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/ssqra-web>.

- The HBM4EU project ([www.hbm4eu.eu](http://www.hbm4eu.eu)) addresses how human biomonitoring (HBM) data can contribute to both the science and policy/regulation of dealing with the phenomenon of mixtures. With the aim to improve current procedures for risk assessment of chemical mixtures, various approaches are being investigated within HBM4EU. Based on the results obtained thus far, they have drafted recommendations for risk assessment of chemical mixtures and for further research. These draft recommendations will be discussed in the workshop: “*Chemical Mixtures: Lessons we are learning from HBM4EU*”. The workshop will be held on Thursday October 14 (afternoon) and Friday October 15 (morning). Their program was shared with the members.

#### **4. Next meetings**

5-6 October, 23-24 November and 21-22 December 2021

#### **5. A.O.B.**

- The group was reminded that IC-3Rs online symposium is on 7-8/10 (free of charge): [Innovation Centre-3Rs \(IC-3Rs\) at VUB](#)
- The group was informed that ECHA published a proposal, submitted by the Danish Environmental Protection Agency, to identify 4-MBC as a Substance of Very High Concern (SVHC).
- The group was informed about a BfR Symposium on New Methods, Omics and Novel Concepts in Toxicology: <https://www.bfr-akademie.de/english/events/nam-omics.html>

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