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4th meeting of the WG 'Methodologies' –15 March 2010

Minutes

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chairman of the Working Group welcomed the participants.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The draft agenda was adopted as proposed.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON MATTERS OF THE AGENDA

None of the Members declared an interest that could prevent him/her from participating in the discussion on the items on the agenda.

4. METHODOLOGY UPDATES

The Chairman presented the history of the Embryonic Stem Cell test, an example of a validated method where additional testing demonstrated a low predictivity.

5. EPISKIN SKIN IRRITATION: REPORT ON NEWLY SUBMITTED DATA

A draft overview of the three submissions was presented.

Although the issue of coloured substances has been addressed in an EU/OECD guideline, the concerns of the WG about the reliability of the method in relation to coloured substances remain.

6. EXPOSURE DATA: PRESENTATION OF UPDATED RESULTS FROM CRÈME STUDY

COLIPA presented data from a recent comprehensive study on exposure to cosmetic products.

The presentation was followed by a discussion and some additional questions were raised by the WG, which will be submitted in writing.

7. INHALATION RISK ASSESSMENT

Dr. J. van Engelen presented a method that RIVM has developed for the Consumer Safety Authority in the Netherlands as a fast screening tool for spray products to assess whether further investigation is needed. This evaluation is based on risk phrases and on an expected exposure level.

It was noted that this method is intended for the assessment of products, not for ingredients. In the safety evaluation of ingredients, too many variables would have to be considered when applying this tool.

8. DERMAL ABSORPTION

The draft document was discussed.

9. REVISION OF THE NOTES OF GUIDANCE

A draft for the 7th revision of the Notes of Guidance was presented.

It was said that the Council of Europe has initiated its work on the exposure of children to cosmetics. The secretariat will contact the Council of Europe to obtain information about the status of their work.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was discussed that the current practice of using 700 cm² as scalp surface area in exposure calculations likely represents an overestimation. In the future a scalp area of 580 cm², which has been published in the scientific literature, will be used in the safety assessment of hair dyes and products.

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Annex 1: draft agenda

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6. Exposure data: presentation of updated results from Crème study
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