



Luxembourg, 30 November 2023

Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS)

Meeting of the Working Group on Cosmetic Ingredients in Cosmetic Products

21-22 November, Luxembourg

Minutes

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

The Chair welcomed the participants.

This was a hybrid meeting. One apology was received for both days and one for one day.

The agenda was adopted without changes.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 October 2023 have been agreed by the members of the WG and published on the website:

[SCCS - Minutes - working groups 2022 - 2026 \(europa.eu\)](#)

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.

It was noted that three SCCS members and one SCCS external expert participated in the EFSA safety evaluation of TiO₂ used as food additive E171 in 2021.

2. List of points discussed

2.1 New mandates or information from DG GROW

The following mandate has been adopted on 21 November and published:

- Silver used in cosmetics (CMR exemption)

See: [SCCS - Mandates \(europa.eu\)](#)

The dossier for Salicylates was discussed with DG GROW and following some clarifications received from the Applicant consortium, the SCCS sent a note for their consideration before adopting any mandate.

2.2 Draft Opinions discussed

The following dossiers have been discussed:

- **TiO₂ scientific advice in oral and inhalation cosmetic products:**
The draft preliminary scientific advice on TiO₂ in oral and inhalation cosmetic products was communicated to SCHEER, as well as to EFSA, who has published a revision of its safety evaluation of TiO₂ used as food additive E171 in 2021. EFSA representatives were invited to this WG meeting to share information and provide technical clarifications related to issues described in the EFSA assessment. Based on these discussions, some amendments were made to the draft preliminary scientific advice on TiO₂ in oral and inhalation cosmetic products.
After the revision approval of the text by the WG members, the preliminary text will be circulated to the SCCS Members for discussion and adoption by written procedure. The preliminary scientific advice is planned to be published by early December for eight weeks commenting period.
- **Citral:** Applicant sent information in October following an SCCS request. The SCCS discussed the dossier and distributed tasks among its members. The preliminary Opinion will be discussed in the next WG meeting.
- **Acetylated vetiver oil:** the SCCS discussed the dossier and distributed tasks among its members. The preliminary Opinion will be discussed in the next WG meeting.
- **Aluminium:** the preliminary Opinion was discussed and finalised. It is planned to be adopted by written procedure prior to publication for commenting period.
- **Benzophenone - 4:** the preliminary Opinion was discussed and finalised. It is planned to be adopted by written procedure prior to publication for commenting period.
- **Benzophenone – 1:** a request for information has been sent to the Applicant. The Opinion is ON HOLD.
- **Triphenylphosphate (TPP):** a request for information has been sent to Applicant. The Opinion is ON HOLD.
- **Preliminary Opinions on hair dye A165 and fragrance hexyl salicylate** are published for comments, respectively by 8 and 12 January 2024:
See [SCCS - Opinions \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/sccs/)

2.3 Comments on Opinions

- **Methylparaben:** comments received during the commenting period were discussed and responses drafted. The final Opinion is planned for adoption by written procedure, together with the final SCCS responses.
- **Silver zinc zeolite:** comments received during the commenting period were discussed and responses drafted. The Opinion is planned to be finalised during the next WG meeting for adoption by written procedure, together with the final SCCS responses.

3. Information from Chairman/Members/Commission

- SCCS member participated in the French annual Congress for cosmetic products on 8 November and presented the SCCS work, in particular with regard to safety assessment of endocrine disrupting substances used in cosmetics.
- Vice-Chair participated in the annual EPAA Commission DG GROW event on 15 November and reported to the WG: see [EPAA Annual Conference 2023: Protection of people and our environment through NAMs \(europa.eu\)](#)
- SCCS is planning to present the SCCS view and share experience in the Commission workshop on a roadmap towards phasing out animal testing for chemical safety assessments on 11 and 12 December 2023. See [Commission acts to accelerate phasing out of animal testing \(europa.eu\)](#) .

4. A.O.B.

The Chair of the WG on methodology is exploring the possibility to organise an SCCS workshop on NGRA in 2024.

5. Next WG meetings

19-20 December 2023, 25-26 January 2024, 28-29 February, 26 March 2024, 24-25 April 2024, 21-22 May 2024 and 19-20 June 2024.
