



15th Plenary Meeting of the

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS (SCHER)

Venue: HTC 02/280 Luxembourg

Eugène Ruppert Street 11, L-2453 Luxembourg

22 March, starting at 9:00

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declaration of interests on matters in the agenda

The Chair requested to participants to declare any interest on the matters on the agenda. No declarations of any conflict of interest were made by participants.

4. Communication by Commission Departments

The SCHER secretariat provided an update on the following issues:

- Call for applications for the new Committees
- Ongoing evaluation of the Scientific Committees (2009-2014)
- New opinions/mandates from other Scientific Committees
- Follow-up of work with scientific journals to promote the dissemination of the SCHER opinions
- Future events to be attended by the SCHER members
- Presentation on SCHER activities 2013-2016 term

5. Chair's / member's report

The SCHER member participating in the SCCS WG on methodology informed that the last meeting of the WG took place on 15 March 2016 and focused on revision of the Notes of guidance after public consultation.

6. On-going work

Adoption of the final Opinion on:
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- **Potential risks to human health and the environment from the use of calcium cyanamide as fertiliser**

The Chair of the WG presented the final Opinion on calcium cyanamide. Commenting period finished on 10 January; contributions from 4 organisations and individuals were received; the contribution from the manufacturer comprised around 150 issues. The

working group met on 22 January to discuss the comments. The SCHER discussed the comments received and the final text of the Opinion which **was then adopted.**

Both documents will be published after the quality checks performed by the Secretariat.

Guidance on *ad hoc* rapid risk assessment by the SCHEER

The Chair and the Rapporteur of the WG presented the guidance document. Besides some editorial issues that still need to be done, the guidance document was adopted by the SCHER.

Discussion on the state of play regarding the final opinion on

– Estimates of the amount of toy materials ingested by children

The Chair of the WG, presented the draft final Opinion. Public consultation finished on 14 February 2016. 18 comments were received. The Chair and the rapporteur met on 23 February to discuss the comments. They prepared a draft replies to comments and proposed changes in the Opinion. The whole WG is meeting on 23 March to finalise of the Opinion and replies to comments.

The SCHER discussed the comments received under public consultation and the text of the final Opinion, and concluded that the final documents will be sent for **adoption by written procedure** as soon as possible after the WG meeting.

Progress of preliminary opinions on:

– Guidance on the structure and content of SCHEER opinions

The rapporteur of the WG on structure and content presented the state of play of the guidance. She presented the proposed structure.

– Revision of the 'Memorandum on weight of evidence and uncertainties

The rapporteur of the WG on weight of evidence presented the state of play of the guidance document. The revision of the different chapters is ongoing.

The next meeting of the WG on structure and content and the revision of the Memorandum on weight of evidence is scheduled on 14 April.

7. New mandates

No new mandate was submitted for the adoption by the SCHER.

8. AOB

The inaugural meeting of the SCHEER will take place on 28 and 29 April 2016.

Annex 1

List of Participants

Members of the SCHER

Alena Bartonova, Maria José Carroquino, Raquel Duarte-Davidson, Jadwiga Gzyl, Renate Krätke, Greet Schoeters, Colin Janssen, Claire Beausoleil, Jan Linders, Teresa Fernandes, Pim de Voogt

Chair of the SCENIHR

Vice of the SCCS

SCHER Secretariat (DG SANTE)