



Luxembourg, 31 March 2022

Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS)

4th Plenary meeting 2022-2026

21-22 March 2023, Luxembourg (hybrid)

Minutes

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES (**CHAIR: PROF. Q. CHAUDHRY**)

The Chair welcomed all participants, in particular the SCHEER representative. The agenda was adopted. One apology was received for both days.

The minutes of the previous plenary meeting were adopted by the SCCS via written process and published on the website: [SCCS - Plenary sessions 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.

2. CALL FOR EXPERTS 2022 – FOLLOW-UP

SCCS selected three external experts that have been appointed by the Commission to join the WG on cosmetic ingredients. They will participate in that WG from April on. All participants have been informed. For the lack of experts in the specific field of exposure risk assessment and extrapolation of exposure data in cosmetics, the SCCS may scrutinise the [EU Database of Experts](#) again later this year. Experts in this particular field are invited to apply anytime.

3. LIST OF POINTS DISCUSSED

3.1 NEW REQUESTS/MANDATES/ GENERAL INFORMATION FROM DG GROW

- No new mandate was received

The SCCS discussed with DG GROW the way forward regarding future mandates expected on the aggregate exposure to salicylates and ED substances.

DG GROW also discussed a potential Addendum to the revised 2014 Opinion on TiO₂ (nano) related to physico-chemical issues.

Mandates are published here: [SCCS - Mandates | Public Health \(europa.eu\)](#)

3.2. DRAFT OPINIONS

WG cosmetic ingredients

COMMENTS ON ADOPTED OPINIONS

The following opinions were adopted together with the SCCS responses to the comments received; the final opinions will be published on [SCCS - Opinions \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/sccs/).

- Hair dye sodium brothymol blue - C186
- Corrigendum on aluminium (to explain 'AP' = antiperspirant)

The following preliminary opinion was adopted and will be published for comments here: [SCCS - Opinions \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/sccs/)

- Silver zinc zeolite

DRAFT OPINIONS DISCUSSED

The following draft opinions/advices will be further discussed during the next WG meeting:

- Salicylic acid: adoption will be via written procedure
- Methylsalicylate: adoption will be via written procedure
- Methylparaben & Butylparaben: adoption will be via written procedure
- Hexylsalicylate: tasks have been allocated
- Zn salts-Submission II (exposure): tasks have been allocated
- TiO₂ – Applicant is planning to submit information by the end of April 2023

The following draft opinions will be further discussed during the next WG meeting:

- Benzylsalicylate – SCCS is expecting a final report from the Applicant this week.
- Citral – SCCS is expecting information from the Applicant who clarified it may be around Q4 2023.
- Hydroxypropyl p-phenylenediamine and its dihydrochloride salt (A165) Submission II - SCCS is expecting information from the Applicant who is planning to submit it by September 2023.

WG nanomaterials

The following Opinion was adopted and will be published here: [SCCS - Opinions \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/sccs/).

- HAP-Hydroxyapatite (nano)

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- Fullerenes (nano)

The following dossiers will be further discussed during the next WG meeting:

- Revision of the SCCS nano Guidance

WG on Methodologies

- The adoption of the 12th revision of the SCCS Notes of Guidance is postponed due to lack of time. It will be done by written procedure.
- Some members reported about their external mission on behalf of the SCCS.
- DG ENV published: [Chemical testing: new safety test methods approved \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/chemicals/chemical_testing/new_safety_test_methods_approved)
- On 28 March, the WG on Methodology will participate in a closed Cosmetics Europe Workshop on Probabilistic modelling presenting case studies.

4. INFORMATION FROM COMMISSION/ CHAIRS / MEMBERS

- The list of mandates/opinions for both Scientific Committees was circulated.
- CVs of SCCS experts will be updated after plenary meeting.
- Rules for reimbursement of Experts have been updated from 1st January 2023.
- Format of future SCCS scientific publications should be discussed.
- The EU Reference Laboratory for alternatives to animal testing (EURL ECVAM) Status Report 2022 has just been published. It can be downloaded from the [JRC publications repository](https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/publications-repository).
- EFSA project “*Mapping of data requirements and assessment methodologies linked to the regulatory frameworks and remits of the relevant EU Agencies (ECHA, EFSA and EMA) and EC Scientific Committees (SCCS and SCHEER)*”. SCCS /SCHEER will check this information.
- Together with the OECD WPHA expert group on academic data, JRC has prepared an EU survey to collect information about current practice and needs. The survey is open at [EU Survey - Academic data](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/survey/declaration) until the end of March. They expect inputs based on individual experiences, and specifically asked this info to be distributed among SCCS/SCHEER experts.
- The EPAA has published its call for the 2023 3Rs Student grants. The purpose of the grants is to sponsor students to participate in the major 3Rs events in 2023. GROW/EPAA is sharing this call to reach the students/young researchers interested in these events. Find more information about the grants here: https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/calls-expression-interest/3rs-student-grants-2023_en

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Next plenary (physical) meetings:

- 6-7 June 2023
- 25 October (to be confirmed)

Next WG meetings:

- WG Cosmetic ingredients: 17-18 April + 15-16 May + 20-21 June (all hybrid) and 17-18 July 2023
- WG Nanomaterials in cosmetics: 24 April and 12 May 2023
- WG Methodology: 28 March 2023 - Workshop on probabilistic modelling