



Scientific Committees on Health, Environmental and Emerging Risks (SCHEER)

14th Plenary meeting

3 October 2019

Minutes

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

The Chair welcomed the participants. All SCHEER members participated in the meeting.

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. Information from Commission and members of the SCHEER

2.1. Information from the Commission:

The SCHEER Secretariat informed about the following:

- Commission services that mandated the SCHEER have been contacted in order to inform the SCHEER Secretariat on their follow-up actions, e.g. legislative or policy measures taken as a follow-up to the SCHEER's opinion.
- The Guidelines for the Benefit Risk Assessment (BRA) of CMR-ED designated phthalates is published and is now available for the industry, regulatory bodies and other stakeholders.
- Evaluation of the work of the SCHEER: an evaluation will be conducted at the end of the term.
- Cooperation with SAM should be encouraged as both committees are working on similar topics. Secretariat will raise this at the next EU ANSA meeting in November.
- Contribution to the CHAFAEA brochure "Success stories booklet" for the Health Programme Conference of 30/9. The brochure is available online: <https://publications.europa.eu/fr/publication-detail/-/publication/98986869-e049-11e9-9c4e-01aa75ed71a1/language-en>

2.2. Information from the SCHEER members:

The SCHEER members reported on their participation to the following meetings:

- International meeting on breast implants in Amsterdam on 4 July 2019.
- Global Summit on Regulatory Science 2019 (GSRS19) in Ispra, Italy on 24-26 September.

3. Ongoing work

3.1. For discussion

- **Identification of emerging issues by the SCHEER**

The Chair of the WG presented the proposals from SCHEER members. The discussion will continue in the next SCHEER plenary in March (submission of issues by January 2020). The SCHEER members were asked to revise their contributions or to fill-in the template in case of a new emerging issue. It was suggested that the SCHEER should highlight the methodology it uses as it can be used as a benchmark for other scientific groups.

- **WG on electronic cigarettes**

The Chair of the working group gave a brief update on the working group. The members of the WoE WG are closely monitoring the discussions of the electronic cigarettes WG and are providing significant feedback to the team. The WG is planning to have an audio conference in November 2019 and a physical meeting in January 2020.

- **WG on the safety of breast implants in relation to anaplastic large cell lymphoma (BIA-ALCL)**

The Chair of the WG presented the activities of the group. A physical meeting will be held on 4 November. Deadline for the opinion is August 2020.

- **WG on Anaerobic Biodegradability of Linear Alkylbenzene Sulphonates-(LAS)**

The Chair of the WG informed on the work one so far by the working group. The working group selected external experts. One audio meeting and one physical meeting are planned for late October and late November, respectively. The deadline for the Opinion is March 2020.

- **WG on rapid risk assessment**

The Chair of the WG, informed about the past and ongoing activities of the WG.

Several exercises and trainings were organised in 2019 with the RRA working group and pool of experts.

Preparatory work for the annual meeting of the RRA working group and the pool of experts on 26-27 November 2019 is ongoing.

4. Points for discussion/decision

4.1. For adoption: Opinions: None

4.2. New mandate(s)

- **Request for an opinion on DNEL values for certain organic chemicals emitted by squishy toys with regard to adopting limits under the Toy Safety Directive 2009/48/EC**

DG GROW presented the mandate and after the thorough discussion in the SCHEER, the mandate has been adopted. The first audio-conference will be set in mid-November.

5. A.O.B.

- SCHEER members expressed their concern regarding their participation to the SCHEER Plenaries, as sometimes there is an overlap with other significant conferences. The SCHEER Secretariat will try to accommodate the busy agenda of all members of the SCHEER and find a suitable time slot for all attendees.

- Regarding the WoE, there are 3 WGs (e-cigarettes, Anaerobic Biodegradation of Linear Alkylbenzene Sulphonates-(LAS) and safety of breast implants in relation to anaplastic large cell lymphoma (BIA-ALCL)) which are following the WoE guidance. The SCHEER members involved as WoE experts in the various working groups will meet to discuss their experience with the application of the WoE guidance so far. An audio meeting is planned for November.

Dates of the next SCHEER plenary meetings: 5 March 2020; 17-18 June 2020, 7-8 October 2020.