



# **Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks - SCHER**

## **1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Working Group on Cadmium in fertiliser**

**18 September 2014, starting at 09.00**

### **Draft minutes**

#### **1. Welcome and apologies**

One apology received.

#### **2. Adoption of the agenda**

Agenda adopted without any changes

#### **3. Declaration of interests on matters on the agenda**

No conflict of interest was declared.

#### **4. Discussion on the mandate**

DG ENTR asked to review (in the light of new data/evidence) the scientific opinion prepared in 2002 by the Scientific Committee on Toxicity, Ecotoxicity and the Environment (CSTEE) to calculate the concentration of cadmium in inorganic phosphate fertilisers that would not lead to a net accumulation of cadmium in arable soils in EU-15+Norway over 100 years. In view of the relevance of this report to our review of Regulation (EC) No 2003/2003 on fertilisers, it has been submitted to SCHER for an opinion on the following aspects:

- Assess the overall quality of the report and identify any significant deficiencies
- Provide opinion on the appropriateness of the scenarios studied in particular as regards the algorithm representing soil/water distribution coefficient
- Provide opinion on the reliability and validity of the conclusions concerning the accumulation of cadmium in EU arable soils and its likely leaching to waters.

In addition, the Committee is invited to elaborate on possible implications for human exposure of accepting the conclusions of the Fertilisers Europe report.

#### **5. Identification of key literature**

The literature provided by DG ENTR seems to be sufficient at this stage.

**6. Allocation of tasks and responsibilities of WG members**

The chair distributed the tasks among the working group members.

**7. Time table**

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**8. Conclusions of the day and AOB**

Conclusions see above

No AOB