



Seventh plenary meeting of the
Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks (SCHER)
18 May 2010 at 10.00, Rue Froissart 101, room 02/169 - Brussels

Minutes

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Prof. Greim, Chair of the Committee, opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. Apology was received from John Davison.

2. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA

The draft agenda was adopted as proposed.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS ON MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

There were no new declarations stated.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PLENARY MEETING

The minutes of the 6th SCHER plenary meeting were adopted.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

5.1. ICCG

No meeting since the previous one

5.2. Transatlantic risk-assessment dialogue

Participants in the upcoming Ottawa workshop explained the focus and expectations of the event. Emanuela Testai is to coordinate with OECD/WHO.

6. NEW REQUESTS FOR OPINIONS BY COMMISSION SERVICES ON:

6.1. Combination Effects of Chemicals

Pat Murphy (DG ENV) explained the political significance and the scientific challenges of the presented mandate.

6.2. Water Framework Directive – Technical Guidelines for Derivation for Environmental Quality Standards

R. Rodriguez (DG ENV) clarified the issues to be addressed in this mandate.

6.3. Lead standards in drinking water

J. Cortvriend (DG ENV) explained the reasoning behind this mandate and the expectations from the opinion. It was decided to organize a working group regardless of the small scope of this opinion.

7. ONGOING REQUESTS FOR OPINIONS BY COMMISSION SERVICES ON:

7.1. Hg in energy saving light bulbs – The opinion was already adopted by written procedure. The committee considered some additional editorial changes proposed by one member of the working group.

7.2. CMR in toys – The opinion was adopted after some editorial changes.

7.3. Diantimony trioxide in toys – The opinion was discussed and the rapporteur is to amend the text. To be adopted at the next plenary meeting.

7.4. TCEP and migration limits in toys – The opinion was discussed.

7.5. Fluoridation of drinking water – The preliminary text of the opinion was adopted for public consultation.

7.6. Depleted uranium – The opinion was adopted after *(after the public consultation)*

Including adoption of the following general disclaimer:

All opinions delivered by the Scientific Committees are without prejudice to personal ethical considerations of the experts.

7.7. Risk Assessment improvements – The progress of the opinion text was discussed.

8. PARTICIPATION OF THE SCHER IN ACTIVITIES/WORKING GROUPS OF OTHER SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES

8.1. TTC – The progress of the opinion text was discussed

9. EMERGING ISSUES

There were none indicated.

10. NEXT PLENARY MEETING

1 July 2010

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

ANNEX I

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

MEMBERS OF SCHER:

Prof. U. ACKERMANN-LIEBRICH, Prof H ATRUP (*Vice Chair*), Prof. D. BARD, Prof. P. CALOW, Prof. S.CANNA-MICHAELIDOU, Prof. J. DAVISON, Prof. P. DE VOOGT, Prof. W. DEKANT, Prof. A. GARD, Prof. H. GREIM (*Chair*), Dr. A. HIRVONEN, Prof. C. JANSSEN, Prof. J. LINDERS, Prof. B. PETERLIN, Dr. J. TARAZONA, Dr. E. TESTAI, Prof. M. VIGHI.

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Mr. V. GARKOV, Mrs. C. DEKINDT

Other Commission staff:

Mr. J. CORTVRIEND (ENV); Mr. P. MURPHY (DG ENV); Mrs. F. PANTAZI (DG ENTR); Mr S. PICKERING (DG ENTR); Mr. J. ROMERO (DG ENV);