

Inter-committee Coordination Group (ICCG) meeting

11 June 2021, Luxembourg, 9:00 – 13:00

AUDIO MEETING

Minutes

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

The Chair welcomed all participants. The agenda was adopted. No apology was received.

The minutes of the previous ICCG meeting held on 29 October 2020 were adopted by the members via written process and published on the website:

https://ec.europa.eu/health/scientific_committees/inter_committee/minutes_en

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. List of points to be discussed

Information from the Commission

- The SCHEER Secretariat is still partially involved in COVID-19 file managed by SANTE C3.
- Commission's Chemicals Strategy
 - Move of the SCCS and SCHEER to an EU Agency, most probably to ECHA, is planned in 2023. An EU legislative initiative to reattribute scientific and technical work on chemicals to the EU Agencies is planned to be adopted in 2022. Secretariat held two meetings with ECHA on the possible move. Next meeting on the Commission level is planned for the end of June.
 - https://ec.europa.eu/environment/strategy/chemicals-strategy_en
 - SCCS and SCHEER Chairs raised concerns over the impact of the move to ECHA and the 'One substance-One assessment' approach proposed by the Commission on the independent working of the SCs. There is also concern over the implications for animal testing ban (for cosmetics) and Cosmetics Regulation.
- Due to limited staff, there will not be a renewal of the Committees and the current term has been extended for the next 5 years term, which will also span over the move of the SCs to an EU Agency.
 - The SCHEER is currently in the process of taking on board one additional eco-toxicologist as a member of the SCHEER. Selection is

- on-going. According to the basic decision setting up Committees, they can have up to 19 members.
 - Selection of a human toxicologist/exposure scientist is pending: for the time being such experts will be selected from the database of external experts.
 - It was noted that additional external experts could support both Committees.
- New SCHEER mandate on TiO₂ in toys
 - Three SCCS members and one SCCS external expert are members of this SCHEER WG. Cooperation between SCHEER and SCCS is strong and appreciated. Risk assessment of TiO₂ is of interest for both Committees, as well for EFSA (in view of the recent proposed ban on TiO₂ as a food additive).
 - New SCHEER mandate on EMF: was briefly discussed pointing out the sensitive nature of this mandate.

Exchange of information on working procedures and activities of the Committees (see Annex)

- After the last ICCG meeting, SCCS and SCHEER Chairs sent a letter to DG SANTE, DG GROW and DG ENV expressing their concerns over the possible impact of the move of the SCs to ECHA on the independent working of the Committees. A reply was received but the SCCS/SCHEER still have concerns that need to be taken into account. Following the letter, and according to the discussions under the previous point, both SCHEER and SCCS Chairs and Vice-Chairs agreed to request a meeting with DG SANTE, DG ENV and/or DG GROW Directors Generals, to brief and discuss the concerns and to understand and contribute to the process for a smooth transfer of the SCs to ECHA.
- The Chair of the SCHEER briefed the participants with the most important information from the last SCHEER plenary meeting held on 9-10 June. He informed on the recently adopted opinions and new mandates. He also briefly presented their weight of evidence approach used in preparing all SCHEER scientific opinions.
- The Chair of the SCCS presented ongoing SCCS work and future mandates. Next SCCS plenary is set for the end of June.
- SCCS and SCHEER discussed their joint comments on the targeted stakeholder consultation relating to the Review of the EU recommendation on the definition of the term "nanomaterial". Comments will be shared with both Committee members for their comments and adoption before submitting it to the [EUSurvey - Survey \(europa.eu\)](#). The survey is open until the end of June.

3. Date of the next meeting

28 October 2021.

4. Any other business

None

ANNEX
List of mandates and opinions
6/2021

Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety

New mandates

1. Draft mandate on Fullerenes (nano)
2. Request for a scientific opinion on the safety of alpha- and beta-arbutin in cosmetic products
3. Request for a scientific advice on the safety of Triclocarban and Triclosan as substances with potential endocrine disrupting properties in cosmetic products.

Opinions under preparation

1. Prostaglandins and their analogues
2. Methyl salicylate (methyl 2-hydroxybenzoate) used in cosmetic products to be included in CLP as CMR Cat. 2
3. 4-Methylbenzylidene camphor (4-MBC) as UV filter
4. Butylated Hydroxytoluene (BHT)
5. Kojic acid
6. Genistein
7. Daidzein
8. Aluminium (aggregate exposure data)
9. Vitamin A - revision
10. UV-filter HAA299 (nano). Submission II

Preliminary opinions

1. Preliminary Opinion on Hair dye Acid Yellow 3 – C054. Adopted by written procedure on 7 May – open for comments until 5 July.
2. Preliminary Opinion on Gold and Colloidal Gold (nano). Adopted on 30-31 March 2021. Open for commenting period until 14 June 2021.
3. Preliminary Opinion on Platinum and Colloidal Platinum (nano). Adopted on 30-31 March 2021. Open for commenting period until 14 June 2021.
4. Preliminary Opinion on UV-filter Homosalate. Final version ongoing (extension of deadline).

Final opinions

2021

1. Final Scientific advice on the safety of nanomaterials in cosmetics (for DG GROW). Adopted on 8 January 2021. Corrigendum of 8 March 2021.
2. Final Opinion on Copper and Colloidal Copper (nano). Adopted on 5 March 2021.
3. Final opinion on Hydroxyapatite nano. Submission II. Adopted on 30-31 March 2021.
4. Final Opinion on Octocrylene, UV-filter. Adopted on 30-31 March 2021.
5. Final Opinion on Benzophenone-3, UV-filter. Adopted on 30-31 March 2021.
6. Final Opinion on hair dye Resorcinol. Adopted on 30-31 March 2021.
7. Final Opinion on Propylparaben, preservative. Adopted on 30-31 March 2021.
8. Final Addendum to the scientific opinion SCCS/1613/19 on the safety of aluminium in cosmetic products - Submission II. Adopted on 30-31 March 2021.
9. Final Opinion on Bisphenol A in clothing (by DG JUST). Adopted on 30-31 March 2021.
10. 11th Revision of the SCCS Notes of Guidance on the testing of cosmetic ingredients and their safety evaluation. Adopted on 30-31 March 2021.
11. Scientific Advice on preservative Formaldehyde (threshold for labelling warnings). Adopted by written procedure on 7 May.

Scientific Committee on Health, Environmental and Emerging Risks

New mandate

1. Electromagnetic fields (joint mandate by SANTE, CNECT, RTD and EMPL)

Opinions under preparation

1. Nuclear power generation and the sustainable finance taxonomy by DG ENV F1 + DG FISMA B2
2. Safety of cobalt in toys with regard to a possible derogation from its prohibition by DG GROW F2 (ex D3)
3. Safety of titanium dioxide in toys with regard to a possible derogation from its prohibition by DG GROW F2 (ex D3)
4. FORENV cycle 3 - "Zero Pollution ambition for a toxic-free environment" by DG ENV A3
5. Groundwater quality standards for proposed additional pollutants in the annexes to the Groundwater Directive (2006/118/EC) by DG ENV C1
6. Environmental Quality Standards for Priority Substances under the Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC) by DG ENV C1
7. WoE testing - selftask
8. Emerging health and environmental risks - selftask

Final Opinions

2021

1. Safety of breast implants in relation to anaplastic large cell lymphoma (BIA-ALCL) (DG SANTE B6). Adopted by written procedure on 29 March 2021.
2. Electronic cigarettes (DG SANTE B2). Adopted by written procedure on 16 April 2021.
3. Organic chemicals in squishy toys (DG GROW). Adopted by written procedure on 3 June 2021.