



10th plenary meeting of the
Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks (SCHER)
16 Nov. 2010 at 10.00, Rue Froissart 101, room 00/42 - Brussels

Minutes

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Prof. Greim, Chair of the Committee, opened the meeting and welcomed the participants.

Apologies received from C. Janssen, J. Tarazona, and D. Bard (J. Davison resigned from the Committee)

2. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA

The updated draft agenda was adopted as proposed.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS ON MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

One member declared her past affiliation with Rhodia (AG) which is related to the new mandate 6.3 (please see below). In relation to the same mandate, two other members (H. Greim and P. Calow) also declared their association with the REX Panel of the Research Institute for Fragrance Materials. Neither of these declarations was deemed as conflicting by the Committee.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PLENARY MEETING

The minutes of the 9th SCHER plenary meeting were adopted after a correction on the attendance list (E. Testai was absent)

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported on the activities in the Chairs Meeting held in Copenhagen on 11-12 November and its significance for the future work of the Committee.

6. NEW REQUESTS FOR OPINIONS BY COMMISSION SERVICES ON:

6.1. TCEP and migration limits in toys

The responsible desk officer from DG ENTR (A. Pantazi) explained the request in detail. After a short discussion, it was decided to:

1. Drop the third question from the mandate because of its scope which was deemed too wide and requiring an enormous amount of effort. DG ENTR is to submit on a case-by-case basis requests for specific substances.

2. Add a sentence to the first two questions of the mandate which will make the exercise more holistic: "and consider potential halogenated alternatives".

3. The members of the new working group were determined.

4. The first meeting will be held on either 1st or 2nd December.

5. The second meeting of the WG will be held on either 1st or 9th December.

6.2. Environmental Quality Standards under the Water Framework Directive

6.3. Nitrosamines in cosmetic products and balloons (SCCS mandate)

6.4. Request for a clarification of entry 411, Annex II of the Cosmetics Directive: Secondary alkyl- and alkanolamines and their salts and the possible impacts on the entries 60, 60, and 62, Annex III (SCCS mandate)

7. ONGOING REQUESTS FOR OPINIONS BY COMMISSION SERVICES ON:

7.1. Combination Effects of Chemicals

For discussion

7.2. Lead standards for Drinking Water

For discussion and possible adoption

The conclusions were agreed by the Committee.

7.3. Improvements in Risk Assessment

For discussion

7.4. Fluoridation of Drinking Water – results of the public consultation

For discussion

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

8.1. New challenges for risk assessment (SCENIHR in the lead)

8.2. TTC opinion (SCCS in the lead)

9. EMERGING ISSUES

10. NEXT PLENARY MEETING – 11 JANUARY 2010

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 11.1.** Criteria for evaluation of evidence;
- 11.2.** Alternative testing for cosmetics (JRC - ISPRA);
- 11.3.** Organizational matters.

ANNEX I

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

MEMBERS OF SCHER:

Prof. U. ACKERMANN-LIEBRICH, Prof H AUTRUP (*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.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION:

SCHER Secretariat (DG SANCO):

Mr. V. GARKOV, Mrs. C. DEKINDT

Other Commission staff:

Mrs. F. PANTAZI (DG ENTR);