



Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS) WG on Methodologies

Venue: Luxembourg

Meeting date: 05 October 2016

Minutes

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed the participants, in particular observers from Cosmetics Europe (CoE), a representative from SCHEER and a colleague from DG GROW.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

The Chair requested members of the Working Groups to declare any conflict of interest regarding matters on the agenda. None of the members declared any conflict of interest.

4. PRESENTATION FROM COSMETICS EUROPE ON UPDATE ON SKIN SENSITISATION ACTIVITIES

The WG was informed about an ongoing project on skin sensitisation, its objective, its first results and the next steps foreseen. A discussion took place and then the observers quit the meeting.

5. INFORMATION FROM CHAIR/MEMBERS/COMMISSION

- The EFSA guidance on the use of the benchmark dose approach in risk assessment went through a public consultation process from 14 July until 20 September 2016. This document might be useful for Scientific Committee's regular assessments and for the next update of SCCS Notes of Guidance for the Testing of Cosmetic Ingredients and their Safety Evaluation.
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/press/news/160714a>
- The Database of Experts of the Scientific Committees (SCs) has been re-launched
http://ec.europa.eu/health/scientific_committees/experts/database/index_en.htm
- A Workshop to accelerate the acceptance of mathematical models as evidence in safety and efficacy decision making was held on 14 & 15/09/2016 in London by the UK's national Centre to promote 3Rs to reduce/refine/replace animal testing. The SCCS provided a short description to the workshop organisers on what are the basic elements that would help acceptance of estimated values derived from *in silico* methods in

regulatory assessments. The content of this paper has been included into an SCCS Statement for publication on the SC website. The link will also be provided to the organiser.

- A Report from High Court of Justice on non-animal testing of cosmetics was communicated:
http://www.wort.lu/en/luxembourg/european-court-of-justice-no-exceptions-to-cosmetics-animal-testing-ban-says-luxembourg-court-57e25e5bac730ff4e7f66b9c?utm_source=en_daily&utm_medium=email-0800&utm_content=newsLink&utm_campaign=dailyNewsletter
- A report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the development, validation and legal acceptance of methods alternative to animal testing in the field of cosmetics (2013-2015) was adopted on 19 September 2016
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1474371485850&uri=COM%3A2016%3A599%3AFIN>
- A report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on product claims made based on common criteria in the field of cosmetics was adopted on 19 September 2016
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1474371584966&uri=COM:2016:580:FIN>
- DG ENV is organising a European Commission Scientific Conference: "*Non-Animal Approaches - The Way Forward*" on 6-7 December 2016: participation via registration:
<http://www.euconf.eu/non-animal-approaches-the-way-forward/en/registration/index.html>

6. METHODOLOGY – INTERNAL MEETING

- **Check list for submission of SCCS dossiers**
Draft check list for cosmetic ingredients and particularities for nano ingredients are under discussion. It is foreseen for discussion at the next methodology WG meeting (18 January 2017). The goal would be to publish it in an Annex of the next revision of the SCCS Notes of Guidance to help applicants and Commission services to submit complete dossier to the SCCS.
- **Follow-up of the bilateral meeting of SCCS with DG GROW and Cosmetics Europe on Aluminium salts and dermal penetration held on 28 June 2016**
The SCCS took note of the note received post-meeting that has been discussed Clarifications provided were welcomed. The SCCS is looking forward to receiving a new dossier together with an official mandate.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Future topics to be added on the agenda are under discussion.

Next meeting dates are 8-9/12/2016 (training); 18 January, 08 March and 02 May 2017.

Attendance list of experts other than Commission and SCCS working group members:

Cosmetics Europe team: Dr. Dirk Petersohn from Henkel, Dr. Petra Kern from Procter & Gamble and Martina Klaric (CoE).