



14th plenary meeting of the
Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks (SCHER)
21 Sept. 2011 at 10.00, Rue Froissart 101, room 01/89 - Brussels

Minutes

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

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

Apologies received from BP and RA

2. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA

The draft agenda was adopted as proposed.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS ON MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

No new declarations were made

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PLENARY MEETING

The minutes of the 13th SCHER plenary meeting were approved with the deletion of the mandate for Ba in Toys which may be submitted later.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

Selection of a new vice-chair (an expert in environmental issues). After a discussion the Committee elected unanimously AG in the post.

6. NEW REQUESTS FOR OPINIONS BY COMMISSION SERVICES ON:

6.1. Barium in Toys

For consideration of the mandate and selection of the WG members (H. Greim)

7. ONGOING REQUESTS FOR OPINIONS BY COMMISSION SERVICES ON:

7.1. TCEP in toys

For adoption of the pre-consultation opinion (E. Testai)

The adoption of the opinion was postponed until the next plenary in view of some double-checking of the calculations to be performed.

7.2. Combination Effects of Chemicals

The outcomes of the public consultation were outlined and the progress of the modified text discussed.

7.3. Improvements in Risk Assessment

The rapporteur presented the work in preparation of the pre-consultation opinion which should be ready for adoption at the next plenary.

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

8.1. Nitrosamines and Secondary Amines in Cosmetics (SCCS in the lead)

The progress of the WG was reported.

8.2. NDELA and Nitrosamines in Cosmetics and Balloons (SCCS in the lead)

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8.3. New challenges for risk assessment (SCENIHR in the lead) – M. Vighi, C. Janssen, W. Dekant

The plenary decided to add one or two SCHER members to this WG. The names of ET and HA were proposed and accepted.

8.4. Meeting in June 2011 and further progress on TTC

The expectation is that after another meeting in October, a compromise will be reached between EFSA's document and the one by the SCs.

8.5. Invitation to present SCHER-opinion on depleted uranium in EU parliament hearing in Oct – W. Dekant

9. NEW AND EMERGING ISSUES

There were none reported.

10. NEXT PLENARY MEETING – 22 NOVEMBER 2011

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.