



Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks - SCHER

1st meeting of the Working Group on Toys material ingested by children

24 June 2015

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Two apologies were received.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declaration of interests on matters on the agenda

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

4. Discussion on the mandate

The basis for the mandate is the Erratum to the 2008 RIVM report on Chemicals in toys issued in 2015. The working group agreed that each member should read carefully the 2008 RIVM report to fully understand the background of the mandate.

5. Actions since the last SCHER meeting

Literature search was carried out by an external company, covering the period from January 2008 to June 2015. The number of results specifically related to toys ingestion by children was very low. A larger number of results were concerned with ingestion of objects, particularly small magnets. The WG agreed that it will also look at other similar information, e.g. on soil ingestion and on ingestion of small objects.

Call for information was published in April 2015 (with a deadline on 12 June). Interested parties were invited to submit any relevant information concerning the ingestion of toy materials by children that could assist the committee in preparation of the Opinion. Different toys manufacturers and associations, Commission departments and national administrations submitted in total 7 contributions.

6. Structure of the opinion

The WG discussed and agreed on the structure of the draft Opinion.

7. Task distribution

The Chair allocated tasks among the WG members.

8. Time line

Next meeting will take place on 24 September.

9. AOB

No AOB.