



Luxembourg, 7 March 2024

**Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS)**  
**Meeting of the Working Group on Cosmetic Ingredients in Cosmetic Products**

28-29 February 2024, Luxembourg

**Minutes**

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

The Chair welcomed the participants.

This was a hybrid meeting. One apology was received for half a day.

DG GROW participated.

The agenda was adopted without changes.

The minutes of the previous meeting have been agreed by the members of the WG and published on the website:

[SCCS - Minutes - working groups 2022 - 2026 \(europa.eu\)](https://europa.eu/sccs/minutes-working-groups-2022-2026)

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 discussed**

**2.1 New mandates or information from DG GROW**

Two new mandates were adopted by written procedure. They will be published on : [SCCS - Mandates \(europa.eu\)](https://europa.eu/sccs/mandates). The selected rapporteurs have been appointed by the Commission.

1. CMR-exemption for O-Phenylphenol, as well as its sodium salt (CAS/EC No. 90-43-7/201-993-5 and 132-27-4/205-055-6) as preservatives in cosmetic products.
2. Ethylhexyl Methoxycinnamate (EHMC) (CAS No. 5466-77-3/83834-59-7, EC No. 226-775-7/629-661-9) used in cosmetics products.

An *ad hoc* meeting with the industry consortium on Salicylates took place to clarify some points of the safety dossier submission.

A draft mandate on Prostaglandins has been presented by DG GROW and it will be further discussed in the next WG meeting.

DG GROW informed about two new submitted safety dossiers on hair dyes.

## 2.2 Draft Opinions discussed

The following dossiers have been discussed:

- Microsilver (CMR exemption): The preliminary Opinion will be discussed in the next WG meeting.
- Citral: The preliminary Opinion will be discussed in the next WG meeting.
- Acetylated vetiver oil: The preliminary Opinion was adopted by written procedure and will be published for 8 weeks commenting period.
- Triphenylphosphate (TPP): The preliminary Opinion is planned to be finalised in the next WG meeting in view of adoption in plenary meeting.
- Benzophenone – 1: the preliminary Opinion is ON HOLD due to a request for information sent to the Applicant who should deliver by the summer.
- Benzophenone - 4: the Opinion is planned to be finalised in the next WG meeting, together with SCCS responses to comments received, in view of adoption in plenary meeting.
- Aluminium: the Opinion is planned to be finalised in the next WG meeting, together with SCCS responses to comments received, in view of adoption in plenary meeting.
- TiO<sub>2</sub> scientific advice in oral and inhalation cosmetic products: due to the heavy workload of this WG, the Opinion will be discussed further under nano WG meeting on 15 March, together with SCCS responses to comments received. The rapporteurs will report during the next WG meeting.

See [SCCS - Opinions - European Commission \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/sccs/)

## 2.3 Comments on Opinions

- Hexyl salicylate: the final Opinion, together with the SCCS responses to comments have been adopted by written procedure. The final text will be published.
- Hair dye A165: the final Opinion, together with the SCCS responses to comments have been adopted by written procedure. The final text will be published.
- Methylparaben: the final Opinion is published and a corrigendum clarifying the conclusion under question 1 has been adopted by written procedure before publication.

See: [SCCS - Opinions - European Commission \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/sccs/)

### 3. Information from Chairman/Members/Commission

- The planned SCCS scientific workshop on Next Generation Risk Assessment for cosmetics has been postponed to the end of 2024.
- In the context of Chemical Strategy for Sustainability / One substance One assessment (1S1A), **EFSA has taken the initiative to commission a study**, titled ‘*Mapping of data requirements and assessment methodologies linked to the regulatory frameworks and remits of the relevant EU Agencies (ECHA, EFSA and EMA) and EC Scientific Committees (Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety, SCCS, and Scientific Committee on Health, Environmental and Emerging Risks, SCHEER)*’, which was **published in December 2023** (to be found at: <https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.2903/sp.efsa.2023.EN-8540>). SCCS/SCHEER are contributing with Commission and EU scientific bodies to exchange relevant information.
- DG ENV organised their 4<sup>th</sup> expert group meeting of 1S1A with Member States on 21-22 February: documents are publicly available: <https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/12c68f50-16ca-462e-9ac6-0879fc956065/library/a033081a-f42e-4580-8c39-9192ba59afa9>
- One member shared a publication on methylsalicylate’s skin metabolism: [Human Skin Drug Metabolism: Relationships between Methyl Salicylate Metabolism and Esterase Activities in IVPT Skin Membranes - PubMed \(nih.gov\)](#)
- [Germany Finds Increasing Levels of Long-Banned Substance in Humans, Including Children — The European Conservative](#)  
BfR is assessing the situation and more information will be available soon.

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### 5. Next WG meetings

26 March 2024, 24-25 April 2024, 21-22 May 2024 and 19-20 June 2024.

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