



Luxembourg, 4 October 2019

Inter-committee Coordination Group (ICCG) meeting

2 October 2019, Luxembourg

Minutes

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

The Chair welcomed the participant and announced one apology.

2. List of points to be discussed

3. Information from the Commission

3.1.1. Issue of research gaps in the area of scientific committees' work

In the past, the committees produced a document on challenges in risk assessment; the ICCG suggested that the SCHEER/SCCS could prepare a similar document identifying research gaps.

In addition, ICCG suggested asking DG GROW for a joint mandate for SCCS and SCHEER to identify those aspects of nanomaterials that may raise concerns over safety to facilitate future assessment of nanomaterials.

3.1.2. Feedback from the mandating DGs on the SCHEER opinions

The Chair informed that DG SANTE sent letters to the Commission services, which mandated the committees in the past, asking for a feedback on their follow-up actions to the adopted opinions.

3.1.3. Renewal of the Committees 2021; new Call for Experts

The Chair informed that the secretariat would start preparing a new call for experts, to be published early next year, for the SCHEER and SCCS renewal for the term 2021 - 2026.

3.1.4. Evaluation of the Committees

The Chair informed that the secretariat discussed the request of the SCHEER to carry out a mid-term evaluation of the committees with SANTE management and that the idea was refused.

3.1.5. JUST mandate on potential risk of Bisphenol A in children's clothing

The ICCG discussed a draft mandate from DG JUST on bisphenol A in children's clothing. The ICCG concluded that the mandate was under the responsibility of the SCCS. DG JUST will submit the mandate for adoption in the next SCCS plenary.

4. Exchange of information on working procedures and activities of the Committees

The ICCG members raise several points for discussion:

- Risk associated with decomposition of microplastics into nano plastics; there is an issue of decomposition of microplastics into nanoplastic; the SCHEER will include the issue among the list of emerging issues.
- Add need for considering the safety of 'natural' plant materials/extracts (important topic both for SCHEER and SCCS).
- Access to, or other exchanges with ECHA regarding their study reports/dossiers on substances under SCCS evaluation. The secretariat will raise this issue at the next EU ANSA meeting.
- Roadmap for the ED Fitness Check. Public Consultation on COM documents is foreseen for Q4 – 2019; ICCG agreed that the Chairs will coordinate compilation of SCHEER/SCCS comments.

5. Date of the next meeting: Thursday 29 October 2020

6. Any other business

none