



Luxembourg, 13 December 2024

Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS) Meeting of the Working Group on Methodologies

4 December 2024, Luxembourg

Minutes

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

The WG Chair welcomed the participants.
Three apologies for being absent were received.
DG GROW was excused from the meeting.

The agenda was adopted without changes.

The minutes of the previous meetings were endorsed by written procedure by the WG members and published on the website:

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The Chair invited participants to declare any interest regarding matters on the agenda. None of the participants declared any interest conflicting with the matter on the agenda.

2. Presentation on New Generation Risk Assessment (NGRA)

An internal presentation was made by an invited PhD student of a university doing a thesis with an academic SCCS member in the field of *ab initio* NGRA for systemic toxicity to be included in the safety assessment of a hair dye. The student gave an overview of the work undertaken during the thesis research work, illustrating the talk with an exposure case-study on hair dye already evaluated by the SCCS using a standard procedure.

An interesting discussion took place and the SCCS thanked the student for sharing the methodology used and the first internal conclusions.

Next steps: the SCCS welcomed the results of the thesis and, once published, these could be useful for uptake in the next revision of the SCCS Notes of Guidance. In the meantime, a framework with standardised procedures should be agreed upon by the SCCS and other

stakeholders for further use by Applicants (cf. a topic to be discussed at the SCCS workshop planned on 10 December 2024).

3. Presentation of ToxEraser Cosmetics

An internal presentation was made by an SCCS member on a New Tool for Substitution, Towards Safer Cosmetic Ingredients.

The Partnership for the Assessment of Risks from Chemicals (PARC) project (www.eu-parc.eu) developed this tool in line with the Safe and Sustainable by Design (SSbD) paradigm, an approach emphasised through the PARC project.

An overview was provided of the tool, which has a primary objective to offer a user friendly and innovative solution for replacing hazardous chemicals with safer alternatives, through a systematic exploration process.

An interesting discussion took place and the SCCS thanked the SCCS member for sharing this information including some remaining questions.

Next steps: the SCCS welcomed this tool as a starting point, as PILOT example. What can be useful for the SCCS / What kind of resources and which boundaries (legal etc) are some of the remaining questions.

4. Preparatory work for the SCCS Scientific workshop on NGRA on 10 December

The SCCS discussed the final program.

The potential last-minute cancellation of the ECHA presentation due to an airline flight issue could be replaced by a discussion session. It was agreed to take the ECHA topic on board in a next SCCS methodology meeting.

5. A.O.B

The SCCS discussed about providing some example compounds for further NGRA exercises by industry.

GROW first survey for the Roadmap towards phasing out animal testing for chemical safety assessment: the background document was sent to the SCCS Chair for consultation. The roadmap will aim to accelerate the development, validation, regulatory acceptance, and uptake of non-animal test methods for chemical safety assessment across sectors and regulatory areas. This will contribute to the transition to more sustainable and ethical practices in the EU. The targeted survey will remain open until 17/01/2025. The SCCS is planning to draft a contribution, in consultation with the SCHEER.

6. Next meeting

12 February 2025 (baby report data, with Cosmetics Europe)
