



Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks

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Working Group on Nanosilver

5 March 2012

Minutes

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chairman of the Working Group welcomed the participants.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The draft agenda was adopted as proposed.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS ON MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

None

4. DISCUSSION ON THE MANDATE

The Commission presented the mandate, namely the request to assess whether the use of nano-silver, in particular in medical care and in consumer products, could result in additional risks compared to more traditional uses of silver, as well as to assess whether the use of nano-silver to control bacterial growth could result in resistance of micro-organisms.

The presentation was followed by a discussion.

5. REVIEW OF AVAILABLE EXPERTISE

As a result of the discussion on the mandate, it was decided that external expertise would be required and proposals were made.

6. DISTRIBUTION OF TASKS

A preliminary distribution of tasks was made.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting is planned on 4 April 2012.