



Luxembourg, 17 November 2022

Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS)
3rd Plenary meeting 2022-2026

24-25 October 2022, Luxembourg

Minutes

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES (CHAIR: PROF. Q. CHAUDHRY)

The Chair welcomed all participants, in particular the SCHEER representative. The agenda was adopted. One apology was received for both days.

The minutes of the previous plenary meeting were adopted by the SCCS via written process and published on the website:

https://ec.europa.eu/health/scientific_committees/consumer_safety/minutes_plenary_en

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. MOVE OF THE SCs' SECRETARIAT TO SANTE B3 NEW UNIT

Secretariat moved on 1st October to new unit B3: Health monitoring and cooperation, Health networks. Directorate B is now called Public Health, Cancer and Health security. Physical move of the Directorate B to another building is also planned this month.

3. LIST OF POINTS DISCUSSED

3.1 NEW REQUESTS/MANDATES/ GENERAL INFORMATION FROM DG GROW

- No new mandate was received

The mandates are published here: [SCCS - Mandates | Public Health \(europa.eu\)](#)

The Secretariat informed about a potential analytical file/mandate on hair dye HC blue 18.

3.2. DRAFT OPINIONS

WG cosmetic ingredients

COMMENTS ON ADOPTED OPINIONS

The following opinions were finalised together with the SCCS responses to the comments received; the final opinions will be published on [SCCS - Opinions \(europa.eu\)](#).

- Scientific Advice on Triclocarban and Triclosan
- Revision of the Opinion on vitamin A

The following preliminary Opinion was adopted and will be published for comments here: [SCCS - Opinions \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/sccs/opinions/)

- Hair dye sodium bromothymol blue - C186

DRAFT OPINIONS DISCUSSED

The following draft opinions were discussed and new tasks allocated to members. Revised texts will be further discussed during the next WG meeting on 21-22 November:

- Silver zinc zeolite - a request to Applicant will be sent
- TiO₂ - a request to Applicant was sent
- Salicylic acid: finalisation planned

The following draft opinions will be further discussed during the next WG meeting:

- Benzylsalicylate
- Methylparaben
- Butylparaben
- Citral
- Hydroxypropyl p-phenylenediamine and its dihydrochloride salt (A165) (CAS/EC No. 73793-79-0/827-723-1 and 1928659-47-5/-). Submission II
- Aluminium aggregate exposure: clarifications/data have been received from the Applicant and will be further considered.

WG nanomaterials

The following draft opinions were discussed and new tasks have been allocated to the members. Revised texts will be further discussed during the next WG meeting on 16 November:

- HAP-Hydroxyapatite (nano)
- Fullerenes (nano)
- SAS (nano) – draft mandate
- Revision of the SCCS Nano Guidance

WG on Methodologies

Feedback from the previous WG meeting on Threshold of Toxicological Concern was provided by the Chair of the WG, as well as a state of play regarding the 12th revision of the SCCS Notes of Guidance (NoG) on the testing of cosmetic ingredients and their safety evaluation.

SCHEER wishes to reconvene WG on Weight of Evidence as of 2023 and the SCCS was invited to join.

Next topics planned for meeting on 17 November 2022: presentation of PACEM and EuroMix tools and 12th revision of the NoG.

4. INFORMATION FROM COMMISSION/ CHAIRS / MEMBERS

- The list of mandates/opinions for both Scientific Committees was circulated
- The SCCS published a specific call for external experts (**DL 5 December**). Applications can be submitted online. See https://health.ec.europa.eu/scientific-committees/consultations_en
- Follow-up on the [ONTOX project](#), an EU funded project that is part of [ASPIS ONTOX](#) and focusses on probabilistic risk assessment of chemicals to protect human health and environment. A survey has been received to examine the interest in a new ONTOX initiative – the creation of an ONTOX stakeholder network: SCCS/SCHEER found this network initiative interesting – contribution has been sent via the survey by vice-chairs.
- The chair provided feedback from the Inter Committee Coordination Group meeting held on 14 October.
- Reallocation of the SCCS to ECHA in the framework of the action ‘one substance-one assessment’ under the new EU Chemical Strategy – the chair stressed again their need for keeping independency and informed GROW/ECHA they wish not to be fully integrated into their Risk Assessment Committee-RAC in ECHA, but rather to form a 5th Committee under the ECHA Secretariat. SCCS could support the other 4 Committees whenever needed, in particular with their expertise on animal-free methods used in safety assessment. ECHA suggested to invite SCCS plenary members in Helsinki in 2023 to get more familiar with the place/facilities and, if possible, may be also participate in a RAC meeting as observer. Both Secretariats are in touch.
- JRC workshop on better use of academic data on 25 and 26 October: vice-chairs from both the SCCS and the SCHEER are planning to participate after SCCS plenary meeting, if time allows.
- The [European Partnership for Alternative Approaches to Animal Testing](#) partners forum (via DG GROW) on exposure in human risk assessment will meet on 14 November and the annual conference will be held on 15 November. Vice-chair is planning to participate on behalf of the SCCS.
- Congrès Parfums et Cosmétiques on 23-24 November – SCCS member is planning to participate on behalf of the SCCS.
- The [International Dialogue for the Evaluation of Allergens’](#) annual forum is planned on 29 November in Brussels – both vice-chairs are planning to participate as observer on behalf of the SCCS. Some SCCS members will also follow via audio, as observer.
- Invitation to the NMBP-13 conference ‘Future-proof Approaches for Risk Governance – Lessons Learned from Nanomaterials’. Chair of the WG on nanomaterials is planning to participate on behalf of the SCCS (24-25 January 2023).
- One SCHEER member shared a publication on Risk Assessment Acknowledging Variability in Both Exposure and Effect (Nico M. Van Straalen *et al*, 2022).

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Next plenary (physical) meetings:

21-22 March 2023 and 20-21 June 2023

Next WG meetings:

- WG Cosmetic ingredients: 21-22 November, 19-20 December 2022 + 24-25 January, 22-23 February 2023
- WG Nanomaterials in cosmetics: 16 November and 14 December 2022
- WG Methodology: 17 November and 21 December
