

Scientific Committee on Health, Environmental and Emerging Risks (SCHEER)

Meeting of the Working Group on safety of PIP silicone breast implants and a possible association between breast implants and anaplastic large cell lymphoma

Venue: HITEC building, Rue Eugène Ruppert 11, L- 2453 Luxembourg

Meeting date: 11 October 2016 (AUDIO)

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. All members of the WG joined the meeting.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declaration of interests on matters on the agenda

The Chair requested participants to declare any conflict of interest regarding matters on the agenda. None of the participants declared any conflict of interest. A member of the WG declared his participation in a project run by his national institute which aims to evaluate the claims of patients who received breast implants. This was not considered being a conflict of interest as he is participating representing his institute (indirect interest) which is a public institution.

4. Discussion on the mandate, draft opinion and allocation of tasks

The mandate was discussed by the members and additional clarifications were provided by DG GROW. The WG discussed the type of information received during the calls for information (155 documents received) and the organisation of work including the distributions of tasks among experts. The preliminary scientific advice on safety of PIP breast implants is expected by the end of December.

5. Any Other Business

None