



2nd Working group meeting on Toxicity of Chemical Mixtures (TCM)

Meeting date: 10 September 2010 starting at 10:00

F101 room 02/169 – Brussels

Minutes

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The chairman welcomed the participants and participants and indicated the apologies.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted with the addition of the consideration of the call-for-information results.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

There were no interests declared

4. DISCUSSION OF THE OPINION

- The State-of-the-Art report was discussed. A notable weakness was identified in the interpretation of low-dose effects of chemicals (a document with comments is attached). The approach to additive effects is considered appropriate.

- It was decided, in the opinion, first to clarify the terminology used based on the EFSA documentation, to review it and adopt at the next meeting. The meaning of NOEL, BMDL, and threshold needs special clarification.

- The need to emphasise differences between human health and environmental effects throughout the opinion was recognised.

- The discussion culminated in a decision for the preliminary structure of the opinion, approval of an initial text, and distribution of the tasks (document enclosed).

5. DISTRIBUTION OF TASKS

The concrete members of the WG who are responsible for each section are indicated by their respective initials (in bold) in the enclosed first draft of the opinion. All contributions are to be completed by **10 October** so that the rapporteur could

consolidate them all into one document for distribution before the next meeting on 21 October 2010.

6. CALL FOR INFORMATION

The secretariat briefed the participants about the contributions received as the result of the call. The secretariat is to place on circa all contributions in a separate folder. Any articles which were submitted will be copied also in the respective human-health and environmental folders.

7. NEXT MEETINGS

Based on the members' availabilities, the dates for the meetings were determined as follows:

21 October 2010,

22 November 2010,

24 January 2011,

29 March 2011, and

28 April 2011.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.