



9th plenary meeting of the
Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks (SCHER)
16 September 2010 at 10.00, Rue Froissart 101, room 02/169 -
Brussels

Minutes

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Prof. Greim, Chair of the Committee, opened the meeting and welcomed the participants.

Apologies received from J. Davison and E. Testai

2. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA

The draft agenda was adopted as proposed

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS ON MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

There were no new declarations stated

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PLENARY MEETING

The minutes of the 8th SCHER plenary meeting were adopted after a correction on the attendance list.

5. CHAIR'S/MEMBERS' REPORT

The Chair reported on the activities in the Transatlantic Dialogue on Risk Assessment

Stella Michaelidou reported on the Precautionary Principle conference in Copenhagen, 2-3 September

6. NEW REQUESTS FOR OPINIONS BY COMMISSION SERVICES ON:

6.1. TCEP and migration limits in toys

It was decided that the 3rd question on the mandate is not precise. This question seems to encompass a huge area of endocrine disruptors. The answer for TCEP is very clear.

6.2. Uncertainty for Risk Assessment and Risk Management (International perspective) - joint mandate, SCHER in the lead

6.3. Assessing Human Exposures for Risk Assessment and Risk Management (International perspective) - joint mandate, SCHER in the lead (draft enclosed)

It was decided that as soon as some documents become available they should be presented to SCHER for discussion

7. ONGOING REQUESTS FOR OPINIONS BY COMMISSION SERVICES ON:

7.1. WFD – TGD for EQS (draft enclosed)

The opinion was discussed. It was decided to adopt the opinion via written procedure after inclusion of a new text and editorial changes.

7.2. Combination Effects of Chemicals

The opinion was discussed and the Committee approved its general outline and preliminary conclusions.

7.3. Lead standards in drinking water (draft enclosed)

The opinion was discussed. It was decided it needs to be shortened and adopted at the next plenary.

7.4. Improvements in Risk Assessment

The rapporteur informed the Committee about the ongoing activities of the WG.

7.5. Response of the Danish Environment Agency to the SCHER opinion on Lead in Jewellery

The response was acknowledged.

8. PARTICIPATION OF THE SCHER IN ACTIVITIES/WORKING GROUPS OF OTHER SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES

8.1. New challenges for risk assessment (joint mandate, SCENIHR in the lead)

SCHER's representative explained that this exercise is focused on methodology (as opposed to item 7.4). The issue of separation of the environmental aspects from human health ones was discussed. Both should be kept in the same document with the differences emphasised

8.2. Meeting on computational toxicology – 30.09 – 01.10

AG, CJ, MV and JT volunteered to take part in this event

9. EMERGING ISSUES

There were none reported.

10. NEXT PLENARY MEETING – 16 NOVEMBER 2010

The dates of the 2011 plenary sessions were determined as follows:

11 January, 30 March, 25 May, 20 September, 22 November

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1. Alternative methods for testing – to determine if SCHER will provide a committee response or the experts will respond in their personal capacity

It was decided that since WD and ET were already involved in this exercise, there is no need for a Committee response.

11.2. Guidelines for an Advanced Training Program in Human Health Risk Assessment for Chemicals.

The guidelines were discussed and it was decided that individual members will submit their comments in response to the call for comments.

ANNEX I

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

MEMBERS OF SCHER:

Prof. U. ACKERMANN-LIEBRICH, Prof H AUTRUP (*Vice Chair*), Prof. D. BARD, Prof. P. CALOW, Prof. S.CANNA-MICHAELIDOU, Prof. J. DAVISON, Prof. P. DE VOOGT, Prof. W. DEKANT, Prof. A. GARD, Prof. H. GREIM (*Chair*), Dr. A. HIRVONEN, Prof. C. JANSSEN, Prof. J. LINDERS, Prof. B. PETERLIN, Dr. J. TARAZONA, Dr. E. TESTAI, Prof. M. VIGHI.

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Mr. V. GARKOV, Mrs. C. DEKINDT

Other Commission staff:

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