



Luxembourg, 6 March 2023

**Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS)
Meeting of the Working Group on Cosmetic Ingredients in Cosmetic
Products**

22-23 February 2023, Luxembourg

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies, approval of the agenda and declaration of interests

The Chair welcomed the participants. The meeting was organised via AUDIO. Three apologies were received for both days and three apologies were received for one day. The agenda was adopted without changes.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 30-31 January 2023 have been agreed by the members of the WG and published on the website:

[SCCS - Minutes - working groups 2022 - 2026 \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/sccs/minutes-working-groups-2022-2026)

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. List of points discussed

2.1 New mandates or information from DG GROW

There is no new mandate.

See [SCCS - Mandates \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/sccs/mandates)

GROW call for data for salicylates: the SCCS discussed the data received with DG GROW and consortium representatives on the method/model used for the metabolism and skin penetration of esters of salicylic acid in cosmetic products. The SCCS will discuss internally the information received and decide with DG GROW on the way forward.

2.2 Draft opinions discussed

The following dossiers have been discussed:

- Citral: a request to Applicant was agreed on and sent out by the Secretariat.
- Silver zinc zeolite: a new request for clarification has been sent to the Applicant.
- TiO₂ scientific advice in oral and inhalation cosmetic products: tasks have been shared among members to review the collected literature.
- Methylsalicylate: Applicant clarified products to be included in this scientific advice on children exposure. The issue of non-adequate data for babies 0-6 months will be discussed further in the March plenary meeting.
- Methylparaben: the preliminary Opinion is planned to be finalised in the March plenary meeting.
- Butylparaben: the preliminary Opinion is planned to be finalised in the March plenary meeting.
- A165 Submission II - Hair dye ingredient hydroxypropyl p-phenylenediamine and its dihydrochloride salt. Genotoxicity testing information from the Applicant is expected by March 2023. A reminder has been sent to the Applicant. ON HOLD.
- Benzyl salicylate: study information from the Applicant is expected by March 2023. ON HOLD.
- Hexylsalicylate: CMR2 exemption → the draft preliminary opinion will be discussed in the March plenary meeting.
- Hair dye HC blue 18 (submission II - analytical file) → the draft scientific advice will be discussed in the March plenary meeting.
- Zn salts in oral products (submission II) → the draft preliminary opinion will be discussed in the March plenary meeting.

2.3 Comments on opinions

- Salicylic acid: the preliminary Opinion was adopted by written procedure on 15 December and published for comment by 17 February 2023: [SCCS - Opinions \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/sccs/) . Comments received were discussed and will be further discussed in the next WG meeting.
- Hair dye C186: the SCCS responses to comments received have been finalised. They are planned to be adopted in March plenary meeting, together with the final Opinion.

- A clarification about the final Opinion on aluminium was provided to DG GROW.

3. Information from Chairman/Members/Commission

- EFSA workshop on BenchMark Dose on 15-16 February 2023 – one SCCS member and one SCHEER member participated on behalf of their Scientific Committee and reported to their respective Committee. SCCS member is considering holding a specific session on this topic during a next SCCS WG meeting on Methodology.
- The European Partnership for Alternative Approaches to Animal Testing ([EPAA](#)) Conference in November was dedicated to ‘Accelerating the Transition to Animal-Free, Sustainable Innovation’. This meeting was a follow-up of the previous EPAA-meeting which took place earlier in May. The chair of the WG on Methodology received a text proposal as a result of the two EPAA meetings on exposure in which she represented the SCCS. All participants were asked to look at it and give suggestions for improvement.
- Call for experts 2022: three external experts have been appointed by the Commission and will be joining the WG on cosmetic ingredients in April 2023. The Secretariat reminded the WG about the open [EU Database of Experts](#) in which any expert may apply anytime. Further expertise in exposure risk assessment is still needed.
- [ONTOX](#) Stakeholder Network meeting on 13-14 March 2023 – Vice-chair of the SCCS is planning to participate on behalf of the SCCS, together with a SCHEER member.
- SCCS WG methodology will follow a workshop on probabilistic modelling organised by Cosmetics Europe (hybrid meeting) on 28 March.
- Vice-chair is planning to participate in the next [PARERE](#) (JRC) meeting on 30-31 March 2023 in Ispra (IT), together with the SCHEER vice-chair.
- SCHEER shared an Article on the EU Chemicals Strategy to which former SCHEER Chair contributed - link here: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.yrtph.2023.105356>

4. Next WG meetings

17-18 April, 15-16 May, 20-21 June 2023

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