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# **Fields of Competence**

#### (1) Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS)

The SCCS on request of Commission services shall provide opinions on questions concerning health and safety risks, notably chemical, biological, mechanical and other physical risks, of:

(a) non-food consumer products such as

- cosmetic products and their ingredients, including nanomaterial, hair dyes, fragrance ingredients;

- personal care and household products such as detergents; toys, textiles, clothing, etc.

(b) services such as tattooing, artificial sun tanning, etc.

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

The SCHEER on request of Commission services shall provide opinions on questions concerning health, environmental and emerging risks.

In particular, the Committee shall provide opinions on questions concerning emerging or newly identified health and environmental risks and on broad, complex or multidisciplinary issues requiring a comprehensive assessment of risks to consumer safety or public health and related issues not covered by other Union risk assessment bodies.

Examples of areas of activity include potential risks associated with antimicrobial resistance, new technologies such as nanotechnologies, medical devices including those incorporating substances of animal and/or human origin, tissue engineering, blood products, fertility reduction, physical hazards such as noise and electromagnetic fields, interaction of risk factors, synergic effects, cumulative effects, and methodologies for assessing new risks. It may also be invited to address risks related to public health determinants and non-transmissible diseases.

The SCHEER shall also provide opinions on risks related to pollutants in the environmental media and other biological and physical factors or changing physical conditions which may have a negative impact on health and the environment, for example in relation to air quality, waters, waste and soils, as well as on life cycle environmental assessment.

Without prejudice to the competences conferred on the European Chemical Agency (ECHA) and other Union bodies undertaking risk assessment, it may also be invited to address

questions relating to examination of the toxicity and eco-toxicity of chemical, biochemical and biological compounds whose use may have adverse effects for human health and the environment, including biocides.

In addition, the Committee will address questions relating to methodological aspect of the assessment of health and environmental risks of chemicals, including mixtures of chemicals, as necessary for providing sound and consistent advice in its own areas of competence as well as in order to contribute to the relevant issues in close cooperation with other European agencies.

# ANNEX II

## **Special Allowance**

- (1) The work of the Committees effectively contributes to improving public health, and protecting citizens and the environment. This is achieved by evaluating the latest available scientific data to provide the Commission with sound and timely evidence-based risk assessment and scientific advice for the development and monitoring of Union policies and legislation relating to public health, consumer safety and environmental risks. Due to the fact that the advice provided is specific and of a such a nature that without it the Union policy concerned could not reach its objectives, the members of the Scientific Committees and external experts are entitled to a special allowance as stipulated by the Commission Decision C(2014)2220.
- (2) The members of the Scientific Committees and external experts are entitled to a special allowance which compensates them for their participation, in person or by distance, and related preparatory work in the meetings of the Committees, working groups and other activities organised by the Commission services related to the application of this Decision. The special allowance consists of a maximum of EUR 450 in the form of a daily unit cost for each full working day. The total allowance shall be calculated and rounded upwards to the amount corresponding to the nearest half working day.
- (3) The members of the Scientific Committees and external experts are entitled to a special allowance for acting as rapporteur to compensate them for the work performed. This special allowance shall be calculated depending on the number of working days needed to do the work. The calculation of the number of the working days is modulated depending on the workload related to the complexity of the matter, the length of the period needed to complete the opinion, the amount and accessibility of data and scientific literature and information to be collected and processed and the extent and complexity of public and stakeholder consultations and contacts with other bodies, in light of the following indicative criteria:

| working days           | Indicative criteria   |
|------------------------|---|
| 1 full working<br>day  | <ul> <li>simple and routine issue</li> <li>opinion based on examination of a dossier, with limited data search and limited literature examination</li> <li>no public consultation</li> <li>indicatively, six months between first and last meeting</li> </ul>                                 |
| 2 full working<br>days | <ul> <li>complex issue</li> <li>opinion based on significant data and literature search and examination</li> <li>stakeholder and/or public consultation with limited feedback examination workload</li> <li>indicatively, from six to twelve months between the first and the last</li> </ul> |

|                        | meeting   |
|------------------------|---|
| 3 full working<br>days | <ul> <li>very complex issue</li> <li>need for very extensive data and literature search and analysis</li> <li>extensive and complex consultations with stakeholder, the public and other scientific bodies, with important feedback to be examined</li> <li>indicatively, more than twelve months between the first and the last meeting</li> </ul> |

- (a) In each specific case, on the basis of the criteria mentioned in the table above, the Commission services shall indicate the total allowance for the rapporteur. The total allowance may be modified by the Commission services during the preparatory work for the requested opinion if that is justified by unforeseen changes in relation to the relevant criteria.
- (b) In case of more than one rapporteur is needed to produce an opinion, the total allowance applicable to each rapporteur is calculated by the Commission services in the form of working days needed to do the work, taking into consideration the above relevant criteria and the specific tasks assigned to each rapporteur.