



Luxembourg, 3 March 2022

Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS) Meeting of the Working Group on Methodologies

24 February 2022, Luxembourg

Minutes

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

The SCCS Chair welcomed the participants.

No apology was received.

The agenda was adopted without changes.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 December 2022 were endorsed by written procedure by the WG members and published on the website:

[SCCS - Minutes - working groups 2016 - 2021 \(europa.eu\)](#)

The Chair invited participants to declare any interest regarding matters on the agenda. None of the participants declared any interest conflicting with the matter on the agenda.

2. Information from chairman/members/commission (SCCS internal session only)

- EFSA launched a consultation on the EFSA updated guidance for the use of the benchmark dose approach in risk assessment: feedback/comments by 11 April 2022 at the latest, at the following link:
<https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/publicconsultation2/a017U0000011Q1H/pc0135>
- WG chair reported on her presentation made in PARERE¹ meeting held on 17 February: both SCCS/SCHEER were represented.
- SCCS chair and vice-chairs planned a session with Commission during a WG meeting to reflect on better use of academic data in regulatory assessment (in the framework of one substance - one assessment).

¹ [PARERE - EURL ECVAM Network for Preliminary Assessment of Regulatory Relevance \(europa.eu\)](#)

- Mixture assessment factor (MAF) issue may be added in the next revision of the NoG, stressing that while it is followed up carefully, the SCCS is not looking at mixtures but ingredients for the moment.
- A member shared the following: “Improving the regulatory assessment of combination effects: steps towards implementing the MAF in chemical regulation”:

<https://www.kemi.se/publikationer/pm/2021/pm-8-21-improving-the-regulatory-assessment-of-combination-effects-steps-towards-implementing-the-mixture-assessment-factor-maf-in-chemical-regulation>

- The WG planned a session on NAMs to address local inhalation effects in case of complex natural mixtures during their next meeting.

3. Revision of the SCCS Notes of Guidance

The chair presented the different sections to be updated and tasks were distributed among members. This process will last for the whole year with the aim to publish a 12th revision early 2023.

4. New Science Programme

Presentation by external speakers (open session):

Internal presentations were made by representatives from Cosmetics Europe (CoE). Cosmetics Europe, along with other global cosmetics associations are working with their members, industry partners and a broad range of stakeholders on the development of a new global cosmetic science programme. This programme will broaden efforts already underway within the industry to promote regulatory acceptance of non-animal test alternatives and will cover safety science in the areas of human health and the environment. Observers from CoE and IFRA participated in the meeting.

An interesting discussion took place.

The SCCS stressed the importance to be kept informed about further developments.

5. Next meeting

4 March 2022.