



Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS)

WG on Methodologies

Venue: Luxembourg

Meeting date: 8 July 2014

Minutes

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES (CHAIR: DR. WERNER LILIENBLUM)

The Chair welcomed the participants and announced four apologies.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

3. The agenda was adopted as presented.

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

No declaration of potential conflict of interest was made by the members of the WG.

5. INFORMATION FROM CHAIR/MEMBERS/COMMISSION

None.

6. ITEMS OF EXTERNAL EXPERTS TO BE DISCUSSED WITH SCCS:

- 6.1 The dermal absorption database of Fraunhofer ITEM (Dr A. Bitsch)
The Fraunhofer Institute for Toxicology and Experimental Medicine (ITEM) from Hannover, Germany, has developed a database of dermal absorption of chemicals that was presented at the meeting.
- 6.2 Follow-up of Low Bioavailability discussion on 21/05 (draft changes of Notes of Guidance - NoG) (Vera Rogiers). The discussion on low dermal absorption substances is ongoing.
- 6.3 Presentation on the Lipinski rule (Judith Madden)
Presentation on dermal absorption and application of Lipinski rule parameters (preliminary results).
- 6.4 Evaluation of dermal absorption in other guidance documents (EFSA, OECD) (Ulrike Bernauer)
Dr Bernauer reviewed EFSA and OECD guidance documents on dermal absorption to assess the differences (what is comparable and what is different) between those and the SCCS Notes of Guidance document.

7. MEETING OF THE WG METHODOLOGIES

- Report from PARERE/ESTAF meeting (05 and 06/06/2014) - EURL ECVAM's Network for Preliminary Assessment of Regulatory Relevance (PARERE)

Dr. Rogiers presented a report from the meeting, concerning EURL ECVAM activities and EU-NETVAL project - EU Network of Validation Laboratories

- The group discussed the way forward according to the morning presentations and discussions.
- Comments of French authorities on Genotox Addendum to NoG
The draft response was discussed and changed accordingly. It is ready for adoption at the next plenary meeting in September.
- Changes and a general update of the NoG were discussed.
- General exposure to cosmetics – list of substances not dealt with in the NoG
New exposure data for Notes of Guidance from the W.H. Biesterbos et al. (2013) study on ‘Usage patterns of personal care products: Important factors for exposure assessment’. Discussion on whether there are differences in exposure data between Biesterbos et al. and the SCCS Notes of Guidance.
- Follow-up of the benchmark dose (BMD) approach in Risk Assessment– info from SCCS Secretariat.

The start of the new working group in EFSA for the BMD approach is delayed to January 2015.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Next meeting dates and items:

Next meetings are planned on 22 August, 8 October and 5 November.

Attendance list of external participants:

- Dr Annette Bitsch, Fraunhofer Institute for Toxicology and Experimental Medicine (ITEM), Hannover
- Prof Ursula Gundert-Remy, retired; Guest Professor at Charité, Berlin
- Dr Judith Madden, Liverpool John Moores University
- Prof Vera Rogiers, Vrije Universiteit Brussel