

COMMITTEE ON CARCINOGENICITY OF CHEMICALS IN FOOD, CONSUMER PRODUCTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Preliminary report by SCHER, SCCP and SCENIHR on 'Risk assessment methodologies and approaches for mutagenic and carcinogenic substances'

The attached preliminary report has been produced by the EU Scientific Committee on Consumer Products (SCCP), the Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks (SCHER) and the Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly-Identified Health Risks (SCENIHR). The committees were asked:

- 1) To critically review the available methodologies and approaches used for the risk assessment of substances that have been shown to be carcinogenic in the appropriate toxicity studies.
- 2) If possible, to identify a harmonised methodology/approach for the risk assessment of substances that are carcinogenic taking into account all factors that may be of relevance (e.g. differences in their mechanism of action).
- 3) To critically review the available methodologies and approaches used for the health risk assessment of substances that are shown to be mutagenic in the appropriate toxicity studies and for which evidence of carcinogenicity is either limited or missing.
- 4) If possible, to identify a harmonised methodology/approach for the risk assessment of substances that are mutagenic and for which evidence of carcinogenicity is limited or missing, taking into account all factors that may be of relevance (e.g. differences in their mechanism of action).

The document is out for public consultation until 2 December 2008. Members are invited to provide comments on those parts of the document which discuss issues within the COC's remit and area of expertise (i.e. Members are not expected to comment on methods and strategies for mutagenicity testing). The secretariat will then submit comments via the dedicated website. Alternatively, Members may wish to comment directly (see http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_risk/committees/04_scher/scher_cons_03_en.htm).

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