

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

29-30 April 2025, Luxembourg

Minutes

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

The Chair welcomed the participants.

This was an audio meeting.

Five apologies for being absent were received the first day and two for the second day.

DG GROW was participating.

The agenda was adopted without changes.

The minutes of the previous meeting have been agreed by the members of the WG and published on the website:

[SCCS - Minutes - working groups 2022 - 2026 \(europa.eu\)](#)

The Chair invited participants to declare any interest regarding matters on the agenda. None of the participants declared any new interest conflicting with the matters on the agenda. Any interest already reported in the annual declaration remains valid.

2. List of points discussed

2.1. Draft Opinions

The WG discussed preliminary opinions on:

- Butylated Hydroxyanisole - BHA (together with EFSA)
- Cannabidiol
- Thiomersal-Hg
- Basic brown 16
- Basic blue 99

Tasks were allocated among members, and these preliminary texts will be further discussed in the next WG meeting.

The preliminary Opinion on Prostaglandin analogues is planned to be finalised in the next WG meeting.

The preliminary Opinion on Tea Tree Oil is planned to be adopted by written procedure by the next WG meeting. The SCCS is also in contact with EFSA.

2.2. Final documents

The comments received for the following substance were presented by the rapporteur. SCCS responses will be drafted before the next WG meeting, for discussion.

- Diethylamino Hydroxybenzoyl Hexyl Benzoate

The following final documents have been adopted by written procedure on 30 April and will be published soon: [SCCS - Opinions - European Commission](#)

- Methyl salicylate – children exposure
- Salicylic acid - children exposure
- Butyl paraben – children exposure

The final SCCS responses to comments received have been agreed on 30 April as well, and they will be sent back to the relevant recipients.

2.3. Draft mandates from DG GROW

There was no new mandate presented but the Chair reported on the last nano WG meeting where a clustering approach for the new coming TiO₂ safety file for oral exposure (nano and non-nano) was presented. The final dossier is expected by June, and the mandate is planned to be adopted in June plenary meeting.

Mandates, once submitted officially by DG GROW and adopted by the SCCS, are published here: [SCCS - Mandates - European Commission](#)

3. Information

- In the frame of EFSA's self-task mandate proposed by the Scientific Committee on the “Revision of the opinion on the Margin of Exposure approach for chemicals which are both genotoxic and carcinogenic” (M-2023-00167), the EFSA Methodology and Scientific Support Unit (MESE) is mapping the definitions of "Margin of Exposure" and "Margin of Safety" of regulatory bodies within and outside the EU to understand their application in human health and environmental hazard and risk assessment. SCCS agreed on a response for this survey available until 30 April and the Secretariat uploaded it in the EFSA survey website.
- EFSA will hold a short meeting with the SCCS Secretariat in May to discuss and agree on a way forward for collaboration on guidance document development.
- GROW informed that on 1 April the Commission published Explanatory Guide to help stakeholders and Member States implement the microplastics restriction under the REACH Regulation. The guide includes a section describing the provisions and objectives of the restriction, questions and answers addressing common questions from stakeholders and Member States, and annexes with ‘decision trees and examples of

borderline cases. The document was prepared by the Commission in consultation with the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) and the Member States. It will be regularly updated based on feedback from users. Future updates will be developed and published by ECHA. [Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2023/2055 - Restriction of microplastics intentionally added to products - European Commission](#)

- GROW inform that the [call for data on the safety of Glyoxylic Acid](#) when used in cosmetic products has been published. The deadline to submit an input is 8 of April 2026.
- A member informed about “*In vitro* human skin absorption of ethyl salicylate, pentyl salicylate, and (Z)-3-hexenyl salicylate from topical formulations: Effects on permeation and distribution (Joshi *et al.*, 2025)”.
- The SCCS agreed to start request for publishing in the international scientific journal NAM - See: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/nam-journal/about/insights>. The WG will check which opinion(s) the Secretariat should start to proceed with.

4. A.O.B. /

5. Next meetings

WG nano:
To be confirmed

- WG Methodology:
- 6 June (a.m.) - AUDIO only for NGRA on BP4 with CoE
 - 2 October (hybrid)
 - 28 October (hybrid)
 - 25 November - AUDIO ONLY
 - 18 December (hybrid)

WG Cosmetic ingredients:

- 27-28 May 2025 (hybrid)
- 25 June 2025 (hybrid -> back-to-back with plenary)
- 23-24 July - AUDIO ONLY
- 30 September and 1 October (hybrid)
- 29 October (hybrid, back-to-back with plenary)
- 26-27 November – AUDIO ONLY
- 16-17 December (hybrid)

Plenary meetings:

- ✓ 26 June 2025
- ✓ 30 October 2025
