

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

### COC case for change – submissions to March 2026

1. In July 2025, COC published its guidance statement [A case for change: the challenge to develop a better approach to assessing risk of cancer caused by chemicals](#). This statement invited submissions to be made with proposals for different scientifically robust approaches to assessing cancer risks to humans from chemicals, or to present cases studies where alternative methodology has been used to select candidate compounds before full regulatory testing.
2. Two sets of submissions were submitted before the November 2025 meeting, and presented to the COC at that meeting; for ease these are attached again here in Annex A.
3. A further submission has been received since the November meeting; this is attached in Annex B.
4. The Secretariat is aware of potential future submissions that are in development, so propose that initial views are taken on these submissions, while acknowledging that more information is likely to come to future meetings.

#### Questions for the Committee

5. The Committee is invited to consider the approaches in Annexes A and B, and to provide initial views on these.

**Secretariat**  
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This is a background paper for discussion.  
It does not reflect the views of the Committee and should not be cited.

**CC/2026/01 Annex A**

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Submissions received to the COC Secretariat on the Case for Change up to  
November 2025 (these were presented at that meeting)

These documents are attached for Members. They are not being made publicly  
available at this stage as some submissions may include confidential or pre-  
publication results.

**Secretariat  
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