

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

COC Workshop November 17th, 2022 – Draft summary

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1. This paper presents a summary of the presentations made at the COC workshop held in November 2022 along with notes of the plenary and breakout group discussions, which have been collated for individual questions, for Members to consider next steps and further activities.
2. The principal aim of the workshop was to determine what definitive steps can be undertaken to make progress towards improvement of the chemical risk assessment process and regulatory requirements for carcinogenicity, based on research undertaken over the last 10-20 years.
3. The workshop considered the issues in the context of pesticides, but further discussion of different regulatory areas is planned for the future, and it is anticipated that discussion will build from this first workshop.
4. A draft summary of the presentations and discussions is provided at Annex A.

Questions for the Committee

5. Members are asked to consider Annex A and in particular:
 - i. Comment on the themes coming from the discussions
 - ii. Consider potential next steps, in terms of future COC discussion topics or further workshops or other activities

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This Annex is attached. It is not being made public as it contains summaries of speaker presentations to be checked with the individuals concerned. The output from the workshop will be available on the COC website in due course.

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