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Group of interest on varnishes and coatings

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Teleconference 16th February 2017

Aim:

Presentation of different methodologies used by participant Member States for the safety assessment of substances used to manufacture coatings, including oligomers and NIAS

Discussion about differences and commonalities, referring to the SCF Guidelines / EFSA Note for Guidance for FCM

Meeting report and presentations are available on public EFSA website:

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/event/170216>



Conclusions from discussion at the meeting

- Definitions and terminology should be clarified for coatings and substances used (e.g. oligomers, pre-polymers)
- It should be clarified whether authorisation of monomers also applies to oligomers and pre-polymers
- Safety assessment is based on SCF Guidelines and EFSA Note for guidance, but minor differences exist
- Positive lists are not convergent; need for common approach for setting restrictions
- In principle safety evaluation should include not only intended substances, but all migrating substances including NIAS
- A common approach is needed for evaluating the migration level of coating materials (basis for tiered approach for defining required set of toxicological data)



Proposed plan of work (1)

Group will communicate mainly by e-mail and telephone

Collect relevant definitions and agree on list of terms and definitions

- WG members can submit of proposals to WG chair
- List compiled by chair, distributed for comments to WG
- After agreement, final list will be presented to the Network



Proposed plan of work (2)

Verify / update data in Baseline Study (Annex 10)

- Data collected until the end of 2015, may need updating
- e.g. Belgian Royal Decree is listed as 'Draft'

Compare legal limits for substances regulated in several MS

- Discuss reasons behind different limits
- Examine risk assessment, if available
- Develop recommendations for safety evaluation of coating substances
- Propose harmonised evaluation criteria, in line with SCF Guidelines / EFSA Note for Guidance for FCM: what toxicological data should be evaluated (tiered approach)?



Proposed plan of work (3)

Collect information on conditions and testing methods for migration level (basis for tiered approach)

Discuss the need for defining several coating types

- Substances may be authorised for specific types of coating
- Easier for mutual recognition of national evaluations?

Make an inventory of NIAS relevant for coatings for which risk assessment is available

- Avoid re-inventing the wheel
- Explore feasibility to make list of other NIAS; could be used to select substances for further assessment



Proposed plan of work (4)

Suggest ways to improve sharing of information

- If substances are submitted for use in coatings in more than one Member State
- Avoid duplication of work
- Aim for harmonised restrictions



Follow-up and next steps

All participants in February confirmed that they wanted to be members of the group of interest on coatings

Group should now divide the work, keep contact mainly by e-mail and telephone, and deliver first results by the end of 2017

