SUMMARY REPORT OF THE 9th ED EXPERT GROUP MEETING

The 9th meeting of the Endocrine Disruptor Expert Group was hosted by ECHA on 10-11 November 2016.

42 participants attended the meeting representing 13 Member States and EEA countries (AT, BE, DE, DK, FI, FR, LT, NL, NO, PL, RO, SK, UK), Switzerland, the European Commission (GROW, ENV, SANTE), EFSA and 5 accredited stakeholder organisations (Heal, CHEMTrust, ETUC, CEFIC). Also several additional scientific advisors nominated by industry and Member States representatives attended the meeting.

The group discussed 8 substance cases (5 thereof on CoRAP, 3 MS interest; see the table). In general, the substance specific discussions focused on the interpretation of available data and the identification of further information requirements. The discussion on perchloric acid and its salts was a follow-up after substance evaluation and previous discussion in the EDEG. DE has identified an ED concern for the environment and is currently preparing a Risk Management Option Analysis. FR has proposed bisphenol A as an SVHC for CMR concern in August 2016, and they will submit another SVHC proposal in February 2017 for ED concern for human health effects.

DE gave a presentation to generate discussion on how changes in secondary sex characteristics can be interpreted with respect to ED mediated adverse effects i.e. on whether or not these changes can be considered adverse. BE and DK gave an introduction to ED related scientific issues that had come up in the MSC meetings, and on which the EDEG had been asked to provide advice. These issues were mainly related to fish test choice and sensitivity of different species for certain ED testing. In relation to all of the above issues, the experts were asked to provide their views also after the meeting to allow for potential further discussion at future meetings.

COM (DG SANTE) gave an update on the ED criteria decision making process. Revised draft criteria are due to be discussed at the Standing Committee (Pesticides) and the Expert Group (CA-biocides) on 18th November. The ECHA gave an update on the ED guidance development. A small drafting group consisting of ECHA, EFSA and Joint Research Centre (JRC) staff will develop a common Guidance Document for the implementation of the hazard based criteria to identify endocrine disruptors. A draft of this guidance document will undergo a consultation with Member States and stakeholders once the criteria are adopted and published. EFSA and ECHA, in collaboration with the JRC, will develop an outline of the guidance document by the end of December 2016. This will include a plan of the drafting process, timelines, responsibilities, foreseen consultations of all relevant parties and endorsement procedure co-ordination/alignment.

Substances discussed in the meeting:

MS	EC	Substance
FI	203-585-2	resorcinol
UK	629-661-9	2-ethylhexyl trans-4-methoxycinnamate
UK	275-702-5	isopentyl p-methoxycinnamate
DK	270-877-4	diethylmethylbenzenediamine
FR	201-126-0	3,5,5-trimethylcyclohex-2-enone (isophorone)
DE		perchloric acid and its salts
FR	201-245-8	4,4'-isopropylidenediphenol (bisphenol A)
FR	260-830-6	tetraphenyl m-phenylene bis(phosphate) (RDP)