Brussels, 12 April 2016

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Place: EC Charlemagne building  Date: 4 April 2016

Subject: 11th Meeting of the Impact Assessment (IA) Steering Group on the definition of criteria for the identification of Endocrine Disruptors (EDs)

Attendees:

DG SANTE: Sabine Jülicher (chair),

DG ENV:

DG AGRI:

DG GROW:

DG RTD:

DG TRADE:

JRC:

SG:

LS:

Discussion

1. AOB: no other AOB

2. Introductory remarks from SG

SG gave an introduction on the context of the IA and procedures at this stage. The work of the Impact Assessment Steering Group (IASG) has been progressing well and was consistent with a political target set for a College orientation before the end of June. This in turn meant it was important to keep it to the timeline and to submit the IA report to the
Regulatory Scrutiny Board (RSB) by 13/04. The understanding of all services for this was appreciated.

The aim of this IASG meeting was to discuss, within the limited time available, the IA report before its submission to the RSB by SANTE as chef de file responsible for the text and to use the input from all services to maximise the quality for this IA report.

The minutes of the final meeting of the IASG will be submitted to the RSB together with the IA report and therefore they provide an opportunity to record the positions of all services on the IA, including differences of opinion.
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Annex 1: participants to the reading room (30 and 31 of March, and 4th of April AM)

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Annex 2: Additional comments of DG ENV to the minutes of the 10th meeting of the Impact Assessment Steering Group on the definition of criteria for the identification of Endocrine Disruptors (EDs)
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Place: F 101 01/89 Date: 1 February 2016

Subject: 10th Meeting of the Impact Assessment Steering Group on the definition of criteria for the identification of Endocrine Disruptors (EDs)

Attendees:
DG SANTE:
DG ENV:
DG AGRI:
DG GROW:
DG JUST:
DG RTD:
DG TRADE:
JRC:
SG:

Discussion

1. AOB: no other AOB

2. Minutes of the 9th IASG meeting
The draft minutes circulated before were not yet approved because some last-minute comments were still to be included; a revised version of the minutes will be circulated with a view to approve it at the next IASG meeting latest.

3. Update on general planning.
SANTE informed about the ENV WP Council meeting on ED held during the same morning (1\textsuperscript{st} February), where the Court judgement of 16 December 2015 was discussed.
The statement of the Council is expected to be on the agenda of the ENVI Committee on 4 March.

On 2nd February, the Commissioner will answer to an oral question at EP in Strasbourg. The GRI-fiche clearly mentions that the Commission will present scientific criteria for endocrine disruptors before the summer 2016.

4. Proposal for the MCA-criteria
SANTE reminded that a MCA analysis was chosen for the IA because of the different amount and reliability of evidence available in the different areas expected to be affected, as discussed in the previous IASG-meeting.
The objective of this meeting was to discuss the criteria to be used in the context of the MCA (MCA-criteria). Regarding the weighting attributed to the MCA-criteria, a sensitivity analysis will be carried out according to different scenarios where various weights will be assigned to the different criteria.
The proposed MCA-criteria circulated as preparation to this meeting were developed according to the standard methodology, i.e.: considering all areas where an impact is expected and the evidence available, etc. Duplications across MCA-criteria were avoided in order not to measure the same aspects twice.
Further, the criteria circulated were cross-checked before with the outcome of the public consultation as well as the impacts needed to be considered according to the Better Regulation Toolbox, to verify that no significant potential impacts are left out.
It was reminded that assessing performance of each MCA-criterion across the various options means qualitatively ranking how the options perform with respect to each other for that particular criterion, rather than assessing the absolute performance of each option.
SANTE then explained the proposed MCA criteria, illustrating the rationale for their choice and the main evidence available for each of them. SANTE clarified that “animal welfare” was considered under environmental impacts according to the Better Regulation Toolbox. It was also raised in the public consultation.