

IPCS Risk Assessment Steering Group
Teleconference 20 October, 2005, 13-14 hrs¹

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Minutes

The agenda was approved with the e-mail from Dr Hertel concerning staff situation in IPCS added in "other items"

The minutes of the teleconference 20 September were approved as written.

The Steering group maintained the decision of 20 September on the proposed CICAD on 2-mercaptobenzothiazole, noting that the assessment of the category including this chemical in the US HPV Challenge programme was stalled. RASG recommended that primary goal would be to prepare a CICAD [including not only hazard identification but also a risk characterization] on 2-mercaptobenzothiazole, but that the secretariat together with the author should consider if information on other related chemicals would be a useful addition and/or if a CICAD on more than one related thiazole would be beneficial.

The Steering Group noted with satisfaction that the preparations of the 13th FRB meeting were proceeding well and welcomed the inclusion in the programme the discussion of the relationships between CICADs and GHS, and the approach proposed, to use four CICAD drafts as the basis of discussion. The agenda of the workshop, prepared in close collaboration with the host organization was considered crowded, but was composed of items with high priority in the host country, and gave ample time for discussion.

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The Steering Group decided to prepare a letter to the newly appointed Director, PHE, on the importance of the continuity of CICADs programme to WHO contribution to Chemical Safety, with special note of the WHO commitment to the Strategic Approach to International Chemical Management.

There being no further items, the Chair closed the meeting at 13.40

¹ China, 20.00, Germany, 13.00, Japan 21.00, North America Eastern Standard Time 7.00, Sri Lanka 18.00, UK 12.00.