

COMMITTEE ON MUTAGENICITY OF CHEMICALS IN FOOD, CONSUMER PRODUCTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT (COM)

GUIDANCE ON A STRATEGY FOR GENOTOXICITY TESTING OF SUBSTANCES - Post Consultation Draft:

1. At the March 2011 COM meeting, the Committee continued development of the Guidance Document and started to review the comments received during the consultation process (MUT/11/03). Most of the significant comments were addressed during the meeting but there was insufficient time to review in detail all the comments and the entire document and it was decided that this could be completed by a Working Party.
2. A Working party comprising of the Committee Chair, three Members, HPA Toxicology Unit and the Secretariat met and reviewed the outstanding comments. The final reviewed document produced at that meeting is appended, with the new alterations present in track changes. Where consultation comments have been considered and rejected, these are also noted.
3. Please review this document and provide any further additional comments. It is hoped that any final changes can be addressed by Chairman's' action and following that, the Guidance will be complete and ready to be published.
4. It is proposed to publish the final guidance document in full on the publications section of the COM internet site and to split the guidance into a series of Guidance statements (G_{summary}, G₀, G₁, G₂). One member has kindly agreed to help the secretariat at inputting hyperlinks into the document.
5. Further action will involve drafting a strategy document on mutagenicity hazard assessment of chemical substances with limited and/or inadequate genotoxicity data.

HPA Toxicology Unit/Secretariat

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