

Soil Association

Health Products Standards Committee

Meeting by conference call

15th January 2008 Summary Minutes

Present: Jo Fairley, Mike Brook, Abi Weeds, Marian Morley, Peter Roberts, Karen Drake, Dirk Develter, Helen Lynn.

Staff: Francis Blake, Hannah Brooke, Maarten van Perlo, Emma Titterton, Natasha Moseley, Lucy Watkins, Lauren O'brien.

1. Apologies

Ian Taylor, Cyril Lombard, Gaye Donaldson, Romy Fraser, Eleanor Gallia, Pauline Hili.

2. Web pages

Work is continuing to finalise the Health & Beauty webpages, which should be concluded at the next committee meeting.

3. Certification issues

3.1 Colours

The committee agreed that SACL could interpret the standards to allow the mineral-based colours listed in the proposed European draft, and can communicate this to licensees.

3.2 Lanolin

There was concern about the presence of residues in non-organic lanolin. It was agreed to investigate further to establish appropriate residue limits of organophosphate and pyrethroid pesticides.

4. Parabens

In response to enquiries about parabens, the committee agreed to review the current position. Papers for and against parabens will be circulated before the next meeting, where an expert will present to the committee.

5. Update on European cosmetics working group (Paris Nov 07)

The committee discussed the proposals coming from the European working group on common cosmetics standards and agreed that:

- the starting percentage of chemically modified ingredients that were derived from organic raw materials should be as high as practically possible, following further research;
- ingredients should be organic 'if available', but with a simple system for identifying this.

6. Date of next meeting

29th April 2008