

Declaration of Interest for Members and invited experts of the Scientific Committee on Occupational Exposure Limits

Article 3(1) of Directive 98/24/EC¹ on the protection of the health and safety of workers from the risks related to chemical agents at work (the Chemical Agents Directive, CAD) stipulates the need to evaluate the relationship between the health effects of hazardous chemical agents and the level of occupational exposure by means of an independent scientific assessment of the latest available scientific data.

The Commission is assisted in this task by a Scientific Committee on Occupational Exposure Limit Values (SCOEL), set up by Commission Decision 2014/113/EU².

The Committee SCOEL assists the Commission on request, in particular, in evaluating the latest available scientific data and in proposing occupational exposure limits (OELs) for the protection of workers from chemical risks. In accordance with Directive 98/24/EC on chemical agents and/or Directive 2004/37/EC³ on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work (the Carcinogens and Mutagens Directive, CMD) the Commission is to propose the establishment at EU level of occupational exposure limit values (OELs) for the protection of workers from chemical risks.

Members of SCOEL are highly qualified, specialized, independent experts selected on the basis of objective criteria. They are appointed in their personal capacity and provide the Commission with Recommendations and Opinions that are necessary for the development of EU policy on workers protection. The nature of the contribution is such that without it the Commission could not reach its social policy objectives to protect workers' health and safety.

Scientific advice that is given on matters relating to the protection of workers' health and safety must be based on the ethical principles of excellence, independence, impartiality and transparency, as developed in the Commission Communication on 'The collection and use of expertise by the Commission: principles and guidelines. Improving knowledge for better

¹ Council Directive 98/24/EC of 7 April 1998 on the protection of the health and safety of workers from the risks related to chemical agents at work (fourteenth individual Directive within the meaning of Article 16(1) of Directive 89/391/EEC), (OJ L 131, 5.5.1998, p. 11), as amended by Directive 2014/27/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 amending Council Directives 92/58/EEC, 92/85/EEC, 94/33/EC, 98/24/EC and Directive 2004/37/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, in order to align them to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures, (OJ L 65, 5.3.2014, p. 1).

² Commission Decision 2014/113/EU of 3 March 2014 on setting up a Scientific Committee on Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Agents and repealing Decision 95/320/EC

³ Directive 2004/37/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work (Sixth individual Directive within the meaning of Article 16(1) of Council Directive 89/391/EEC), (OJ L 158, 30.4.2004, p. 50), as amended by Directive 2014/27/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 amending Council Directives 92/58/EEC, 92/85/EEC, 94/33/EC, 98/24/EC and Directive 2004/37/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, in order to align them to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures, (OJ L 65, 5.3.2014, p. 1).

policies⁴. The horizontal rules for Commission expert groups apply to the Members of SCOEL established as a Scientific Committee and a formal Commission expert group⁵.

Members of the Committee shall undertake to act independently of any external influence. They shall not delegate their responsibilities to any other person. They shall make a declaration of commitment to act in the public interest and to declare either the absence or existence of any direct or indirect interest which might be considered prejudicial to their independence.

The Commission services will take note of and decide on the relevance of any declared interests.

⁴ COM(2002) 713 final of 11 December 2002.

⁵ C(2010) 7649 and SEC(2010) 1360 COMMUNICATION FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE COMMISSION. FRAMEWORK FOR COMMISSION EXPERT GROUPS: HORIZONTAL RULES AND PUBLIC REGISTER

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Definitions:

"**Conflict of interest**" means any situation where an expert has an interest that may compromise or be reasonably perceived to compromise the expert's capacity to act independently and in the public interest when providing advice to the Commission in relation to the subject of the work performed by the expert group or sub-group in question.

"**Immediate family member**" means the expert's spouse, children and parents. "Spouse" includes a partner with whom the expert has a registered non marital regime. "Children" mean the child(ren) the expert and the spouse have in common, the own child(ren) of the expert and the own child(ren) of the spouse."

"**Legal entity**" means any commercial business, industry association, consultancy, research institution or other enterprise whose funding is significantly derived from commercial sources. It also includes independent own commercial businesses, law offices, consultancies or similar.

"**Body**" means a governmental, international or non-profit organization.

"**Meeting**" includes a series or cycle of meetings.

Please answer each of the questions below. If the answer to any of the questions is "yes", please briefly describe relevant interests and circumstances, as appropriate.

If you do not describe interests declared, your DOI form will be considered incomplete and, therefore, the Commission services may exclude you from the group or sub-group.

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Expert group: SCOEL

1 EMPLOYMENT CONSULTANCY AND LEGAL REPRESENTATION

Within the past 5 years, were you employed or have you had any other professional relationship with, or held any non-remunerated post in, a natural or legal entity or other body with an interest in the field of activity of the expert group in question? **yes** **no**

- 1a **Employment**
- 1b **Consultancy, including services as an advisor**
- 1c **Non-remunerated post**
- 1 d **Legal representation**

Activity	Time period (from...until month/year)	Name of entity or body	Description
Employment as a senior research scientist (until 2006) and thereafter (from 1.1.2006) as a team leader (Chemical Safety Team). Consultancy to industry as part of FIOH expert services.	from 6/2001 –	Finnish Institute of Occupational Health (FIOH)	<p>The Finnish Institute of Occupational Health (FIOH) is an independent institution under public law operating in the field of administration of the Finnish Ministry of Social Affairs and Health. FIOH is a research, development and specialist organization in the field of occupational health and safety.</p> <p>In the field of chemical safety, FIOH provides e.g. training and industrial hygienic services to Finnish workplaces and performs research in collaboration with Finnish companies/ workplaces. FIOH has also provided consultancy to industry related to the chemical safety assessment (e.g. under REACH), in which I have been involved until 2014.</p>

2 MEMBERSHIP OF MANAGING BODY, SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BODY OR EQUIVALENT STRUCTURE

Within the past 5 years, have you participated in the internal decision-making of a legal entity or other body with an interest in the field of activity of the expert group in question or have you participated in the works of a Scientific Advisory Body with voting rights on the outputs of that entity? **yes** **no**

2a Participation in a decision-making process

2b Participation in the work of a Scientific Advisory Body

Activity	Time period (from...until month/year)	Name of legal entity or body	Description
Membership in ECHA's Risk Assessment Committee (RAC) since 6/2014	from 6/2014-	European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)	The Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC) prepares the opinions of ECHA related to the risks of substances to human health and the environment in the following REACH and CLP processes.

3 RESEARCH SUPPORT

Within the past 5 years, have you, or the research entity to which you belong, received any support from a legal entity or other body with an interest in the field of activity of the expert group in question? **yes** **no**

3a **Research support, including grants, rents, sponsorships, fellowships, non-monetary support**

Activity	Time period (from...until month/year)	Name of legal entity or body	Description
Review on the toxicity of stainless steel	2010	International Stainless Steel Forum (ISSF)/ European Confederation of Iron and Steel Producers (EUROFER)	FIOH performed a scientific review on the toxicity of stainless steel which was funded by ISSF/Eurofer.
Publicly -funded /co-funded research in the field of occupational health and safety			FIOH is a research institute, which has several research projects ongoing in the field of occupational health and safety. These projects are usually publicly funded (national funding or EU funding) but may include some co-funding from private companies participating in the study (usually as study subjects). This co-funding from companies is in many cases a prerequisite for public funding. I have been involved in several these kind of publicly funded/co-funded industrial hygienic research projects.

4 FINANCIAL INTERESTS

Do you have current investments in a legal entity with an interest in the field of activity of the expert group in question, including holding of stocks and shares, and which amounts to more than 10,000 EUR per legal entity or entitling you to a voting right of 5% or more in such legal entity? yes no

- 4a **Shares**
- 4b **Other stock**

Investment	Name of legal entity	Description

5 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Do you have any intellectual property rights that might be affected by the outcome of the work carried out by the expert group? **yes** **no**

- 5a Patent, trademarks, or copyrights
- 5b Others

Intellectual property	Description

6 PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND POSITIONS

Within the past 5 years, have you provided any expert opinion or testimony in the field of activity of the group in question, for a legal entity or other body as part of a regulatory, legislative or judicial process? Have you held an office or other position, paid or unpaid, where you represented interests or defended an opinion in the field of activity of the group in question? **yes** **no**

6a **For a legal entity or other body as part of a regulatory, legislative or judicial process**

6b **Represented interests or defended an opinion**

Activity	Time period (from...until month/year)	Name of legal entity or body	Description

7 INTERESTS OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS yes no

7a To your knowledge, are there any interests of your immediate family members which could be seen as undermining your independence when providing advice to the Commission?

Interests	Time period (from...until month/year)	Name of legal entity or body	Description

8 OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION yes no

8a Are there any other elements that could be seen as undermining your independence when providing advice to the Commission?

Description

I hereby declare on my honour that I have read the guidance for completing this form and that I agree to the conditions included therein. I also declare on my honour that the information disclosed in this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Should there be any change to the above information, I will promptly notify the responsible service of the Commission and complete a new DOI form including the changes.

I hereby declare to participate and contribute as Member of the Scientific Committee on Occupational Exposure Limits (SCOEL) appointed in a personal capacity acting independently and with the interests of the public only in view, and not to seek or accept instructions in regard to the information, advice or opinion provided from any interested party, government or other source.

I declare to not being bound by other obligations that may interfere with the principles of independence and impartiality as explained above.

I declare to not receiving any remuneration for the work performed and time spent for the work as Member of the Scientific Committee on Occupational Exposure Limits (SCOEL) from any other source.

I am informed that my personal data are stored, processed and published by the Commission in accordance with Regulation (EC) N° 45/2001.

Date: 29.5.15

Signature: 

Your DOI form will be made publicly available on the Register of Commission Expert Groups and Other Similar Entities, as long as you are appointed as member of the expert group or sub-group in a personal capacity. Technical measures will be taken to indicate to search engines that your DOI form should not appear in search results. Personal data of any individuals other than yourself will be masked, unless these persons have equally consented to the publication.

Consent on public disclosure of personal data of any individuals other than yourself included in this DOI form:

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