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## **Clarification on Opinion SCCNFP/0932/05**

**on**

**Zinc oxide**

**COLIPA n° S76**



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**1. BACKGROUND**

In a request of 16 January 2009, the SCCP was asked to provide clarification on the following question:

In the SCCP statement 0932/05 of 20 September 2005 "on Zinc oxide used in sunscreens", regarding the SCCNFP opinion 0649/03 of 24-25 June 2003 on zinc oxide, the SCCP indicates that further data on micronised zinc oxide should be provided in order to allow its safety evaluation.

**2. TERMS OF REFERENCE**

*In order to take the appropriate measures regarding the use of zinc oxide as UV-filter, in its non-nano form, can the SCCP confirm that it considers the use of the latter as safe in cosmetic products as a UV-filter up to 25% on the basis of the SCCNFP opinion from 2003?*

**3. CLARIFICATION**

The SCCP considers that on basis of the dossier reviewed in 2003 the use of ZnO in its non-nano form (pigment grade, with particle sizes above 100 nm) is considered safe. The concern expressed in the SCCNFP opinion 0693/03 with regard to phototoxicity is not relevant for this form of ZnO due to the absence of dermal penetration.