Potential legislation on BPA in clothing

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| Nov 19 | At the recent Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS), the European Commission [**requested**](https://ec.europa.eu/health/sites/health/files/scientific_committees/consumer_safety/docs/sccs2016_mi_plenary_11_en.pdf) a scientific opinion on the safety and the presence of BPA in clothing. In addition to the increasing concern on BPA hazard profile, the initiative comes also due to recent findings of its presence in clothing samples taken outside of the EU (infant socks and women pantyhouse; 2017, 2018) and more recently within the EU (socks for infants and young children, 2019). Currently, there is no restriction for the presence or release of BPA in clothing and textiles. Therefore, the European Commissions seeks a scientific opinion on the risks and presence of BPA in textiles and clothing, with particular focus on:• Reviewing the available data on the presence and activity of BPA in clothing • Potential health concerns from BPA exposure in clothing and identifying limit values for BPA content/release from clothing • Consideration of vulnerable groupsThe scientific opinion would help the European Commission to assess the need for legislative measures in REACH and/or enforcement measures under the General Product Safety Directive.The final opinion will be adopted sometime in the summer of 2020. Any potential proposal for a legislation may come in the second half of 2020. More information on the opinion development in the enclosed Annex - [EC mandate for scientific opinion on BPA in clothing](https://members.euratex.eu/documentRequest/236/1E%C2%B51F%C2%B51I%C2%B5). Members are welcome to comment to dunja.drmac@euratex.eu.Signed by:DUNJA DRMACSustainability Officerdunja.drmac@euratex.eu |