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Subject: Re: Proposed SNAG Teleconference [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Monday, 3 July 2017 11:32:41 AM
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Hi Leise

I am in Melbourne for a 3-day teaching block next week. My availability is limited, but I could take a teleconference on my mobile phone.
Available times are:

Mon afternoon - after 3:30pm
Tues afternoon - after 3:30pm
Not available Wed morning.

For the record, I was not so concerned about the reference to the SNAG on the FSANZ website statement relating to this matter. I felt that I had commented on the safety issue during our 31 May teleconference, but Maxine is right that I did suggest that FSANZ follow up with Mike Roberts on the issue of bioavailability of the hydroxyapatite nanoneedles.

Regards

Brian

Berven, Leise wrote:

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> Dear Maxine and SNAG members,
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> Thank you for your email Maxine.
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> FSANZ would like to convene another teleconference to discuss the
> concerns that are raised below.
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> I realise the complexity in assembling the SNAG at relatively short
> notice. I would like to offer the following timeslots to meet again
> via conference call.
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> Monday afternoon, July 10, 1- 5 pm
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> Tuesday afternoon, July 11, 1-pm or 4-5 pm
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> Wednesday morning, July 12, 9-11 am
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> I would be grateful if you could let me know of your availability. I'm
> happy for anyone to give me a call if that is easier. Then I will try
> to set up a time to accommodate everyone. Ideally we would like to
> discuss with all members present but if this is not possible, we can
> talk to you individually.
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> Kind regards,

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> Leise
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> Dear Leise and members of the SNAG,
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> Leise, please will you forward this email to relevant FSANZ people?
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> I note that the report commissioned by Friends of the Earth on
> nanoparticles in infant milk formula was in the news today (Sunday
> July 2).
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> I'm writing to you all after reading FSANZ's response here:
> <http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/consumer/foodtech/nanotech/Pages/Nanoparticles-and-infant-formula.aspx>
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> I'm particularly concerned with the second sentence in this direct
> quote from FSANZ's web site: "FSANZ has reviewed the available
> information and concluded it does not contain any new evidence to
> suggest these products pose a risk to infant health and safety. This
> conclusion is supported by experts from our Scientific Nanotechnology
> Advisory Group
> <<http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/science/expertise/Pages/Scientific-Nanotechnology-Advisory-Group.aspx>>".
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> At the SNAG teleconference on 31 May where the report was discussed,
> we were specifically asked to comment on:
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> (i) methodology used in the study
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> (ii) veracity of the findings.
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> My notes (and recollection) from that meeting were that we reported
> the methodology used was sound; the identified nanoparticles were
> present in the samples; we could not determine the concentration of
> the nanoparticles in the samples from the information before us. I
> remember Brian saying it would be good to get Mike's opinion on the
> safety aspects, and Leise was going to follow up on that (as Mike
> couldn't attend the teleconference). But we didn't really discuss

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> Kind regards, Leise
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