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Meeting with BMW Group on PFAS

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Minutes

Participants:

European Commission: GROW.F1 - [REDACTED] ENV.B2 – [REDACTED]

BMW Group ⁽¹⁾: [REDACTED]

The Commission explained the REACH restriction process, emphasising that the restriction dossier is currently under assessment by the ECHA's Committees.

BMW gave an overview of the large number of parts that contain PFAS in the automotive industry, and the results of the company's screening to identify parts where PFAS are used. BMW made a distinction between fluoropolymers, non-polymeric PFAS and fluorinated gases and indicated as a priority for substitution the non-polymeric PFAS, because they are responsible for the major part of emissions. Main use of low molecular weight, non-polymeric PFAS is in lubricants. BMW emphasised the lack of substitution for some specific applications, and presented some alternatives that the company is investigating. The issue of spare parts was also mentioned as requiring attention.

Concerning cooperation within the automotive sector to find alternatives, BMW pointed out issues with competition rules, and that car manufacturers are discussing individually with their suppliers.

BMW explained that they submitted comments during the consultation dossier on the Annex XV restriction dossier via ACEA.

⁽¹⁾ EU Transparency Register number 7193977808-18.