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Minutes COCIR Meeting 18.05.2022, 14.00-15.00

Participants:

[REDACTED] (Philips), [REDACTED] (COCIR), [REDACTED] (Siemens Healthineers)
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Topics brought forward:

- The representatives voiced their concern that the REACH revision might make processes more complicated for them in the future.
- Furthermore, they asked for clarification regarding the (options for the) revision of the restriction system.
- The representatives stated that they will need time to implement the changes triggered by the planned restrictions and stressed that restrictions should not hinder innovation.

COM's answers:

- COM clarified that within GRA, the planned generic restrictions will mostly focus on consumer products. This does not exclude professional uses, but discussions about which professional uses might be restricted are still ongoing. With regard to articles, the situation is similar.
- COM pointed out that the medical devices sector – due to its contribution to human health – is a prime candidate for the application of the essential use concept and the definition of 'availability of alternatives' has to be developed also with having this sector in mind.
- COM pointed out that there will be a CARACAL meeting on 6 July 2022 and that COM's impact assessment will be finalised by the end of July 2022.